

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO WITH SGA?



Every student on campus has an assigned senator, whose purpose is to represent the concerns and opinions of the student body to SGA. All students receive regular emails from their assigned senator to keep them informed about what is going on around campus; and to enlist feedback from students about how the senator should vote on particular legislative items.

If students have concerns, ideas, or questions about ISU, they may contact their senator through the listserv of which they are a part. Students may also schedule meetings with SGA members or have their senator come to their organization or residence hall floor meeting.

SGA meets every other Wednesday evening throughout the academic year; and meetings are open to the general public. To find out about meeting times and locations, or to learn about other SGA upcoming events, visit the SGA website at www.sga.ilstu.edu.

UPCOMING SGA ISSUES

Enhancing Quality of Life & Spirit on Campus

Providing Student Feedback for the Campus Recreation Center; Providing Student Feedback for the Student Involvement Center; Providing Student Feedback for the Campus Dining Plan; Addressing Bone Student Center Issues: Late Night Programming, Catering Costs for RSOs, Addressing Alcohol Policy Revisions; and Collaborating with Athletics: Pack the Place, Spread the Red & Tailgating.

Senators/Staff Members Involved: Ryan Cullen, Vernetta Cail, Angie Mizanin, Laurel Halfar, Tina Goldstein, Garrett Soucy, & Jenny Cox.

Fostering a Spirit of Civic Engagement

Aiding in Bringing USA Today to Campus; Coordinating the Campus Voter Registration; Coordinating the Closing the Gaps Program; Assisting with the Town-Student Liaison Committee; and Coordinating the Redbirds 4 Relief: Project Middle East.

Senators/Staff Members Involved: Kevin Martin, Aili Tran, Dave McCoy, Phil Rodriguez, Matt Sanchez, BJ Babbitt, & Ashley Roepke.

Student and RSO Advocacy

Investigating the University Writing Exam; Assisting with Off-Campus Student Issues; BRC Process Revisions; Increasing Early Textbook Orders; and Enhancing Constituent Contact.

Senators/Staff Members Involved: Joel Anders, Tolu Aregbe, Shamarr Wilson, Marie Guillo, Jake Ward, Kevin McGuire, & Tami Stone.



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ABOUT SGA

WHAT IS SGA?

SGA stands for Student Government Association, which is the official student governing body of Illinois State University.

SGA is committed to promoting positive change on campus for the good of the student body. Its members serve on committees alongside faculty, staff, and administrators. They help decide how money is spent, what policies should be changed or implemented, and make sure the student voice is represented in decisions made for the campus.

SGA at ISU is usually different than student government in high school. SGAs in colleges and universities across the country even vary significantly. At ISU, SGA does host a few social opportunities, but their main focus is representing students' interests and working on policy decisions.



SGA PROGRAMS

Closing the Gaps

This program was created in 2003 in an attempt to extend the operating hours of Milner Library. Thanks to the assistance of several student volunteers, recruited by the Association, it has been a huge success. Volunteers spend their time in the library restocking shelves, attending to the front desk, monitoring the computer lab, and other associated tasks. The contact people for this program are the Programs Administrator and the Administrative Relations Coordinator.

Community Clean-up

Community Clean-up is a way for registered student organizations (RSOs) to earn money, while helping to keep the campus clean at the same time. The program takes place every Sunday, with one RSO participating each week. RSOs are eligible to participate once a semester. The Programs Administrator is the contact person for this program.



Emerging Leader Program

The Emerging Leader Program (ELP) was created for new students to learn leadership skills and explore involvement opportunities with a special emphasis on SGA. Further, it is designed increase the participants' understanding of the shared governance system at Illinois State University. Anyone interested in getting involved in the Emerging Leader Program should contact the Student Body Vice President.



Pack the Place/Arena

SGA collaborates with the Athletic Department to support Redbird Athletics and increase attendance at sporting events. In the past, the Association has provided free tickets for students, give-aways, and sponsored spirit competitions for selected sporting events. The Administrative Relations Coordinator oversees this program.

Redbird of the Month



In 2004, the Student Government Association created this recognition program in an attempt to foster an increased sense of pride in both the institution and the Athletic programs. The Membership & Programs Committee is responsible for reviewing the applications and selecting a recipient. The program recognizes one student each month whose actions and efforts have demonstrated a commitment to the institution and/or a significant contribution to increasing school spirit.

RSO of the Month

In 2004, the Student Government Association created this program in an attempt to recognize an RSO each month that has demonstrated an outstanding achievement. The Association created this program in order to pay tribute to the incredible number of organizations who produce quality programs and who have a significant impact on the campus community. The Membership & Programs Committee is responsible for reviewing the applications and selecting a recipient.