

Master Plan

Student Government Association
Office of the President



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Dear Fellow South Alabama Students,

During my year as Student Government Association President, I hope to help build a sense of community through Accessibility, Academics, and Advocacy. Here are some of the initiatives that I, alongside my cabinet, have been working on to better the experience of our constituents:

Accessibility:

- One objective set by the President for this year is to strive to make the experience of every individual on campus the best it can possibly be. Become accustomed to thinking of how our community can become more accessible in areas that would otherwise go unnoticed. Listed below are areas of focus:
 - Wheelchair Accessibility
 - Accommodations for students with learning disabilities
 - Accommodations for students and faculty who are visually impaired
 - Other accommodations made known to SGA

Academics:

- SGA values the quality of education amongst your peers. Not only does your education matter, but so does your respective college, and your whole community as well. Be innovative and intensional with point out ways our academics on campus can improve. Throughout the year, the SGA President has assisted students in resolving issues or concerns about their departments. Along with this, the SGA Senate works diligently to compose bills in order to positively impact their respective college. Here has been what the President has accomplished thus far:
 - Met with interim Dean for Communications on behalf of a student who expressed concerns about the status of the Communication Building's Computer Lab

Advocacy:

- Our final goal is to help bridge the gap between SGA and the student body. You are the student voice. Use it. And remember that your constituents deserve to know who is representing them, so don't be afraid to build that connection with them! If you don't know them, then you don't know their concerns. Here are some initiatives we aim to accomplish throughout the year:
 - Listening Tours
 - Golf Cart Rides with the President

I am blessed to have such an opportunity to serve you. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am just a phone call, an email, or a visit away!

Go Jags,

Amya Douglas
SGA President

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To my fellow Jaguars,

It is a privilege and honor to serve for a second term as your Student Government Association Vice President for the 2023-2024 academic year. I am blessed to be in a unique position where I am able to take my experiences from last year, both successes and failures, and apply them to my term this year to best serve the Senate and the student body. With that, I wish to continue working towards the platform I developed in 2022.

My key focuses this year will be:

1. **Accountability, Support, and Empowerment of College Senators:** I plan to sustain an efficient and effective senate that creates an impact via initiatives, bills, and conversations to help students through creative retreats, cultivating a sense of community, and recurring teamwork opportunities.
2. **External Inclusivity for the Student Body and Registered Student Organizations:** I plan to bring more awareness and transparency to SGA meetings, projects, and meeting records through online accessibility to Senate Documents and promotion of Senate.
3. **Flexibility and Refinement of Vice President-to-Senate Relationship:** I plan to establish an open dialogue between the senate and my position to better aid students and their colleges' needs through reflection of last year's progress and an open door policy.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to continue my journey as your SGA Vice-President and progress to reach even more students. Please reach out to me if you have any concerns and opinions on how best SGA can serve you.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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Hey Jags!

My name is Jay Greene and I serve as your SGA Treasurer for the 2023-2024 academic year. As a Finance and Economics major, I am passionate about all things money. Additionally, I served on the First Year Council as a Freshman, then I served as Mitchell College of Business SGA Senator my sophomore year. Therefore, it seems fitting that I combined my love of Finance with my love for SGA by becoming your SGA Treasurer.

Guided by principles of fiscal responsibility, I am determined not only to manage SGA's finances with dignity, but to also promote transparency in my role. On the SGA page of the University website, you will find many financial resources, including copies of SGA's semesterly budgets and information about everything on which SGA has spent its money. After all, our budget is derived from the Student Activity Fee that all enrolled students are required to pay, so you should know how your representatives use its Resources.

For transparency to be effective, communication is key. As students, you are constantly bombarded with emails from your professors, classmates, clubs, and academic departments. While emails are convenient avenues of communication, pertinent information can easily slip through the cracks. If you have ever emailed me about the Appropriations process, chances are you have read a little tagline that says something along the lines of "I would be more than happy to arrange a meeting time, whether in person or over Zoom." In my role as SGA Treasurer, I have found nothing more fulfilling than speaking with students directly and ascertaining their organization's needs in a more personal way.

Therefore, if you ever have any questions about SGA, its finances, or the Appropriations process, please reach out to me! Email me at sga.treasurer@southalabama.edu and we can arrange an in-person, over the phone, or over Zoom meeting. Thank you so much for electing me as your SGA Treasurer. It is truly a pleasure to serve you.

Best,

Jay Greene

SGA Treasurer

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Hi Jags,

It is an honor to be able to serve as your 2023-2024 SGA Diversity and Community Engagement Director. I am looking forward to serving and supporting all students in any way possible here at the University of South Alabama. I am determined to provide support and a voice to all students and student organizations this upcoming year relating to diversity, inclusion, and student engagement. As DCE Director, it is my job and my hope to bridge the gap between students and all campus departments, as well as off campus organizations. I can't wait to introduce new ideas surrounding diversity and community engagement.

Here is a list of goals I plan to accomplish this year:

- Bridging the gap between different cultural and identity based organizations with any outside organizations relating to said organizations.
- Provide training for student organizations to learn how they can develop better student engagement skills.
- Help provide training for student organizations wanting to do joint events with other student organizations.
- Help provide cultural and identity based organizations with information regarding working with USA offices to better build student engagement.
- Ensure that all cultural and identity based organizations are equally represented.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Diversity and Community Engagement Chair for this upcoming year. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions regarding student engagement and diversity.

Best,

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Director of Diversity and Community Engagement

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