The purposes of our seminar meetings are to plan and manage the Westminster College Mock Democratic Convention to be held in November, 2019. You are serving as members of the Executive Committee for the Convention, and have been entrusted with the responsibility of building upon one of the College’s most prized traditions. As you know, Westminster’s Mock Convention has been held every four years since 1936, except the wartime year of 1944. Our convention is the second-oldest college convention in the nation. We have much to do this semester!!

The Convention is held over two days. On the first night, delegates gather in Orr Auditorium to hear a welcome from President Richardson and a keynote address from a nationally known political figure. On the second day, delegates meet in the afternoon, in the Intramural Gym, to debate the issues. On the evening of the second day, delegates once again gather in the Intramural Gym to hear speeches on behalf of the candidates and to nominate a presidential and vice-presidential candidate.

The biggest challenge each Executive Committee faces is one of educating the student body about the Convention. As it occurs only once every four years, very few students are on campus today who participated in the last convention.

Soon, you will be assigned to a position on the Executive Committee. In addition to fulfilling your assigned duties, you will keep a journal and prepare a written interim report. The journal and report will be due at the end of the semester. These documents will be of invaluable assistance to those who will follow you in the next four years and beyond.
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EXECUTIVE CHAIR: Responsible for overseeing the planning and execution of the Convention.

TREASURER: Responsible for formulating the budget, ensuring that all Committee members are familiar with Business Office practices, managing the finances of the Convention.

SECRETARY: Responsible for keeping notes of all Committee meetings and Roll-calls at the Convention.

CAMPAIGN MANAGERS: Responsible for promoting a candidate (chosen by the Executive Committee) across the campus. Essentially, you are the representative of that candidate, and give a nomination speech at the Convention.

CREDENTIALS: Responsible for recruiting student delegates. This includes working with the Public Relations Committee to make certain students understand the role of delegates and the purpose of the Convention.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Responsible for publicizing and promoting the Convention. You will work with Communication Services to reach out to local media (including the Holcad and Titan Radio). You will also be responsible for media coverage at the Convention.

PLATFORM & RULES: Responsible for developing, with the Executive Committee, the Platform of issues that will be debated at the Convention. You will also need to identify students to give 2-3 minute speeches at the Convention, either supporting or opposing the selected issues.

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS: Responsible for working with Physical Plant in setting up and tearing down the Convention. Also responsible for organizing the Parade of Delegates at the Convention.

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER: Responsible for developing and maintaining our web and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) presence for the Convention.