

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 Legislative Branch (Senate) positions are composed of 30 elected Senators and the Executive Branch, which includes the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, four 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.

- A. The senate may admit transfer and freshman students as Senators.
 - 1. At the end of their first semester a grade check is required for them to remain in their position.
- B. At least four senator positions must be held and filled by commuter students.
 - 1. When any of these four positions become vacant, they must be filled with commuter students.

Qualifications of USG Senators:

- 1. Must be activity fee paying members of the USG.
- 2. Senators must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25.
- 3. Cannot hold the position of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Organization Representative in any of the USG Organizations.

Duties and Powers of Legislative Branch (USG Senators)

- 4. Allocation of the USG Budget for the ensuing year.
- 5. Oversee income and expenses of the USG funded organizations through the Budget Committee.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The Senate may overrule any action of the Treasurer and/or the Budget Committee by a majority of members present.
- 9. Conduct referendums and polls to determine student opinion on relevant matters.
- 10. Develop the USG activities – recreational, educational, social, and cultural.
- 11. Pass legislation for the general welfare of the student body.

12. 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.