



La Plata Student Association Election Packet

Fall 2016



**Student Association
College of Southern Maryland
Letter to the Candidates**

Dear Student,

Thank you for considering becoming a candidate for a leadership position on the Student Association (SA)! Membership, indeed, has its privileges but the obligation should not be taken lightly. Candidates will be responsible for completing the attached papers by the published deadlines. If eligible to run for office, only those students who have completed this paperwork will have his/her name listed on the official election ballot. Please be sure to carefully review the guidelines for running for office.

By expressing your interest to be a SA candidate, you are agreeing to take on and uphold the responsibilities and duties outlined in the SGA Constitution and the campus by-laws. The ability to hold a responsible and successful campaign will be one of the main challenges in order to effectively promote what you will bring your campus Student Association.

Thank you again for your interest in the Student Association. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your campus's Student Association Advisor.

Sincerely,

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La Plata SA Advisor
301-934-7508

Regina Bowman-Goldring
Leonardtown SA Advisor
240-725-5321

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Prince Frederick SA Advisor
443-550-6021

CRITERIA FOR RUNNING FOR ANY STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICE

The criteria necessary to be accepted as a candidate for office is the following:

- ◆ Candidate must be a credit student registered for at least 1 credit, at their respective campus, during their elected term(s) at the College of Southern Maryland
- ◆ Candidate must have no academic probation status
- ◆ Candidate must not have had any disciplinary probation
- ◆ Candidate must have earned and maintained at least a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 throughout the previous academic year (fall – spring)

STUDENT ASSOCIATION LETTER OF INTENT

Due no later than Monday, September 05, 2016 by 4:30 PM

Please turn forms in at:
CC 110, La Plata Campus- Student Life Department

La Plata Campus Student Association Positions (check one):

President Vice President Treasurer
 Representative Secretary

Name (Please Print): _____

(As you would like it to appear on the ballot.)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Student ID Number: _____

I hereby declare my intent for candidacy for the office listed above in the Student Association of the College of Southern Maryland.

Signature

Date

**Completing and submitting this letter of intent authorizes the Student Life representatives of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) to access your CSM student record to verify your eligibility to run for student office. This will include accessing both academic and disciplinary records.

Authorization to Check Eligibility

Due on Monday, April 11, 2016 by 4:30 PM

Forms can be turned in at:
CC 110, La Plata - Student Life Department
A204, Leonardtown - Student Life Office
PFA 101, Prince Frederick – Student Services Office

As a candidate for a position in the Student Association at the College of Southern Maryland, I do hereby give my permission for the Student Life Department to verify my eligibility as a candidate for office as concerns the following:

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average
2. Current credit hours
3. Current registration status
4. Academic and Disciplinary records pertinent to the qualifications of this position.

Position for which applying: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

CSM Student I.D. Number: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for completing the 2016 Student Association Election packet. You will be notified by email of your eligibility.

For Student Life Office Use Only

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Qualifications Report

- I certify that this student DOES meet criteria
 I certify that this student DOES NOT meet criteria

Authorized Signature

Date

Candidate Questions

1. Why are you interested in being an officer of the Student Association (SA)?

2. How would you define leadership? How would you describe an effective leader? Which of these skills or traits do you bring to the office for which you are running?

3. What goal(s) do you have for the SA and the campus in the upcoming academic year?

4. What outside obligations do you participate in? (work, family, civic/volunteer activities, etc.)

5. If you have a campaign slogan or motto, what would it be?

6. What would you consider to be your Leadership Learning Quest? In other words, what leadership skill(s) do you believe you need the most assistance with developing?

7. Is there anything else you would like to share with the student body about your qualifications? If so, please comment freely.
