

Dear Fellow Trojan:

Thank you for your interest in the Troy University Student Government Association. SGA is one of the best ways to get involved on campus and to make a difference at TROY. We are looking for MOTIVATED and COMMITTED students to run for the Senate. SGA is heavily involved in:

- Pep-Rallies are Tailgating
- Helping Establish New Campus Organizations
- Night Safety Walks
- Homecoming Events
- Faculty Easter Egg Hunt
- Freshman Forum and Community Events
- Higher Education Day
- Athletic TAP Program
- And Much More!

ALL VOTING EVENTS/DEADLINES FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

Vacancy Fall Senate Election

- Applications will go out on Wednesday August 19
- Applications are due on Friday August 28 by 4:00pm
- The Election is Wednesday September 2, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Spring Senate Election

- Applications will go out on Wednesday January 6
- Applications are due on Friday January 15 by 4:00pm
- The Election is Wednesday January 20, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Fall Senate Election

- Applications will go out Wednesday March 23
- Applications are due Friday April 1 by 4:00pm
- The Election is Wednesday April 6, 8:00am to 5:00pm

POSITIONS

The main senate election is in the spring, but in the fall and January we will hold vacancy seats. We will advertise what seats are available for each election. SGA has three types of seats for students to run for:

At Large Seats: Any current Troy student who meets the qualifications can run for these seats. There are no minimum semesters required to run for any seats. There are 20 seats available for each spring election. All students vote on these seats.

Academic Seats: Each College gets two representatives. You must have a declared major in the college that you are running for. The five colleges are College of Business, College of Communication and Fine Arts, College of Education, College of Health and Human Services, and College of Arts and Sciences. We also have one seat for the International Academic Program and one for a Graduate Student. All students vote on these seats.

Residence Hall Seats: Students must be living in the dorm that they are running for and continue to live there while serving their term. Only individuals living in those dorms can vote for their housing representative.

QUALIFICATIONS

***Before you turn in your application, please carefully read over the following points, which outline the obligations you will assume as a senator.

- The grade qualification is an overall average of 2.30 GPA. During your term you must maintain a 2.30 GPA.
- To qualify for elections, you must pay a \$10.00 application fee and return the registration form to the SGA office by 4.00 pm on the qualification deadline listed above for the campaign you are running for. The application and application fee must be turned in to the SGA office in TC 215.
- The application fee is not refundable. If you decide not to run or become ineligible because of grades, individuals will not receive a refund.
- Senate meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. If you are elected, you are to place first priority on keeping this time period open for the meetings. Please do not schedule class, other extracurricular activities, or work during this time. If this will be a conflict for you, please consider serving the SGA in other ways.
- If you have never attended a SGA meeting, we suggest you attend a meeting on any Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to observe how the senate operates (this is not a requirement).

- Senators must work one hour per week in the SGA office and plan to attend SGA events.
- If elected, you are required to pay a \$25 fee to cover the cost of an SGA polo shirt and other supplies. This fee must be paid at the orientation senate meeting.
- Please read and follow the [campaign rules](#) carefully. Any rules that are not followed will result in disqualification.
- We will be putting candidate's information on the ballot for students to see whom they would like to vote for. You must send me a picture via email to be used on the ballot, and this along with your 200-word biography. Applications must be on time; both the biography and picture should be sent to sgavote@troy.edu

CAMPAIGNING TIPS:

• **Face to face**

This is always the best method for doing anything, but especially when it comes to elections. Utilize the opportunities you have to talk to fellow students in the Trojan Center, SAGA and especially during class or just simply walking through campus. Ask them to vote for you one on one.

• **Facebook**

This is probably the easiest way to get the word out about your running. Create a page and let them know the dates, and make sure they know where they can go to vote.

• **Catchy Slogans**

You want your potential voters to be able to distinguish you from the rest of your competition.

• **Flyers**

Every academic building on campus has bulletin boards that can be used to display flyers and things of that nature. Make sure your name and the position you are running for are large enough to be easily seen. The campaign rules specifically identify places that signs cannot be hung, so please abide by the guidelines set. Residence hall senator only needs those in a residence hall to vote for them, so try to

concentrate your efforts on campaigning in the residence halls. Residence Hall seats candidates do not need to go to organizations to talk, but rather focus on their dorm. Anyone can vote for Academic and At-Large seats so your flyers should be placed where all students can see them.

• **Go to Organizations**

Also take advantage of the other campus organizations on campus. Most organizations don't mind visitors, and with their permission wouldn't mind if you came and spoke with them about the election and to ask for their vote. Every organization is different; therefore YOU must approach the organization to ask for this favor. Also remember that if you hang campaign materials outside make sure they are somewhat weatherproof.

QUESTIONS

Please see additional sections on the TROY SGA website for the Senate application as well as campaign laws. Thank you once again for your interest, and I hope your campaign is successful. If you have any questions feel free to contact any SGA officer or the SGA advisor, Barbara Patterson, in the SGA office, TC 215 ext. 3212.

With Trojan Pride,

Olivia Melton
Student Government Association Clerk