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GMWeek2020

Candidate Information Packet

GM Week Issue Information

About the GM Week issue

Every year, *The Polytechnic* produces a special GM Week issue that provides information about the week's festivities and gives the opportunity for candidates for student government offices to present themselves to the student body. Inclusion in this special issue is completely voluntary, although we feel that it is a valuable and efficient way to reach a large number of voters, and we encourage all candidates to take advantage of it.

The special issue will be published online on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Please keep in mind the fact that, as candidates, it is your responsibility to schedule appointments and to submit paperwork as appropriate for your intended position. We will do our best to accommodate everyone to the best of our abilities, and we ask for your patience and cooperation as we prepare this issue.

For all candidates

All candidates may have a photograph run alongside their profiles in the GM Week issue. All pictures will be taken by *Poly* photographers. To schedule a portrait timeslot, please reach out to photo@poly.rpi.edu. Please see the candidate profile information section for submission details and what to include in your write-up for our GM Week issue.

For Grand Marshal, President of the Union, and Undergraduate President candidates

The Polytechnic will be doing our regular endorsement procedure this year. As part of this process, all candidates are invited to interview with *The Poly* between 6 pm and 11 pm on Tuesday, March 17. Signup sheets for time slots will be posted on our website at poly.rpi.edu/gmweek; candidates must sign up for an interview by 6 pm on Saturday, March 14. We have updated the endorsement procedure to allow for transcripts or recordings of the interview to be part of the coverage. Interviews will be 30 minutes in length; please arrive five to 10 minutes before your scheduled time in order to ensure you can make use of all of your allotted time.

GM Week Issue Timeline

Portrait Deadline

Within one week of announcing candidacy. Contact photo@poly.rpi.edu to arrange a time

Monday, March 1

Candidate packets and signup for interviews are released online at poly.rpi.edu/gmweek

Saturday, March 14, 6pm

Candidate packet deadline

Interview signup deadline for GM, PU, and UP candidates

Tuesday, March 17

Interviews for GM, PU, and UP candidates

Monday, March 23

GM Week begins

Issue published online

Candidate Profile Information

(not intended for GM, PU, or UP candidates)

About candidate profiles

Candidates for all offices besides Grand Marshal, President of the Union, and Undergraduate President may submit profiles of themselves to be published. Each profile should be approximately 150 words and typed.

As with all submitted content, we reserve the right to edit the profiles for content, clarity, style, and space prior to publication. All profiles must be submitted electronically in either PDF or Word document format to poly@rpi.edu by 6 pm on Saturday, March 14. **Submissions in formats other than PDF or Word, as well as those in hard copy, will not be accepted.**

Please be sure to include the following information in your profile:

- Name
- Position you are running for
- Class year
- Major

In fewer than 150 words, answer the following question:

If elected, what issues would you address, and how will this affect the campus or members of your class?

In addition, please provide your phone number and email address in case we need to contact you regarding your submission. Please be sure to contact the photo department at photo@poly.rpi.edu to arrange a portrait time slot. Photos are optional, but the lack of one next to your profile will likely look inconsistent and incomplete.

If you have any further questions, please contact *The Poly* at poly@rpi.edu

Questions for Grand Marshal candidates

About GM candidate profiles

Please complete the following questions and submit an electronic copy in PDF or Word document format to poly@rpi.edu by 6 pm on Saturday, March 14. Please try to be thorough but concise with your answers. Some of your responses to these questions will be included in *The Poly's* endorsements issue, and are therefore a way to present your platform to your constituency.

As with all submissions, we reserve the right to edit your responses to *Poly* style prior to publication, but we will try to contact you regarding any major changes or deletions that are necessary. Provide a phone number and an email address if you wish to be contacted in this event. If you have any further questions, please contact *The Poly* at poly@rpi.edu.

Please be sure to contact the photo department at photo@poly.rpi.edu to arrange a portrait time slot. Photos are optional, but the lack of one next to your profile will likely look inconsistent and incomplete.

Please be sure to include the following information in your profile, in addition to your responses to the below questions:

- Name
- Class year
- Major

See the next page for questions.

Questions for Grand Marshal candidates

1. Why do you want to be Grand Marshall?
2. What makes you the best fit to lead the student body?
3. What qualifies you to hold the position of Grand Marshal?
4. Name three short-term goals (within your term of office) and three long-term goals (beyond your term of office) that you have for the Student Senate.
5. In your own words, what do you feel are the roles of the Grand Marshal and the Senate? Do you think that the current Senate is fulfilling that role?
6. What do you think are the incumbent Grand Marshal's strengths and weaknesses? What would you do to improve upon them if you are elected?
7. What does the student-senator relationship look like? What should it look like?
8. What does the senator-administration relationship look like? What should it look like?
9. How would you handle a crisis involving the student body, like the hiring of a director of the Union without an Executive Board vote, if such an issue arose during your term?
10. What qualities should a leader have? How does the Grand Marshal differ from a senator? How are you a leader?

Please create a flow chart of the student government groups, individuals, and documents with their hierarchies on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper (may be scanned or done via computer). This must be original work.

Please submit two sample Top Hat articles that would be appropriate for publication in *The Poly*. For one of them, imagine that you are the current GM and write a Top Hat that you would submit right now. Each article should be between 450 and 550 words.

Questions for President of the Union candidates

About PU candidate profiles

Please complete the following questions and submit an electronic copy in PDF or Word document format to poly@rpi.edu by 6 pm on Saturday, March 14. Please try to be thorough but concise with your answers. Some of your responses to these questions will be included in *The Poly's* endorsements issue, and are therefore a way to present your platform to your constituency.

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Please be sure to contact the photo department at photo@poly.rpi.edu to arrange a portrait time slot. Photos are optional, but the lack of one next to your profile will likely look inconsistent and incomplete.

Please be sure to include the following information in your profile, in addition to your responses to the below questions:

- Name
- Class year
- Major

See the next page for questions.

Questions for President of the Union candidates

1. Why do you want to be President of the Union?
2. What qualifies you to be President of the Union?
3. Name three short-term goals (within your term of office) and three long-term goals (beyond your term of office) that you have for the Executive Board.
4. In your own words, what do you feel are the roles of the President of the Union and the Union Executive Board? Do you think that the current President of the Union and Union Executive Board are fulfilling those roles?
5. What do you think are the incumbent President of the Union's strengths and weaknesses? What would you do to improve upon them if you were elected?
6. What does the club-Executive Board representative relationship look like? What should it look like?
7. How would you evaluate the current Union budget situation? What do you foresee as future budget concerns?
8. What is your plan for dealing with the changes that accompany the rollout of the Arch?
9. How do you intend to encourage students to fully utilize the resources of the Union?

Please create a flow chart of the student government groups, individuals, and documents with their hierarchies on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper (may be scanned or done via computer). This must be original work.

Please submit two sample Derby articles that would be appropriate for publication in *The Poly*. For one of them, imagine that you are the current PU and write a Derby that you would submit right now. Each article should be between 450 and 550 words.

Questions for Undergraduate President candidates

About UP candidate profiles

Please complete the following questions and submit an electronic copy in PDF or Word document format to poly@rpi.edu by 6 pm on Saturday, March 14. Please try to be thorough but concise with your answers. Some of your responses to these questions will be included in *The Poly's* endorsements issue, and are therefore a way to present your platform to your constituency.

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Please be sure to contact the photo department at photo@poly.rpi.edu to arrange a portrait time slot. Photos are optional, but the lack of one next to your profile will likely look inconsistent and incomplete.

Please be sure to include the following information in your profile, in addition to your responses to the below questions:

- Name
- Class year
- Major

See the next page for questions.

Questions for Undergraduate President candidates

1. Why do you want to be Undergraduate President?
2. Describe your experience in student government.
3. List your campus activities, including levels of involvement, positions held, and awards received.
4. Name three short-term goals (within your term of office) and three long-term goals (beyond your term of office) that you have for the Undergraduate Council.
5. In your own words, what do you feel are the roles of the Undergraduate President, the Undergraduate Council, and the Class Councils?
6. What do you think are the incumbent Undergraduate President's strengths and weaknesses? What would you do to improve upon them if you were elected?

Please create a flow chart of the student government groups, individuals, and documents with their hierarchies on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper (may be scanned or done via computer). This must be original work.

Please submit a sample editorial article, between 450 and 550 words, that would be appropriate for publication in *The Poly*.