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Year: 03

Major: Finance, Spanish

Qualifications:

SGA Assistant Treasurer

Omicron Delta Kappa

Lambda Sigma Honor Society- President

SGA Assistant Director of Spirit

Social Fraternity

Platform:

It is the job of the Treasurer of the Student Government Association to look after the financial interest of each Auburn student. I plan to maximize the return on students' investments of their time and fees, while continuing to provide students with an understanding of how their money is being used. The Treasurer oversees the distribution of student fees to the ten Student Activity Projects (SAPs) and I hope to facilitate the most effective distribution of these funds. I want to accomplish these goals through the following proposals:

1) Student Financial Interests

- Continue the thorough review of the SGA Senate Budget and Finance Process by exploring deficiencies in how funds are allocated to SAPs and ensuring that each SAP gets the appropriate amount of money to best benefit the student body.
- Post "Did You Know?" billboards showing the fees collected and allocated to each student group. Furthermore, I plan to create a series of publications that will show students how their fees are used.
- Hold financial "town hall" meetings twice each semester to keep students and student media informed as to how SGA is spending students' fees and to take suggestions on how to better use these fees.
- Work with the President's Office to create a position for a student representative on the University Master Plan Committee. It is in the best interest of students to have a voice on this committee because it incorporates a significant portion of student tuition as it physically plans our campus.

2) Corporate Partnership Opportunities

- Auburn SGA currently has an exceptional partnership with Verizon Wireless and Balfour Rings. I plan on reviewing, improving, and marketing these resources in order to increase student benefit from these programs.
- Explore other corporate partnership opportunities both to benefit students and to generate revenue for SGA to use on campus.

3) Increased Financial Accountability

- Continue the work of past administrations by showing discernment in spending and posting monthly SGA expenditures online. Furthermore, I will ensure that all SAPs follow SGA Code by doing the same.
- Mandate the publication of monthly bottom-line SAP expenditure reports in *The Plainsman*.

- Create a Student Financial Review committee that will oversee SAP expenditures and aid SAPs in implementing financial strategy.
- Hold monthly meetings with each SAP Treasurer and the Chairman of the SGA Senate Budget and Finance Committee, resulting in an increased awareness of expenditures and a more time-efficient fee allocation process.

4) Internal Financial Improvement

- Mandate cut-backs in SGA spending as a precedent for all SAPs to follow. With less money spent internally on things like office expenses and planning costs, more money can be spent externally for student benefit.
- Hold workshops to teach each SGA program and project how to create a simple budget and a budgetary timeline. This will allow for each project to be cost-efficient and ensure the financial needs of their project are met.