

UNITED STUDENTS GOVERNMENT (USG) POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Positions in the Executive and Legislative Branch of the USG are open to matriculated undergraduate students enrolled full time and have no Conduct violations or outstanding Conduct sanctions.

The USG Executive Board positions are defined as the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Vice President for Organization Relations, Vice President for Public Relations, and Vice President for Campus Programming.

Qualifications of USG Senators:

1. Candidates must currently be matriculated undergraduate students enrolled full time and have no Conduct violations or outstanding Conduct sanctions.
2. Must be activity fee paying members of the USG (*all matriculated full time undergraduate students met this requirement by paying the mandatory student activity fee*).
3. Maintain cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25.
4. Cannot hold the position of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Organization Representative in any of the USG Organizations.
5. First semester freshmen or transfers must earn the appropriate GPA (as noted above) in the **spring semester for any office they are a candidate for**.

USG Senator Position Description:

The Senate shall be composed of 30 elected Senators and the Executive Branch, which includes the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, three Administrative Vice Presidents and the Speaker Pro-Tempore. The Secretary and the Rules and Regulations Chair are ex-officio members of the Senate, Executive Board and the Judicial Council.

Responsibilities of Legislative Branch

Meetings

1. The Senate may investigate and act on all matters that may affect the USG members.
2. The USG has the right to tax its membership to provide funds for educational, recreational, cultural, and social programs and to provide funds for the general welfare of the student body.
3. Meetings will be scheduled at least once a week on a date set by the members of the Senate.
4. Special meetings may be called by the USG President or in the absence of the President by the Vice President or by a majority of the Legislative branch, or by two percent of the USG membership by petition.

Duties and Powers of Legislative Branch

1. Allocation of the USG Budget for the ensuing year.
2. Oversee income and expenses of the USG funded organizations through the Budget Committee.
3. Budget Changes:
 - a. Approve all line-item changes in excess of \$1,000.00 or which are in excess of 20% of the organization's entire budget.
 - b. Approve all cash balance withdrawals in excess of \$1,500.00.
 - c. The President of the college or his designee must approve all changes in the USG Budget if the SUNY Board of Trustees requires it.
 - d. Referendums shall not be held to determine financial allocations to organizations, recognized or otherwise. This provision shall only be affected or amended by a 4/5 vote of three successive legislations.

4. Confiscate books and withdraw the right to use the USG funds of any group upon the suspension or withdrawal of the constitution of that USG organization.
5. The Senate may overrule any action of the Treasurer and/or the Budget Committee by a majority of members present.
6. Conduct referendums and polls to determine student opinion on relevant matters.
7. Develop the USG activities – recreational, educational, social, and cultural.
8. Pass legislation for the general welfare of the student body.
9. Ratify constitutions and amendments to existing constitutions for all organizations and groups who are currently recognized or are working toward becoming a USG recognized organization.