



## **APPLICATION and PETITION FOR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

### **JOB DESCRIPTION and QUALIFICATIONS**

**Wages:** 8.15/hour

**Hours per week:** 18

**Responsibilities:**

- a. Serve as the leader of the student body and provide unity and purpose for the Student Government Association.
- b. Act as the principal representative of the student body before the administration, trustees, faculty, and the surrounding community through service on college committees, correspondence, and personal contact.
- c. Plan and chair meetings of the Student Body President's Cabinet, Leadership Council and College Committee Representatives.
- d. Ensure that the provisions of the SGA Governance Manual are properly implemented and upheld.
- e. Coordinate the nomination and appointment of student representatives to College Committees and Councils during the spring semester transition period (following his or her election to office).
- f. Serve as a student representative on the College Council.
- g. Meet regularly with the SGA Advisor.
- h. Meet regularly with each member of the Student Body President's Cabinet, Leadership Council and Student Manager of the South Side Café.
- i. Compile a written end-of-year report, including individual reports from each member of the Leadership Council that summarizes the year and offers suggestions for the future.
- j. Address campus issues and present proposals to the floor of the Student Senate. The Senate's approval is necessary for the proposals to be considered representative of the student body.
- k. Work with the SGA Advisor in the planning and implementation of training activities for the Leadership Council and Student Body President's Cabinet.
- l. Regularly attend meetings of the Student Senate.
- m. Work with the Student Body Vice President to select Representatives to serve as SGA Committee Chairs. The recommendations must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate.
- n. Sign or veto all Senate legislation within five days of their passage. If vetoed, a written rationale for the veto must be immediately presented to the Senate; the veto may be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote.

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- o. Implement all approved Senate legislation or direct them to their intended audience.
- p. Collaborate with the Student Body Vice President to approve or deny petitions to amend the Governance Manual.
- q. Call and chair Governance Review Council consisting of all SGA Officers to consider changes to the SGA Governance Manual.
- r. Serve on the Review Committee when necessary.
- s. Serve on the SGA Social Concerns Committee. Assist chairs of the committee in developing agendas and conducting committee business.
- t. Serve on the Peer Review Board Applicant Committee.
- u. Attend leadership training and development sessions such as the Leadership Retreat.

### **Candidate Qualifications:**

- NOT be on academic, chapel, or disciplinary probation the semester before or semesters during term in office.
- Be in at least second semester at Messiah College.
- Intend to hold office for both fall and spring semesters of the 2016-17 academic year.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES for 2016**

- Below is the application to run for **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**. Please answer all questions in neat, legible handwriting or electronic type.
- In accordance with Section 5 of the SGA Governance Manual, the following timeline and procedures are to be followed for Student Body President's Cabinet elections and nominations:
  - APPLICATIONS/RESUMES DUE: **March 4, 2016**; please submit electronic materials to [SGA@messiah.edu](mailto:SGA@messiah.edu) and print materials to Suite 3050/Larsen 202.
  - CAMPAIGNS for Student Body President/Vice President pairs may begin on **March 14**. Do not begin unless the Elections Coordinator confirms receipt of the pair's application. All campaign material must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the voting period and are subject to review by the Elections Coordinator.
  - ALL President/Vice President pairs must be available for an election event on **March 22**; to be decided after all applications are submitted. Pairs will either be available for a meet-and-greet during the day or prepare a speech and/or talking points for a Speech Night that evening.
  - POLLS WILL OPEN to the Student Body for the Student Body President/Vice President pairs on **March 22 at 9PM** and close on **March 24 at 9PM**.
  - Candidates for all other Cabinet positions will be notified of the names for President-elect and Vice President-elect within 24-hours polls closing.
  - The President-, Vice President-elect and the Cabinet Nominations Panel will receive all applications for Chair of the Peer Review Board, Vice President of Diversity Affairs, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Organizations, and Executive Secretary within 48-hours of polls closing.

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- Interviews for the Chair of the Peer Review Board, Vice President of Diversity Affairs, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Organizations, and Executive Secretary candidates will take place with the Student Body President, President-elect, Vice President-elect, and SGA Advisor will be held from **April 4** to **April 8**. Candidates will be notified if they did or did not receive the position by **April 11**.
- The Cabinet Nominations Panel will make their recommendations to Student Senate for approval on **April 14, 2016**.

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*Answers to these questions will be used by SGA for advertising the campaign; however, these questions are meant to help candidates reflect on their character, calling and competencies as they apply to leadership at Messiah. Candidates may choose to submit their answers in a separate document. Please keep answers to 200 words.*

**NAME:** Click to Enter Text

**YEAR:** Click to Enter Text

**MAJOR:** Click to Enter Text

**NAME OF RUNNING MATE:** Click to Enter Text

**Why do you want to hold this position AND what purpose does this position serve on campus (in your own words)?**

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**In your opinion, what is currently the most pressing issue facing Messiah College?**

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**What initiatives would you look to lead as STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?**  
**Click to Enter Text**

**How would you define the purpose of SGA?**  
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**What does leadership look like for you and what are the characteristics of a good leader?**  
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**What experience do you have that has prepared you for this position?**  
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**How do character and faith relate to leadership?**  
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*Please print the remaining pages of this application.*

In accordance with Section 5 of the SGA Governance Manual, you must petition 150 signatures from your peers in order to appear on the ballot with your running mate. All signatures must be current students. The petition is due the same day as the above application.

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