Freshman/New Student Election Packet 2018-2019
SENATE

This completed elections packet, including all supporting documentation outlined, must be turned into the Office Of Student Affairs (Student Union RM. 3106) no later than 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, 8/23.

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Division of Student Affairs
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the Student Government Association (SGA) at Valdosta State University (VSU). SGA is the organized voice for each student at VSU. SGA strives to protect the students' rights and to advocate on behalf of the students' welfare in the university community. The organization also serves as a liaison between the students, faculty, and the administration on campus.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find the information and documents required to participate in the elections process. Please be sure to read the requirements tab of our website, in its entirety to ensure that you are campaigning within the regulations set forth by the elections committee.

Your involvement with SGA can have a significant impact on the student body. If you have any further questions related to elections, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to working with you! Best wishes!

Sincerely,

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President
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Vice President
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VP Student Affairs
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Statement of Intent

I, _____ (print full name), hereby agree to participate

as an official Student Government Association Senator candidate.

While conducting my campaign, I hereby agree to abide by the Student Government Association Constitution, By-Laws and Statutes, and Elections Code of Ethics, in addition to the rulings of the Student Government Association Judicial Council. I agree to release my academic performance to the Elections committee to verify my eligibility to participate.

If elected, I will serve the Student Government Association and the Valdosta State University's student body to the best of my ability. In order to complete my duty, I will be fully aware of the current problems facing VSU's student body. In addition, I will work with the student government and the entire Valdosta State University community to improve and better the campus. I also agree to attend the mandatory SGA retreat on August 31 - September 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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Candidate Signature   Date

Senator
Duties and Responsibilities

Senators compose the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association. Individuals are elected to represent various constituencies within VSU's student body. Senators are elected for one academic school year term.

Communicating with the Student Body

Senators are tasked with developing relationships with their constituents, the students, in order to respond to their needs and concerns. Senators are expected to abide by the expectations set forth of the executive branch and advisors in order to fulfill the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of this body.

Initiating Action to Improve Student Experience

In listening to the needs and concerns of the student body, senators should be actively working together to develop ideas and plans to improve Valdosta State University and enhance the student experience. There are opportunities available to work with a number of SGA and University Committees. The Student Government Association Senate is a deliberative assembly; therefore, senators are tasked with the unique responsibility of passing legislation communicating the position of the student body.

Active Engagement in the Legislative Process

Senators are expected to be active participants during Senate and committee meetings. As a number of issues are brought before the body, Senators should be well-informed about the topic and be able to discuss and inquire where needed. It is imperative that senators be knowledgeable of the governing documents of SGA (Constitution, By-laws, and the Student Handbook). It is important that members of Senate participate in a civil and respectful way towards students, colleagues, and guests.

Participating in SGA Initiatives, Programs, and Activities

Senators are expected to work with members of other committees and branches within SGA to contribute to positive changes on campus. Senators will act as role models to the campus community by abiding by the Student Code of Conduct and Blazer Creed. Senators are required to attend all Senate meetings, which are held every Monday evening. Additionally, senators are expected to attend mandatory events and committee meetings.

Fall 2018 Elections Timeline

Elections Paperwork Released	08/13/2018 6:30 P.M.
Completed Elections Packets Due	08/23/2018 by 5:30 P.M.
Candidate Seminar*	08/24/2018 at 3:00 P.M.
Campaign Materials Posting Begins (Social Media)	08/24/2018 at 4:00 P.M.
Campaign Materials Removal Deadline	08/29/2018 by 11:59 P.M.
Voting Begins via VSU Blazer Link	08/29/2018 at 12:00 A.M.
Voting Ends	08/29/2018 at 11:59 P.M.
Elections Violations/ Complaints Deadline	08/29/2018 by 12:00 A.M.
Results Announced Via VSU E-mail	08/30/2018 at 12:00 P.M.
Required Senate Retreat*	09/07/2018 at 4:00 P.M. through 09/08/2018
General Meeting*	09/10/2018 at 6:30 P.M.

*MANDATORY attendance for all candidates

PETITION FOR NOMINATION

The following list includes the petition of Fifty (50) student signatures who

support the nomination of: _____ for the

(print name)

position of SGA Senator.

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