



FALL ELECTIONS FOR 2020-2021 INFORMATION

August 14, 2020

Greetings Potential SGA Candidate!

In light of the changes on campus due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Student Government Association will hold elections for Freshman Student Senators, Upperclass Undergraduate Student Senators, and Graduate Student Senator Elections during the Fall 2020 Semester. The application for these positions is available now!

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the primary governing organization for Clayton State University students which exists to serve the broader needs and concerns of the student body. I am excited that you are interested in becoming a member of the Student Government Association. The time and energy required of an SGA representative is considerable but the experience is quite worthwhile.

As an SGA Senator, it will be your job to listen to and bring forth issues that concern fellow students, your constituents, at the University. The time you should devote to this role will consist of participating in University, Senate and other committee meetings, attending University functions and events, and meeting with various members of the administrative staff and faculty.

For more information regarding SGA election qualifications, positions descriptions, and schedule, please refer to the information in this packet.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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2020-2021 SPRING ELECTIONS INFORMATION

Elections for the following SGA positions for 2020-2021 will occur September 8-11, 2020.

- **SGA Freshman Senator** (10 positions available)
- **SGA Undergraduate Senator** (16 positions available)
- **SGA Graduate Senator** (5 positions available)

Election Application Checklist

1. **Read thoroughly this [FALL Elections Information Packet](#) and ensure you meet Election qualifications and requirements**
2. **Review Election Schedule/Important Dates in this Packet**
3. **Complete the [Election Application](#) online**
4. **Once your application is verified for eligibility, you will be emailed a Qualtrics link via email a qualtrics link which will take you to your personalized online *Candidate Signature Petition Form*. You should disseminate this link to other enrolled Clayton State students via email requesting that they complete the online Signature Petition Form in order to endorse your candidacy.**

You must have 20 online signature submissions via the qualtrics link from currently-enrolled undergraduate or graduate students by the final submission deadline.

All required election application items must be completed/submitted electronically by the

APPLICATION/SIGNATURE PETITION SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Friday, Sept. 4, 2020, Noon.

Incomplete applications will not be verified for election.



2020-2021 FALL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

Friday, August 14, 2020

SGA Election Online Application Available on SGA website

Friday, Sept. 4, 2020, 12:00 Noon

Online Application Submission and Signature Petition Completion *Deadline**

Beginning, Monday, August 24, 2020

Candidate On-line Campaign Period, upon approval

(refer to **REVISED** campaign rules and regulations)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

On-line Voting opens at 10:00 a.m. via Campus Life portal.

Friday, September 11, 2020

On-line Voting closes at 8:00 a.m.
Election Results Posted by 10:00 a.m.

Other official meetings and activities will be scheduled throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

***All candidate applicants will be notified of their official candidate status via email within 1 business day after completing their on-line application.**



ELECTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- *All SGA officers and senators **must** meet the following qualifications:*
 - Be a full-time student at Clayton State University;
 - Be enrolled for the full academic year in which election is sought;
 - Be in good academic and social standing.
- *Candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary must:*
 - Have at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average at Clayton State;
 - Have completed a minimum twelve (12) semester hours at Clayton State University at time of election;
 - Have served at least one (1) semester as a Senator in SGA prior to the election semester.
- *Candidates for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Senator must:*
 - Have at least a 2.25 cumulative grade point average at Clayton State;
 - Completed a minimum twelve (12) semester hours at Clayton State University at time of election.
- *Candidates for Freshman Student Senator must:*
 - Achieve at least a 2.25 GPA during the first semester and beyond;
 - Be enrolled for the full academic year.

SGA OFFICER AND SENATOR EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Student Government Officers and Senators must attend all organization meetings, committee meetings, and other events and functions, unless excused by the Executive Board and/or SGA Advisor, to remain in good standing with the organization.
2. SGA representatives should bring to the SGA body various issues and concerns which may be addressed by the organization.
3. SGA representatives should be available to hear concerns of their constituency and report these to the SGA on a regular basis.
4. SGA representatives will be asked to serve on various Clayton State University faculty, student, and general committees.
5. Serving in SGA is like having a job! SGA representatives should expect to spend at least the following amount of hours per week on the above responsibilities per the respective SGA position:

SGA Officers: **7-10 hours per week**

SGA Senators (serving as committee chairs): **3-5 hours per week**

SGA Senators: **2-3 hours per week**



SGA EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND SENATOR POSITIONS DESCRIPTIONS

The President shall:

- Serve as the official spokesperson of the SGA;
- Serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Board and President's Cabinet;
- Preside over all general and special sessions;
- Serve as an Ex-Officio member on all SGA Committees;
- Ensure the successful completion of all goals and initiatives;
- Develop agendas for all General Body, Executive Board and President's Cabinet sessions;
- Appoint Senators for open Executive Board and President's Cabinet positions with Senate approval;
- Appoint students to select University committees;
- Reserve the right to Veto a Senate Legislation;
- Meet with University administration to provide a pulse of the Student Body;
- Represent Clayton State at all Student Advisory Council (SAC)

The Vice President shall:

- Serve as the official spokesperson of the SGA in absence of the President;
- Serve as the Co-chairperson of the Executive Board;
- Attend all regular and special sessions;
- In the absence of the Student Body President, assume all presidential roles and responsibilities;
- Ensure each standing and ad-hoc committee is progressing and working towards completing its goals and initiatives;
- Shall serve one (1) academic year in office;
- Fulfill additional duties and assignments as determined by the President

The Secretary shall:

- Attend all regular and special sessions;
- Responsible for ensuring the successful completion of all General Body, Executive Board, and President's Cabinet session minutes;
- Maintain all Student Government Association records and historical items;
- Maintain all General Body, Executive Board, and President's Cabinet Sessions attendance records;
- Reserve the right to declare excused and unexcused absences;
- Responsible for all internal correspondence;
- Shall serve one (1) academic year in office;; and
- Fulfill additional duties and assignments as determined by the President

The Treasurer shall:

- Be responsible for reviewing, approving and submitting all financial transactions and proposals;
- Serve as Chair of the Fiscal Affairs Committee;
- Serve as a student representative on the Student Fees Advisory Board (SFAB);
- Maintain all SGA financial records;
- Shall serve one (1) academic year in office; and
- Fulfill additional duties and assignments as determined by the President;

Freshman, Undergraduate and Graduate Senators shall:

- Attend all General, Senate and designated Committee Sessions;
- Serve on a minimum of one (1) Standing SGA committee;
- Serve as a liaison between University Administration and the Student Body;
- Commit to a minimum of two hours of Senator Duties for Main Street or the Office per week.
- Fulfill additional duties as assigned or determined by the SGA President and or Executive Board;
- shall serve one (1) academic year in office: Undergraduate and Graduate senators shall serve August 1 through April 30