



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senator Information & Petition

Becoming Involved in USG:

The Legislative Branch of USG is comprised of the Senate. The Senate is the representative body of the Undergraduate Student Government. The Senate will consist of 48 Senators from:

District/ Department/ College/ Organization	No. of Senators	
College of Liberal Arts *	2 Senators	
College of Business *	2 Senators	
College of Engineering * <i>(Selected by Engineering Student Council)</i>	2 Senators	
College of Agriculture Sciences * <i>(Selected by Agricultural Student Advisory Council)</i>	2 Senators	
College of Education and Human Services *	2 Senators	
College of Science *	2 Senators	
College of Applied Science and Arts *	2 Senators	
College of Mass Communication and Media Arts *	2 Senators	
Exploratory Students *	2 Senators	
Inter-Greek Council ** <i>(Selected by IGC)</i>	2 Senators	
International Student Council ** <i>(Selected by ISC)</i>	2 Senators	
Black Affairs Council ** <i>(Selected by BAC)</i>	2 Senators	
Hispanic Student Council ** <i>(Selected by HSC)</i>	2 Senators	
Residence Hall Association *** <i>(Selected by RHA)</i>	7 Senators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Senators representing Thompson Point • One Senator representing Mae Smith • One Senator representing Schneider • One Senator representing Neely • One Senator representing University Hall • One Senator representing Wall and Grand 		
Sport Clubs *** <i>(Selected by Sport Club Executive Board)</i>		1 Senator
Veterans *** <i>(Selected by Veterans' Organization)</i>		1 Senator
Saluki Rainbow Network *** <i>(Selected by SRN)</i>		1 Senator
Non-Traditional Students *** <i>(Selected by The Association of Non-Traditional Students)</i>		1 Senator
Disability Students ***	1 Senator	
At-Large ****	10 Senators	
Total Number of Senators	48	

The Senate positions that are highlighted are selected by an “umbrella” organization which is listed in parentheses. If that organization does not select their Senator(s) by the 2nd USG meeting of the semester, then this position is open to petitioners. Those who successfully complete the petition and meet the Senator Qualifications and Restrictions may be voted in by the USG Senate for a one semester term.

A Senate vacancy, which is not selected by an umbrella organization, may be filled by a qualified candidate who gathers fifty signatures from undergraduate students within the district of the vacancy.

If a Senate position is full, a candidate may still complete the petition and be placed on a waiting list in case a Senate position becomes vacant.

Senator Qualifications and Restrictions are:

1. A full-time undergraduate student.
2. Have and maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Beginning fall 2016, this increases to 2.7 cumulative GPA.
3. Remain in good standing with Student Rights & Responsibilities.
4. Cannot have been impeached from the Undergraduate Student Government in the last semester.

Senator Duties:

1. A Senator is entitled to one vote.
2. A Senator will represent the undergraduate students from his/her district and will perform all duties required by the position.
3. All Senators are required to attend at least two of the three retreats held each semester.
4. Senators will be required to hold at least one constituency meeting in their respective representative districts each month. Senators must fill out the [Constituency Report](#) following each meeting and submit it to the Internal Affairs Committee by the end of the month to be placed on file. Any Senator who fails to meet this requirement will be subject to impeachment.
 - a. A Senator is required to attend every USG Senate session unless the Senator has found a proxy to take their place and the proxy has been approved by the Vice President or the majority of the Senate. If the Senator cannot find a proxy or the proxy has not been approved, the Senator can be excused by majority consent of the Senate. An absence obtained in the above fashion shall be counted as excused.
 - b. A Senator may appoint a proxy to attend on his/her behalf if the Senator is unable to attend a regularly scheduled Senate session. Proxies must be approved by the Vice President no later than 1:00 pm on the day of the meeting.
 - c. Senators are only allowed two excused absences per semester.
 - d. If a Senator has two total absences in a semester, the Senator will be subject to impeachment, unless given approval by the president.
 - e. Senators are required to be on time to Senate meetings and to remain in attendance for the duration of said meetings. If a Senator is ten minutes or more late to a meeting, or excuses themselves early from the meeting, without prior approval from the USG Vice President, they will be counted as tardy. If a Senator has two tardies, it will be counted as an unexcused absence.
5. Senators are required to attend meetings in business casual attire. This excludes jeans and t-shirts. Business casual is defined as blouses, skirts, dresses, slacks, or button-downs. A tardy will be issued for improper dress at the discretion of the USG Advisor.
6. A Senator is expected to communicate efficiently and effectively with USG Executive Branch Members, Advisors, and their Constituents. Failure to do so may be grounds for a Bill of Impeachment.
7. Each Senator will be required to complete 2 office hours per week. Office hours are defined as any business being conducted on behalf of USG, including committee meetings. Any Senator who misses four office hours in a semester will be subject to impeachment.
8. Senators are required to serve on at least USG Committee, such as Student Funding Board, Internal Affairs Committee and/or External Affairs Committee.
 - a. Failure to attend and/or participate in the Committee as indicated by the Committee Chairs, may be grounds for removal from the Committee and grounds for Impeachment.

Senate Petition begins on next page.

Senate Petition

Petitioner's Full Name: _____

SIU ID #: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Senate Senator Petitioning For:
 (see <http://usg.rso.siu.edu> for list of opened positions) _____

Major: _____

Class (circle one): *Freshman* *Sophomore* *Junior*

Senior *Other:* _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

By signing below, I agree that the above information and attached signatures are true and accurate, that all information in this petition is truthful, I've reviewed the requirements and duties of a USG Senator, and I wish to waive my rights granted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 & permit Southern Illinois University Carbondale to release my academic information to the Dean of Students Unit and Undergraduate Student Government executive officers. I understand that this waiver will be in effect as long as I am a USG Senator or Officer. Additionally, I am aware that I must abide by the requirements in the USG Constitution in order to be a Senator or Officer and I give SIUC Dean of Students Unit the right to verify my academic information & student status throughout my membership in this organization. I hereby affirm that all information contained on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date Received: _____ By whom: _____ Signatures Reviewed: _____ Undergraduate: Yes No

GPA Req.: _____ SRR Req. : _____ Constituency Position Open: Yes No **Approved / NOT Approved**

If Approved, date notified: _____ If Approved, date sworn in: _____ If NOT approved, Date notified: _____

Senate Petition

Petitioner's Name: _____ Page _____ of _____

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