Student Government Association
2015 Elections

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Positions available:
President & Vice President
Student Member to the Board of Trustees
(5) Senators-at-Large

Elections Timeline

Friday, February 20
Election Packets available for pick-up in the Office of Student Activities starting at 8:00am

Friday, March 6
Election Packets due to the Office of Student Activities by 4:30pm

Thursday, March 12
Candidate Information Meeting, 7:00pm, Algonquin Room in University Union

Monday, March 23
Campaigning begins at 8:00am

Tuesday, March 31
Candidate Meet & Greet, 6:00pm, Cardinal Oak Room in University Union
Candidate Debate, 7:00pm, Sandburg Theatre in University Union

Wednesday, April 1
Voting begins at 6:00am on STARS

Friday, April 3
Campaigning and voting ends at 4:00pm

Friday, April 3
Election Results, 5:00pm, Sandburg Lounge in University Union
What is SGA?

The purpose of the Student Government Association at Western Illinois University is to promote the general welfare of students through the representation of their concerns, viewpoints, and interests regarding governance issues to the administration and faculty of our distinguished University. Through this service, the Student Government Association strives to improve the quality of academic and co-curricular experiences at Western Illinois University and provide developmental opportunities for its members.

What is the structure of SGA?

There are two branches of government:

- Executive (Cabinet): President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Attorney General, Director of Student Services, Director of Academic Affairs, Director of Public Relations, Director of Finance, Director of Technology
- Legislative (The Senate): Speaker of Senate, Senate Clerk, 5 Senators at-Large, 27 senators representing 21 different student organizations

When does SGA meet?

The SGA Senate meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Capital Rooms in the University Union. You will need to be able to attend this meetings in order to seek a position in SGA.

The SGA Cabinet typically meets on Tuesdays at 6pm.

Election Packets

Each candidate will need to pick up an election packet from the Office of Student Activities starting on Friday, February 20. The election packets include a section where candidates will need to collect a certain number of signatures in order to be included on the ballot in April. These packets will be due back to the Office of Student Activities on Friday, March 6.

Specific Duties & Qualifications of Available Positions

President

Qualifications: Minimum 2.75 GPA and be in good judicial standing with the University

Duties:

- Appoint members of the Executive Cabinet, Advisor(s), and student members to the various councils and committee within the University and community at large where authorized or encouraged with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council or it’s designate.
- Form ad hoc committees and councils as necessary.
• Appoint the Chairperson and all members to the ad-hoc committees and councils with the advice and consent of the Legislative Branch or its designate.
• Fill vacancies in the Senator-at-Large positions.
• Execute all contracts and agreements of SGA.
• Oversee and administer all affairs of the Executive Branch.
• Convene Special meetings of the Senate when deemed necessary and in conjunction with the Chairperson.
• Serve as the students’ representative to join University-Community councils and committees.
• Represent the student body of Western Illinois University through participation in all levels of University and community affairs.
• Have final signing authority over SGA Legislation. The Senate may overturn a veto with a ¾ vote of the Senate.
• Post and maintain office hours.

Vice President

Qualifications: Minimum 2.0 GPA and be in good judicial standing with university

Duties:
• Represent the President when necessary.
• Serve as Chairperson of the Executive Cabinet.
• Attend and coordinate weekly strategy meetings with each Director of the Executive Cabinet.
• Represent the student body of Western Illinois University through participation in all levels of University and community affairs.
• Represent the student body at Community University Partnership Program.
• Post and maintain office hours.

Student Member to the Board of Trustees

Qualifications: Minimum 2.5 GPA and have a good judicial standing with the University

Duties:
• Serve as a student representative to the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees.
• Represent the student body of Western Illinois University through participation in all levels of University and community affairs.
• Serve as a students’ representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE/SAC).
• May only be on the ballot for one office per election year and under no circumstance may seek more than one office in the same campus-wide election.
(5) Senators-at-Large

**Qualifications:** Minimum 2.0 GPA and be in good judicial standing with the University

**Duties:**
- Present the concerns of their constituency before The Senate.
- Serve as a voting representative of their constituency before The Senate.
- Serve as a voting member to one of the Legislative Standing Committees.
- Propose and sponsor legislation.
- Consider appointments made by the President.
- Consider and establish The Senate's annual Rules of Procedure.
- Consider and establish rules and procedures for SGA subcommittees.

**Council on Student Elections and Representation (CSER)**

CSER is an annual committee established by SGA to set, oversee, and evaluate all elections processes on campus. It is chaired by the Attorney General and advised by the SGA Graduate Advisor. There are six voting members on the committee this year.

- Steve Wailand – Chair
- Jason Homan – Advisor
- Rayvon Shelton – Member
- Alondra Olvera – Member
- Tony Fairchild – Member
- Shani Belshaw – Member
- Denzel Valenti – Member
- Colyn Belknap – Member

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