

Towson University
Student Government Association

8000 York Road
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Dear New Student Group,

On behalf of the over one-hundred and fifty student groups on campus, congratulations on your new SGA affiliation! Your organization has access to a vast number of resources and numerous venues through which you will be able to reach the student body of over twenty-thousand undergraduate students!

Enclosed in this packet is information about the resources available at your fingertips, the commitment SGA and your organization have to each other, an overview of the Student Government Association at Towson University and fundraising ideas. We encourage you to take a few moments to read over the packet and to become familiar with the Student Government Association. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us – we are here to serve you!

Again, we welcome you to a thriving community of student groups and involvement!

Serving you,

The 2009-2010 Student Government Association

Affiliation Information

Available Resources

As an SGA affiliated group, we invite and encourage you to use the resources listed below to further the growth and success of your organization. Items marked with an asterisk (*) denote that the use may require a fee.

1. SGA Senator to serve as liaison
2. Mailbox (located in the SGA Office if available)
3. Advertising space in *The Towerlight*, kiosks and the electronic sign board
4. Room reservations
5. Bulk mailings *
6. Copy services *
7. University Union Table Reservations
8. Use of the university name
9. Tax-exempt status
10. Supplemental SGA budgets
11. Use of SGA Resource Areas

Regulations

As an SGA affiliated group, we ask that your organization adhere to the following:

1. Be registered on [Involved@TU](#). Your [Involved@TU](#) page must be kept up-to-date with primary contact information, at least 8 members (15 if budgeted), and your constitution. **If this site is not kept up-to-date your group may be marked as inactive**
2. Complete five hours of community service or attend an SGA sponsored philanthropic event (Relay for Life, Town and Gown, TigerThon...) with at least one-third of your organization participating.
3. Update your group's constitution every two academic years (you will be contacted when this arises). The SGA must have a copy of your most recent constitution.
4. Have an advisor who is a member of the Towson University Faculty or Administration.
5. Attend mandatory SGA information sessions throughout the year.
6. Require officers to maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average during their term of office. More information concerning the GPA requirement is listed under the Academic Criteria for Student Leaders.

Your Senator

Your Senator serves as a liaison between your organization and the SGA. Your Senator is available to answer any questions and help promote your organization. Each Senator is committed to:

1. Sending weekly emails about events, policies and important information.
2. Attending at least one meeting a semester to meet with your members.
3. Acting as a liaison between your organization, the Student Government and the Administration.
4. Helping your group write bills, resolutions, constitution revisions and create budgets.
5. Helping advertise your organization and events

Activities and Events

We invite and encourage you to participate in as many of the following activities and events, as your schedule will allow. For more information about any of these activities and events, please speak to your Senator or visit the SGA Office in the University Union.

- President Round Tables
- Tigerfest
- Involvement Fairs
- Homecoming
- TigerTHON
- Leadership Conferences

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Representing the Student Body

The Student Government Association (SGA) is dedicated to improving students' academic, social and cultural environments. This is *your* SGA because upon your TU enrollment, all students become a member of the Student Government Association. SGA is the primary organization representing all students in planning, organizing, and directing student organizations and programs on campus. Students participate directly by taking advantage of the services offered and getting involved in SGA. The Student Government Association works jointly with the faculty and administration in designated areas of governance of the University.

The Senate of the Student Government Association

The SGA consists of an Executive Branch which includes a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Attorney General and Chief of Staff. In addition, the SGA has twenty-five senators, eight directors, and five representatives of the student body. The senate is comprised of students from all class standings.

The Senate has the power to govern the distribution of all funds granted by the Administration. This body has the responsibility of supervising the financial records of student organizations, which in part comes from each Student Activity Fee. All student organizations must be affiliated with the SGA in order to receive SGA funds. The Senate has the authority to affiliate or expel any organization or to suspend the activities of any organization and cannot be held responsible for the actions of any affiliated organizations. The Judicial Branch is thus responsible for making sure the Senate is being fair, unbiased, and adhering to the policies of the University.

As an SGA affiliated group, you will have a Senator who is here to serve you and to serve as the liaison between your group and the SGA. The SGA senate has the power to affiliate student organizations and govern the distribution of all funds granted by the Administration. You may communicate any needs or concerns to your senator, and they will relay the information directly to the SGA. Weekly SGA meetings are held every Tuesday at 5pm in the Loch Raven Room located in the University Union. On the first Tuesday of every month, we will hold the SGA meeting at various locations around campus. We invite you to attend these meetings as they are a time for you to stay up-to-date on SGA activities and they also serve as a time for you to voice any concerns directly to the SGA.

2009-2010 Student Government Association

Executive Board

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Jon Graf
President

Ben Steinberg
Vice President

Jillian Koller
Attorney General

Ryan Murphy
Treasurer

Tierra Fields
Chief of Staff

Directors

Anthony Puglisi
Academic Affairs

Eric Stishan
Fine Arts

Ryan Wolfe
Athletic Affairs

Angie Hong
Legislative Affairs

Amanda Walter
Campus Activities

Abby Campbell
Student Groups

Asya Henriquez
Community Outreach

Sean Lawlor
University Communications

Representatives

Meryl Semsker
Commuter Student

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Diversity

Andrew Chambarry
Greek Life

Marisa Beauduy
Sports Clubs

Matt Sikorski
Resident Student

Senators

Catie Ault
Robiat Balogun
BriAnne Bentivegna
Jasmin Brown
Shannon Cooper
Courtney Cox
Steven Crudele
Jessica Dickerson
Jordan Ferbish
Daniel Giametta
Dylan Hattam

Sydney Johnson
Alena Kangas
Nicole Kazanecki
Lauren McDade
Amanda Menke
Morgan Moultri
Megan O'Rourke
Lauren Riedy
Sarah Wolff

Justices

Kyle Bavis
Mitch Friedman
Frank Fusco
Chelsea Herskovitz

Jill Lauriente
Antwan Little
Daryan Lyles

Fifty Fundraising Ideas!

Art show	Holiday candy grams
Bake sale	Karaoke competition
Basketball tournaments	License plate frames
Battle of the bands	Lip-syncing contest
Candle sale	Mystery dinner kits
Candles	Open mic event
Collaborate with other organizations	Paper airplane contest
Concessions at sporting events	Penny Jar Wars
Cookbooks	Picture frames
Cookie Dough sales	Pizza kits
Corporate sponsorship	Pool tournament
Coupon books	Raffles (permit may be necessary)
Craft sales	Scratch cards
Donated giveaways	Scratch off tickets
Donation jars at events	Seeds (plant gardens)
Donut and hot chocolate sales	Silent Auction
Entertainment Cards	Sports tournament
Food baskets	Story time
Gift wrapping	Talent show
Golf tournament	T-shirts
Help a new business advertise	Twister tournament