

74th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET March 8, 2022

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Bill #: 12
Primary Sponsor: Gonzalez, Wang
Co-Sponsor(s):
Date: February 9, 2022

Purpose & Description: Revising the statute regarding the amount of money that shall be funded to an organization in the category of lodging.

Statute Number(s): 803

Statute/Amendment Text:

803.10 The Expense Category

The Expense Category shall be used to pay for items, such as office supplies, nametags, printing, postage fees, telephone charges, and facility rentals, which do not fall under any other category. This account also covers all costs associated with student travel. SGA will fund, either directly or through reimbursement, airfare, rental car(s), gas mileage, and lodging. Student organizations shall not be funded for meals or limited incidental expenses.

A. Guidelines on Items & Purchases

- 1. No gift cards, gift certificates, phone cards, or other transferable purchases may be made with A&S money.
- 2. Office supplies purchased from this category must be limited to those with a clear purpose furthering that entity's operation and function. Decorative or unnecessary office items may not be purchased with A&S money.
- 3. No obscene, inappropriate, or offensive images or text may be displayed on any printed material purchased in whole or in part with A&S funds.
- 4. Postage must be budgeted by the account needing postal service. Metered mail service may be obtained from the FSU Post Office with an FSU Postal Charge Form. Postage stamps shall not be purchased.

B. SGA Travel Guidelines

- 1. Travel expenses may only be incurred in the performance of official duties of the Florida State University Student Body.
- 2. Only current FSU students and approved organizational advisors may be remitted money for travel.
- Travel expenses must be requested and approved via the Travel Authorization Request (TAR) form. All foreseeable expenses must be requested in advance, as any deviation from the initial requests is subject to review and possible rejection by the Student Body Treasurer.

4. The Student Body Treasurer shall have the authority to only partially fund travel expenses that the Student Body Treasurer deems unreasonable,

provided such expenses were not approved prior to the travel. If the Student Body Treasurer is a beneficiary of any travel expense, the Senate Finance Committee shall review the expense before the trip and approve by majority vote the expenditures. By majority vote, the Finance Committee can partially fund as well as reject the travel expenditures in which the Treasurer benefits. An appeal of the Finance Committee's decision shall be heard by the Student Senate under "New Business" with a majority vote required to overturn the Finance Committee's decision.

- 5. A roster with the names and emergency contact information of all individuals travelling must be provided to the SGA Accounting Office prior to departure.
- 6. SGA will fund, either directly or through reimbursement, airfare, rental car(s), gas mileage, lodging, meals, conference fees, and limited incidental expenses.
 - a. Airfare must be purchased at the lowest possible price, and must be coach/tourist class seating. The Student Body Treasurer may reject large expenditures for airfare if the tickets were purchased less than two (2) weeks in advance, even if the purchased tickets were the cheapest available at the time of purchase.
 - b. Rental cars must be purchased through the University's contracted rental company. Students may also choose to use their private vehicles and be reimbursed for gas mileage. Mileage will be reimbursed in a manner consistent with federal, state, and university standards. If mileage is to be incurred above the initially requested and approved figure (on the TAR), then all fuel expenses must be documented with receipts.
 - c. Lodging accommodations must be made at the lowest possible cost. Groups shall stay four (4) to a room unless prevented from doing so by fire code and/or co-ed issues. Hotel charges shall not exceed \$175 per night (excluding tax) and four (4) travelers per room.

Senate Bill #: 16

Primary Sponsor: Rivers

Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: February 22, 2022

Purpose & Description: To transfer the power of Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess to Homecoming Executive Council.

Statute Number(s): 100.5 (Major Offices), 615.3 (Procedure for Selection of Homecoming Executive Council Leadership), 615.5 (Power and Duties), 616.2 (Membership)

Statute/Amendment Text

100.5 Major Offices

A. Definitions

- 1. Director The chief executive of an entity.
- 2. Assistant Director The individual who would assume the role of the chief executive of an entity in the absence of the chief executive.
- 3. Treasurer The individual in charge of monitoring the finances of an entity.
- 4. Secretary The individual in charge of taking minutes at board meetings of an entity.
- B. The definitions listed in this statute shall include any positions which fit the criteria of the definition.
- C. Within the Student Body the following elected or appointed offices shall be considered major offices
- 1. Student Body President
- 2. Student Body Vice President
- 3. Student Body Treasurer
- 4. Student Body Attorney General
- 5. Members of the Executive Office of the President

- 6. Cabinet Officers
- 7. Directors, Assistant Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers of Agencies and Bureaus
- 8. Student Senators
- 9. Congress of Graduate Students Representatives
- 10. Members of the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors excluding elected positions.
- 11. Union Board Members
- 12. Campus Recreation Board Members
- 13. Justices of the Student Supreme Court
- 14. University Defenders
- 15. SGA General Counsels
- 16. Clerk of the Court
- 17. Supervisor of Elections
- 18. Deputy Supervisors of Elections
- 19. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior Class Council
- 20. Homecoming Director, Assistant Director, and Homecoming Live Director, and Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess.
- 21. Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.

615.3 Procedure for Selection of Homecoming Executive Council Leadership

- A. The Student Government Association Student Body President appoints the leadership of the Homecoming Executive Council consisting of the Director of Homecoming, Assistant Director of Homecoming, and the Homecoming Live Director in consultation with the outgoing Director of Homecoming and the Homecoming Advisor. The outgoing Homecoming Live Director shall be consulted when selecting the incoming Homecoming Live Director. The outgoing Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess shall be consulted when selecting the incoming Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess.
 - B. A Special Application is needed to complete the official Homecoming Director, Assistant Director and Homecoming Live Director, and Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess application, as authorized by the Director of Student Activities or a designee. The application shall be due no later than the end of the fall semester. The application must be available for a minimum of two weeks.
 - C. The Advisor to the Homecoming Executive Council shall be the Assistant Director of Student Activities in the Oglesby Union.
 - D. The Homecoming Executive Council shall include, but not be limited to, Director of Homecoming, Assistant Director of Homecoming, and-Homecoming Live Director.

 Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess.

E. The Student Body President must forward candidates to the Student Senate by the first Senate of the Spring Semester. In the case that this is not done, all applicants will be sent to the Senate for appointment at the next regularly scheduled session.

615.5 Power and Duties

- A. HEC shall:
- 1. Govern the timeline and event purposes set forth by the overall University Homecoming Committee.
- 2. Organize events and spirit activities to unite the campus.
- 3. Submit the annual Homecoming Budget for the entire student body to the Senate Budget Committee.
- 4. Be the student body's representative member of the Overall University Homecoming Committee as appointed by the Student Body President.
- 5. Govern the rules and regulations of spirit activities with a majority vote of the HEC.
- 6. Appeals may be brought before the Student Body President before Homecoming Week. During the week of Homecoming the appeals must be brought to the Director of Student Activities.
- 7. Pursue and include all Student Government Association entities in events and activities.
- 8. Be responsible for planning Homecoming Court elections

616.2 Membership

- A. The Commission shall include seven eight (7–8) voting members and as many exofficio non-voting members as desired.
- B. The voting members shall be the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, Student Senate President, Student Senate Pro Tempore, Homecoming Director, Homecoming Live Director, <u>Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess</u>, and Inter Residence Hall Council Director.
- C. The voting members shall be allowed to send a student designee to vote in their place.
- D. The Chair of the Commission shall be the Student Senate President Pro Tempore.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to:

Abril Hunter, Student Senate President Sarah Nemeth, Student Senate President Pro Tempore Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy



Senate Bill #: 18

Primary Sponsor: Murray, Suarez Co-Sponsor(s):
Date: 21 February 2022

Purpose & Description: To amend the Election Code to release candidates and political parties from legal responsibility when the Supervisor of Elections approves campaign materials and clothing that are later found to be in violation of the Election Code.

Statute Number(s): 702.2

Statute/Amendment Text:

702.2 Duties and Powers of the Supervisor of Elections

- S. The Supervisor of Elections must review and approve or deny campaign materials within twenty-four (24) hours of submission, excluding non-business days, based on the materials' company with Title VII of these Statutes. The Supervisor of Elections shall record the description of each item used, the quantity used, and the prices based on receipts. (Both discounted and fair market value of each item and the total cost).
 - a. The Supervisor of Elections shall inform all candidates of this process upon filing their candidacy.
 - Should campaign materials and clothing approved by the Supervisor of Elections be later found in violation of the Election Code, the party owning the violating campaign materials shall not be punished for the violation.

Senate Bill #: 19

Primary Sponsor: Murray, Suarez Co-Sponsor(s):
Date: 21 February 2022

Purpose & Description: To amend the Election Code to narrow its scope of enforcement to only candidates, political parties, and party members.

Statute Number(s): 711.1

Statute/Amendment Text:

711.1 Scope of this Act

- A. All students are bound by and may be prosecuted under this Code. All candidates, whether running independently or with party affiliation, and political parties shall be bound by this Code.
 - Political parties shall be held responsible and prosecuted for Election Code violations committed by the party's active, dues-paying members, party executives, and approved candidates.

711.4 Reporting Procedures

B. When an alleged violation is filed against an individual party-affiliated candidate, independent candidate, or political party, the Supervisor of Elections must notify the individual candidate independent candidate or political party responsible for the alleged violation.

74TH STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 20

Primary Sponsor: Wang Co-Sponsor(s): Pfeuffer-Ferguson Date: February 23, 2022

Amount: \$2000.00

From (account name): AASU Expense

To (account name): AASU Contractual

Purpose & Description: Transferring \$2000.00 from the Asian American Student Union Expense Category to their Contractual Category to bring guest speakers for Asian American Heritage Month events.



Senate Bill #: 24

Primary Sponsor: Suarez, Wells Co-Sponsor(s): Murray Date: February 28, 2022

Purpose & Description: To allow first-year college students to represent their peers despite being enrolled in their University Division.

Statute Number(s): 704.1

Statute/Amendment Text:

Chapter 704 Qualifying for Office 704.1

- A. All candidates must qualify for the office as defined by the Student Body Constitution and Statutes.
- B. All senatorial candidates must be enrolled, by filing deadline, in the University division that they seek to represent. Senators who file in divisions in which they are not registered shall be removed from the ballot.
 - 1. <u>First-year, non-transfer students who are enrolled in their University</u> division by the filing deadline may, however, choose to run as a senatorial candidate for that division or for the undergraduate studies division.
- C. If an upper-division candidate is enrolled in more than one division, that individual may represent the division of their choice.
 - 1. After submission of the Declaration of Candidacy and signing of the Memorandum outlined in 704.2 H, such students cannot change the division in which they run under in that given election, unless a special

election is called in which candidates must resubmit Declarations of Candidacy.

C. Candidates for the Senior Class Council must be enrolled in the Senior Class by the Fall academic semester following their election to office. Elected officials in the Senior Class Council who fail to meet the criteria by the time they enter the Fall academic semester following their election to office shall be subject to immediate impeachment proceedings by the Student Senate, no later than one week following the beginning of the fall semester in question.



Senate Bill #: 25

Primary Sponsor: Rivers Co-Sponsor(s): Wang, Gonzalez Date: March 8th, 2022

Purpose & Description: To transfer the power of Director of Homecoming Chief and Princess to Homecoming Executive Council. Also, to give Homecoming the power of planning Homecoming Chief and Princess Election.

Statute Number(s): 100.5 (Major Offices), 615.3 (Procedure for Selection of Homecoming Executive Council Leadership), 615.5 (Power and Duties)

Statute/Amendment Text PS

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- 5. Govern the rules and regulations of spirit activities with a majority vote of the HEC.
- 6. Appeals may be brought before the Student Body President before Homecoming Week. During the week of Homecoming the appeals must be brought to the Director of Student Activities.
- 7. Pursue and include all Student Government Association entities in events and activities.
- 8. Be responsible for planning Homecoming Court elections
- 9. Be ineligible to run for the FSU Homecoming Court during their term

Bill #: 26

Primary Sponsor: Rider

Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: 8 March 2022

Amount: \$1250

From (account name): The Office of Governmental Affairs Expenses

To (account name): The Office of Governmental Affairs Food

Purpose & Description: To fund food costs for the end of the year banquet for The Office of Governmental Affairs and Noles Engaged in Politics on April 11th in the Globe Auditorium.



Bill #: 27

Primary Sponsor: Rider

Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: 8 March 2022

Amount: \$438.10

From (account name): The Office of Governmental Affairs Clothing & Awards

To (account name): The Office of Governmental Affairs Expense

Purpose & Description: To fund items such as notebooks and pens for the current and future Board and NEP classes.



Bill #: 28

Primary Sponsor: Gonzalez

Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: March 8th, 2022

Amount: \$1,000

From (account name): Veterans Student Union - Expense

To (account name): Veterans Student Union - Food

Purpose & Description: To reallocate \$1,000 in the category of Expense to the category of Food for the Veterans Student Union for the purposes of subsidizing their monthly socials.



Senate Bill #: 14

Primary Sponsor: Wang, Gonzalez Co-Sponsor(s): Bettley Date: February 17th, 2022

Purpose & Description: Creating a stipulation that only senators financially certified by the time the Budget is voted on may vote on the bill

Statute Number(s): 416.3

Statute/Amendment Text:

416.3 Procedures for Passage of the Budget

- A. The Budget shall not be approved by the Student Senate in a Summer Session.
- B. An estimated amount of the Budget shall be used to submit to the Senate President for First Reading by the Chair of the Budget Committee. After which, hearings shall be held and operated at the discretion of the Chair of the Budget Committee.
 - 1. Each prospective recipient of monies from the Budget shall make a budget request. The Budget Committee shall hold hearings during which budget requests are defended. Each prospective recipient of the Budget shall have a separate hearing.
 - The hearings shall be administered by the Chair of the Budget Committee and shall require a minimum of three (3) Senators. The Budget Committee will in good faith obtain quorum.
 - The Budget Committee shall have the authority to deliberate monies to requesting and non-requesting prospective recipients. The Budget Committee shall also be

authorized to deliberate more or less than the amount requested.

- C. When the Budget has been deliberated and approved in whole by the Budget Committee it will be heard on Second Reading. All Senators shall be presented copies of the proposed allocations. The Budget shall be on the calendar for second reading for a minimum of five (5) business days with proposed allocations before passage. The budget and proviso must properly be advertised on the Student Government website while on Second Reading.
- D. The Budget shall be approved by the Senate before the beginning of the fiscal year of which it affects. The Chair of the Budget Committee shall make a good-faith effort to complete the Budget no later than October 31 of each year.
- E. The Budget and Proviso language cannot be approved separately. Changes to the Proviso language may be made via resolution at any point before the Budget is approved by the Board of Trustees. This resolution shall be passed with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- F. Amendments to the Budget, on the Senate floor, must follow a majority vote to unlock a specific line item and category of the Budget or a line of the Proviso language. Any amendment that affects the allocation amount in any line of any recipient shall require a three-fourth (3/4) vote of the Senate.
 - 1. Amendments may only be made to a specific category of one recipient.
- G. Hearings, deliberations, and meetings of the Budget Committee are public and shall be advertised in the Senate. The Chair of the Budget Committee shall not exclude any student from witnessing the hearings or deliberations in accordance with Chapter 409 of the Student Body Statutes.
- H. The Budget shall be passed by a roll-call vote. A simple majority is required for passage.
- I. Only Senators who are financially certified by the Senate session in which the bill is voted on may cast a vote on the Budget.
- I.—J. If the Budget is failed in Senate, the Budget Committee shall create a new budget in due time, following the guidelines in these statutes.

74th STUDENT SENATE Statute Revision

Senate Bill #: 15

Primary Sponsor: DuChêne

Co-Sponsor(s): Barker, Beall, Bettley, Bowling, Diaz, Fronczak, Gonzalez, Lessard, Little, Myers, Nemeth, Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Rider, Rivers, Roy, Russell, Stewart, Soares, Suarez, Tsouroukdissian, Tucker, Wang, Weintraub

Date: 17 February 2022

Purpose & Description: Internal accountability: to close statutory loopholes surrounding how long Student Senators may remain suspended for not being financially certified.

Statute Number(s): 400.6

Statute/Amendment Text

400.6 Financial Certification

- A. All Senators must be financially certified by the SGA Accounting Office within fifteen (15) school days following a Senator taking the Oath of Office.
- B. If a Senator is not financially certified within fifteen (15) school days of taking office, the Senator shall be considered suspended until they are financially certified. The Senator shall still accrue absences while on such suspension.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Student Senate President Pro Tempore to inform Senators of their current financial certification status at the beginning of the first three (3) Senate meetings following their Oath of Office.
- D. Senators elected in the Fall shall be required to recertify at the start of a new fiscal year as if they had just taken their Oath of Office per SBS 400.6(A).

Senate Bill #: 17

Primary Sponsor: Murray, Suarez Co-Sponsor(s):
Date: 21 February 2022

Purpose & Description: Amending the Election Code to expand its enforcement period.

Statute Number(s): 700, 711.4

Statute/Amendment Text:

Chapter 700

Restrictions on Altering Amending and Enforcing the Election Code

- A. Once the date of an election has been determined, according to <u>705.4</u> and <u>706.5</u>, the election code used for that election cannot be changed. The Election Code will be enforced in a time period beginning three (3) weeks prior to an election and ending upon the certification of that election. This does not preclude the reporting of violations later enumerated in Chapter <u>711</u>.
- B. The Election Code shall be enforced in a time period beginning at the start of the Fall semester and ending upon the certification of the immediately following Spring election. This does not preclude the reporting of violations later enumerated in Chapter 711.

711.4 Reporting Procedures

D. Beginning three (3) weeks prior to the day of an electionat the start of the Fall semester, the Supervisor of Elections and the Deputy Supervisor(s) shall have the power to receive and review alleged violations pursuant to Chapter 720.4(D) of the Student Body Statutes. The time, place, and manner of such violations shall be recorded and submitted to the Elections Commission.

E. All alleged violations and appeals must be presented to the Supervisor of

Elections electronically by the end of two (2) business days from their discovery. The final deadline for all alleged violations and appeals to be filed by an individual or political party for a particular election, is forty-eight (48) consecutive hours after the close of polls of that election.



Senate Bill #: 21

Primary Sponsor: Diaz

Co-Sponsor(s): Pfeuffer-Ferguson, Duchêne, Lessard, Drackley

Date: February 22, 2022

Purpose & Description: Broadening language relating to the conditions by which a Student Senator may take a summer leave of absence.

Striking this unnecessarily narrow language is more inclusive of students who may be taking online courses over the summer that are not necessarily being done through the Office of Distance Learning.

Statute Number(s): SBS § 100.6

Statute/Amendment Text:

100.6 Major offices may only be held by FSU students registered for at least six (6) hours in both the fall and spring semesters, respectively, and at least three (3) hours during the summer session. Senators not taking three (3) hours in the summer session may go on a leave of absence rather than being removed from their office. Additionally, a Senator who is taking at least three (3) hours in the summer semester but intends to conduct the class online and work through the Office of Distance Learning to have their exams proctored at an off-campus site may also take a leave of absence.

Bill #: 22

Primary Sponsor: Diaz

Co-Sponsor(s): Rider, Bowling, Roy, Suarez, Satizabal-Prieto, Garner

Date: February 27, 2022

Amount: \$2,800

From: Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Contractual Services

To: Hispanic/Latinx Student Union Food

Purpose & Description: The purpose of this transfer is to adequately fund the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union's annual gala as a result of excess funds allocated in HLSU's Contractual Services budget and overall budgetary shortfalls resulting in less allocations being put towards the Food category.

The monies transferred would directly fund catering services and related expenses for HLSU's annual banquet and gala expected to take place on April 8, 2022.



74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 9

Primary Sponsor: Roy

Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: February 09, 2022

Whereas: FSU's SGA Student Senate Rules of Procedure has not been adequately updated to deal with the facilitation of hosting Senate on Zoom and addressing the wearing of masks in the Senate Chamber, and

Whereas: Senators may be unsure what procedures they should be following virtually with their cameras or appearance, and

Whereas: The Rules of Procedure are meant to clearly codify what is and isn't allowed in their conduct during Senate meetings, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: The SGA Student Senate's Rules of Procedure is amended as such:

[Insert Amendments to be discussed with committees allowing masks to be mandated in the chamber at the discretion of the presiding officer and whether to mandate that senator's use their cameras on Zoom]

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Abril Hunter, Student Senate President
Sarah Nemeth, Student Senate Pro-Tempore

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 18

Primary Sponsor: Murray, Suarez Co-Sponsor(s): Wells Date: 21 February 2022

Whereas: Statements of Dissent are often overlooked and lost amongst the many pages of Student Senate meeting minutes, it is respectful of the authors' time and passion to give an option for Statements of Dissent to be read aloud during Student Senate meetings.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the following changes be made to the 74th Student Senate Rules of Procedure:

10.15 Statements of Dissent

Any senator may, during New Business, move to add a Statement of Dissent into the record.

- a. The statement must solely address a singular action, motion, or measure made during that session.
- b. There may only be one statement submitted per any action, motion, or measure
- c. Senators who did not make the motion on the floor may cosign the Statement with the consent of the Senator who made the motion.
- d. The statement must be submitted to the Senate Program Assistant two (2) school days following the session of the senate when the motion was made.
- e. If the Senate Program Assistant finds the Statement to be in violation of The Senate Conduct code, they may withhold its inclusion to the journal.
- f. If a Statement of Dissent meets all of the above criteria, a motion to have the Statement of Dissent be read in its entirety shall be entertained following Corrections and Approval of the Journal in which it is included.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to:

Abril Hunter, Student Senate President Sarah Nemeth, Student Senate President Pro Tempore Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy



74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 19

Primary Sponsor: Diaz

Co-Sponsor(s): Russell, Downing, Lessard, Suarez, Murray, Barberis, Fronczak, Wells

Date: March 8, 2022

Whereas: There is confusion, both inside and outside of Student Government, as to the difference between "Academic Year" class sorting versus the traditional approach to classifying first-year students as freshmen, second-year students as sophomores, and so on, and

Whereas: There are many instances where students may be more academically advanced than the traditional classification may indicate (for example: a first-year student having enough credits to classify as an academic sophomore or junior), and

Whereas: This has caused confusion on the Senate floor and in interviews conducted by the Chief of Staff when first-year candidates for upper-division Student Senate seats classified themselves as freshmen on their applications, which called into question their qualifications to hold their desired position, despite them having enough credits to qualify for enrollment into their respective colleges, and

Whereas: Simple confusion as in cases like these and others can be easily resolved by having greater clarity in the official Student Government application, and

Whereas: The current Student Government application features a dropdown box labeled with the word "Classification," which does not account for the aforementioned nuances, and

Whereas: Student Body Statute § 307.3(a) states that "the Internal Affairs Committee may propose any changes it deems necessary [to the Student Government Association application]," therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Government Association application be changed so that the "Classification" Dropdown label reads as "Academic Classification by Credits," and a short text response box be added below that with the label, "When did you first start as an FSU student? (Please include semester and year)," and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President
Sofia Slimak, Student Body Chief of Staff
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body Deputy Chief of Staff
Quentin England, Secretary of Appointments
Khamisi Thorpe, Student Body Attorney General
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster

