

Elections Informational Meeting

Spring 2017 Student Government Association

February 6, 2017

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What is SGA?



President



Vice President



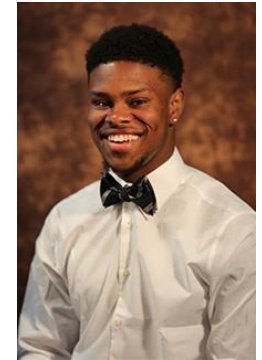
Secretary



Treasurer



Rep-At-Large



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CAB Chair



Miss Lincoln



Mr. Lincoln



Director of Public Relations



Student Governing Body

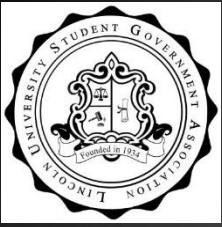
- ▶ **Section B. The SGA shall have as its purposes:**
 - (1) To serve as the voice of the student body
 - (2) To enable students to exercise self-government through the democratic processes
 - (3) To foster communication among all the members of the Lincoln University family
 - (4) To provide a channel for student participation in University affairs
 - (5) To foster and promote a spirit of unity, understanding and cooperation among all student organizations
 - (6) To cultivate a spirit of loyalty to Lincoln University among students, alumni, faculty and staff



Authority of SGA

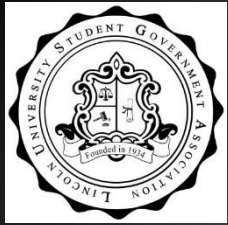
Article IV.

- ▶ **Section A.** The SGA Administrative Branch shall have the authority to submit to the legislative branch any rules, regulations and appointments necessary to carry out its defined purpose. These rules and regulations shall not conflict with the rules and regulations of the University.
- ▶ **Section B.** When the legislative branch receives the above-mentioned rules, regulations and appointments for its approval, they must be passed by a majority vote of a quorum of legislators.
- ▶ **Section C.** If a conflict should arise between the administrative branch and the legislative branch concerning the adoptions of rules, regulations and appointments, these rules, regulations and appointments shall be voted on by the student body. If the student body approves the resolution, then it becomes law.



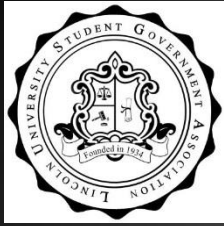
Spring 2017 Positions

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Two Representatives–At–Large
6. Miss Lincoln University
7. Mr. Lincoln University
8. Campus Activity Board Chair



Timeline

- ❖ Breakout Section Meeting – February 6th after Informational Overview
- ❖ Candidate Application Period – February 8th – February 17th by 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ Candidate Eligibility letters emailed – February 21st
- ❖ Mandatory Candidate Interviews – February 22nd – March 3rd
- ❖ Spring Break – Sunday March 11th – March 19th
- ❖ Campaigning Period – Sunday March 19th
- ❖ Campaign Kick-off Celebration – Monday March 20th @ 5:00 P.M.
- ❖ Mandatory Royal Court Candidates Pageant – March 26th
- ❖ Mandatory Candidate Debate Forum – March 27th
- ❖ Elections – March 28th 12:00 A.M. – March 29th 5:00 P.M.



What are the Bylaws?

<https://www.lincolnu.edu/web/student-government/lu-sga>

Election By-Laws & Procedures

I. Time, Place, and Ballots of the SGA & General Class Elections

- ▶ B. The polling place(s) of the SGA general and class elections shall be established and open between such times as the SGA legislative branch shall determine with the approval of the administrative branch. Such times and places are to be publicized in appropriate campus media at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of the election.
- ▶ C. Form of ballots for the SGA general class elections:
 - 1. All votes shall be cast by secret ballot. The names of the candidates on the ballot shall be grouped according to the order that the application petitions are received in the SGA advisor's office. Names must be listed on the ballot exactly as they have been recorded officially by the Records Office.
 - 3. The SGA Administrative Branch with the approval of the senate shall specify any information required to be placed on the ballots for special referendum approval.



II. Nominations of Candidates for SGA General and Class Elections

- ▶ B. A candidate shall be placed on the ballot upon filing an application-petition containing the signatures of twenty-five full-time students currently enrolled at Lincoln University. This application-petition must be submitted within the time specified by the SGA. The deadline of the time period shall be publicized in appropriate campus media at the beginning of the election sign-up period. The names of all eligible candidates grouped by office sought shall be announced by the SGA administrative branch at least eight calendar days prior to the date of the election.
- ▶ C. If any petition is found to contain an insufficient number of valid signatures, the petitioners shall be allowed thirty-six hours after notice of such deficiency by the SGA administrative branch to obtain a sufficient number of valid signatures.
- ▶ E. A candidate may withdraw by informing the SGA administrative branch in writing of the candidate's intention by 12:00 noon, five calendar days (March 23, 2017) prior to the day of the election.
- ▶ F. A candidate shall be defined as any enrolled student carrying a minimum of twelve credit hours who has publicly declared intent to participate in any SGA general or class election and who meets academic and non-academic conduct standards for the office in question.



SGA General & Class Elections

I. Limits of Campaigning

- ▶ A. The following campaigning rules and regulations designated by the SGA administrative branch must be followed. In the event that these rules and regulations are violated, penalties will be enforced. A candidate may be disqualified and a non-candidate shall be reported to the Student Activities Office.
- ▶ B. Any organizational or individual campaign in any election shall be responsible for any damage to or defacement of any property in connection with campaigning. In such event, complaints must be filed within twenty-four hours of the occurrence. Proper judiciary action will be taken against offenders.





III. Election of Candidates

- ▶ A. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes among the qualified candidates shall be elected.
- ▶ B. The SGA staff advisor and administrative branch shall certify the results of all SGA elections to the SGA senate no later than five academic days after the election. All election results shall be announced the evening of the election.
- ▶ C. If there is a tie for the largest number of votes, a run-off election shall be held between the qualified candidates receiving the tie vote.
- ▶ D. If all candidates for any office are disqualified from an election for SGA or class officers, a new election date shall be set and new nominations accepted with adjusted election procedures by the SGA.

Election of Candidates Cont.

- ▶ F. Write-in candidates are eligible to compete for all offices. In the event a write-in candidate wins, the candidate will not be confirmed until approved. The election results must be officially reviewed and verified.
- ▶ 1. A write-in candidate must declare candidacy forty-eight hours before Election Day.
- ▶ 2. A write-in candidate will not be allowed to participate in any SGA election forums, programs, etc.
- ▶ 3. A write-in candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.
- ▶ 4. A write-in candidate's name must be spelled as it is on file in the Records Office.
- ▶ 5. In the event a write-in candidate should win, the results of this specified office shall be held until the eligibility requirements have been ascertained.
- ▶ 6. A write-in candidate must follow the SGA General and Class Elections By-Laws.



IV. Campaigning on Election Day

- ▶ A. Campaign material and/or active campaigning will not be allowed within twenty-five feet of the building where students are voting.
- ▶ B. Active campaigning includes the following:
 - 1. Distribution of political literature.
 - 2. Distribution of political paraphernalia. (Examples: buttons, hats, candy, etc.)

INAUGURATIONS

A. The administrative branch officers shall be sworn in within four weeks of the ending of the spring semester by the Board of Election Commissioners or appropriate University administrators.





Breakout Sessions Q&A

- ▶ SGA – Ballroom
- ▶ CAB – Room 207
- ▶ Royal Court – Room 206

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