

2021-2022
Executive Board
Election Information Packet
Student Government Association
Of
Illinois Central College

What is the Role of Student Government Association (SGA)?

Illinois Central College has many student organizations that provide students with a variety of enjoyable experiences, but Student Government Association is unique in that its purpose is not just to help students enjoy ICC but to improve it. SGA does this by being an avenue for students to both receive assistance when feeling challenged on campus and voice their ideas on how the College could improve its operation. SGA holds regular meetings to discuss these topics and find ways to improve the overall operations of SGA.

What is the Role of an SGA Executive Officer?

Student Government Association is made up of many students in various positions. Leadership is provided by the SGA Executive Board, which is composed of five elected student officers. Up to eleven senators may be elected by the student body, and together, the Executive Board and the Senators make up the SGA General Assembly.

It is the responsibility of the Executive Officers to maintain SGA's overall operations. While Senators primarily find and act on student concerns or ideas, officers primarily ensure that SGA always has the abilities to act on those initiatives. The officers do this by holding regular Executive Board meetings, maintaining internal records and documents, promoting a productive environment within SGA, and always being the foremost representatives of SGA to both the College and surrounding communities.

What are the Benefits of Being an SGA Executive Officer?

Being a member of SGA has many benefits, such as its appeal on a job resume or its networking value. Members benefit by building life-changing strengths such as professionalism, leadership, networking, and community involvement. While you are in SGA, you will have the opportunity to meet important figures, travel and participate in workshops and conventions across the state and perhaps the country, and lead the current and future students of ICC into a better college experience. As an Executive Officer, you will not only get these opportunities yourself, but also be able to choose or even create new opportunities for others to benefit from for years to come.

What is Required to Be an SGA Executive Officer?

In order for a student to be eligible to hold an SGA Executive Officer position, they must meet the following requirements:

1. They must be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours of ICC classes during each semester (fall and spring).
2. Must be in good standing (academic and judicial) at the college. Good academic standing is having a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.0.
3. Available to attend both General Assembly AND Executive Board meetings.

How are SGA Executive Officers Elected?

Every spring semester, the student body elects all of the SGA Executive Officers for the coming year in a campus election. Any student who wishes to try to become an SGA officer must run in this annual election. In order to become an officer, a student must (1) meet the eligibility requirements, (2) file a completed SGA Executive Officer Election Packet with Student Life by the deadline, and (3) receive the most student votes of all candidates running for a particular position in the general election.

Names of eligible candidates will be placed on the ballot in the order their completed packets are received. Candidates will be required to set up a time for their picture to be taken when profile sheets are submitted. The pictures and information from the profile sheets will be displayed on the election website and other election materials. Proof reading the Candidate Profile submission is strongly recommended.

Candidates are elected by a campus-wide election. All voting will occur online via the ICC website. Online voting will be accessible beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first Election Day, through 11:59 p.m. on the final Election Day. All bona fide registered students at Illinois Central College, full time or part-time, shall be eligible to vote in the campus wide election for executive officers.

What are the Rules for Campaigning for the Elections?

Campaigning may begin after the designated campaign start date, but not before the full election packet, including the profile sheet is submitted to and approved by Student Life. Each candidate may request from Student Life up to 50 flyers (8.5 x 11). Candidates must submit originals to Student Life for approval no later than one week before elections. Candidates may also supply for themselves, and use bulletins, hats, handbills, balloons or other visual means to campaign. All campaign materials must be approved by Student

Life prior to use. All candidates will be notified of all approved campaign materials via their ICC student email addresses. **All campaigning, including social media, should be in accordance with ICC's Student Code of Conduct.** Candidates may be held accountable for any violation of the Student Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to, disqualification.

Candidates may campaign on the days of election in pre-assigned areas only. Pre- assigned campaign areas may not be used or solicited as polling places. Candidates are responsible for making sure that students do not vote while at their pre-assigned campaign station. Verbal solicitation of votes or campaigning activities of any kind are prohibited at polling places and shall not be directed at students who are in the process of voting. A polling place is defined as anywhere a student may cast a vote.

Failure to comply with these election rules will result in the candidate being held accountable for their actions, including, but not limited to, disqualification for the duration of this election cycle. Candidates are responsible for the actions of those campaigning on their behalf. If a candidate(s) believes another candidate(s) has committed a violation an Election Complaint form must be filed with Student Life the day of the alleged violation, and no later than the conclusion of voting.

Declaration of Candidacy

I, _____, hereby officially submit myself as an independent candidate for the open elected Executive Officer position. I am fully aware of campaign and election procedures and I agree to follow all rules, terms and conditions. I agree to allow ICC to use my photo and my name, description of myself, goals for position, and year in school, from my candidate profile sheet on the ICC website, election materials and in other public or media venues. Student Life has my permission to view my full ICC student record to verify my eligibility to run for this position.

Signature

Date

POSITION OF INTEREST[select one]: ___President ___ Vice President ___ Treasurer ___Secretary

Candidate Profile Sheet

Please Print

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Phone Number: _____ Hours Enrolled this Semester: _____ GPA: _____

ICC E-Mail Address: _____

In addition to filling out this form, send an email to studentlife@icc.edu. Please describe yourself and any goals you hope to accomplish as an executive officer. Include your name as you would like it written on the ballot. This information will be used for your election profile.

