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Year: 03

Major: English

Qualifications:

Committee of 19

SGA Cabinet

Freshman Forum

Project Uplift

HSLC counselor

Platform:

One of the best things about Auburn is the truth of our claim of being a family, the Auburn Family. A functioning family is made up of many different parts working together towards the same goal, each doing their own particular part. Connectivity is key.

Student Government Association exists to, “serve and promote the individual student and unify all that is Auburn.” A commonly overlooked word in our mission statement is “student.” School is why we are here. I will work to improve Student-Facility connectivity by working to add Syllabi/Course descriptions to Tiger-*i* prior to registration, and employ a “Connectivity Calendar” which will help connect students to organizations and events as well as minimize concourse handouts.

If a body becomes exhausted from excessive strain it cannot complete a once intended goal. Student Government Association is appealing because of its wide spectrum of events, however this can be potentially problematic and can distract from our original purpose, which is to promote the individual student and unify all that is Auburn. Many of SGA’s annual events can and should be partnered with campus resources that share the same passions. The events by no means will be removed from SGA; rather all that is Auburn will be further unified through the collaboration of similar passions in SGA and correlative campus resources. Doing so will permit SGA to focus on how to better promote the *individual* student.

The most common complaint about Student Government Association is the exclusive façade that many students believe exists that ends up dividing rather than connecting the campus. Many students do not know how to get involved after freshman year has passed and unless they know someone already a part of Student Government Association they do not have any way to find out. SGA is admirable because of the equal opportunity each and every student has to serve as a volunteer or student leader. The problem lies in the distribution of information of these opportunities. Therefore, the problem can be easily fixed. I will work to begin the tradition of a ‘State of the Union’ speech each semester at which SGA Executive will discuss SGA’s initiatives for the semester with any who desire to hear. The Connectivity Calendar is another way to bridge the gap between the students and SGA as well as other campus organizations. The final step to bridging the gap between SGA and every individual student is by taking advantage of the official form of communication here at Auburn University; email. Sending a ‘connectivity e-mail’ from the SGA President to the student body once a month will inform each individual student of all of SGA’s initiatives for the month and ways to plug in.

Through better connectivity, Auburn University's Student Government Association can fully serve and promote the individual student and unite all that is Auburn.