



State University of New York at Geneseo

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Student Senator Application

2011-2012

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the College Senate! College Senate is the representative governing body of the faculty, consisting of administrators, faculty and students. College Senate is empowered to recommend policy relating to undergraduate curriculum, undergraduate policy, student affairs and faculty affairs. Each year, fourteen Student Senators are appointed by the Vice President of Student Association (Student Government), and will hold their positions for the full academic year.

Responsibilities of a Student Senator include:

- Attending all Student Senator Caucus Meetings (every other week on Thursday evenings).
- Attending all College Senate Meetings (once a month on a Tuesday).
- Attending one Academic Affairs Committee Meeting per semester.
- Attending all meetings of your respective committee (see below).
- Representing your fellow students by seeking their opinions and positions on important issues that affect them.
- Conduct surveys and interviews of the student body.

Each Student Senator must sit on one of College Senate's four committees. You will be asked on the application to indicate your preferences. Descriptions of the committees are as follows:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (3 students)

UCC discusses issues pertaining to undergraduate courses, majors and minors, and core courses. Issues discussed include the changing of course numbers, revising courses, adding new courses or deleting old ones, and decisions about core requirements.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (3 students)

Discussion includes issues concerning the overall academic rules and regulations of the College. This committee makes recommendations relating to academic policies, standards, core policies and program reviews. In the past, this committee has dealt with the number of credit hours that can be taken in summer sessions, and has examined the grade appeal process.

Student Affairs Committee (6 students)

This committee is designed to approach problems and proposals relating to faculty-student relationships. Issues addressed in the past include registration, providing feedback on SOFIs, outdoor graduation and parking.

Faculty Affairs Committee (2 students)

This committee discusses general policy relating to the professional affairs of the faculty, criteria for promotion and tenure of teaching faculty. Past issues have included the SOFI system and faculty salaries.

As a Student Senator you will have a representative voice in the decisions and changes that are being made at SUNY Geneseo. Senators will be selected based on commitment, interest, and availability. Qualifications may be taken into account if there are significantly more applications than available positions. Please be aware that brief interviews will be held as part of the selection process. These will take place early in the fall semester. Please do not apply if you are not available during meeting times, and keep in mind that other meetings may be scheduled if needed. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me by email at savp@geneseo.edu or by visiting the Student Association Office in College Union Room 316. Thank you for your interest in serving on the Student Senate.

Thank you,

Tyler Ocon
Vice President
Geneseo Student Association

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Name: _____

Do you live on or off campus: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Committee Choices (please check one or leave blank if no preference):

____ Undergraduate Curriculum ____ Undergraduate Policy

____ Student Affairs ____ Faculty Affairs

Questions : *(You may use the reverse side of this page if you need more space.)*

1. Why are you interested in serving on College Senate?

2. What campus and/or academic issues would you most like to see addressed by College Senate?

3. What values do you believe a Student Senator should have?

4. What qualities do you possess that would make you a valuable student senator?

* You may attach a brief resume to supplement this application. The resume does not need to be extensive or formal; this should be just a list of your activities and involvement, as well as your interests, awards or other achievements. **Applications are due in the Vice President's mailbox (College Union 316) or online to SAVP@geneseo.edu by Monday, September 5th at 4pm.**

You MUST have Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm available for Senate meetings and Student Senator Caucuses. These times are not flexible. The Student Senate will also meet outside of these times at a date and time deemed convenient to the greatest number of Senators. Please attach a schedule of the fall semester with your classes and other obligations (to the best of your ability).