



**2017 SGA  
Election Guide**

Every spring, the University of Louisville elects the officers and senators that will serve as the voice of the student body to the administration of the University and the colleges that comprise it. By the end of the Spring Semester, the 4 university-wide officers and 49 Senators that comprise Student Government Association will be elected and installed for the following academic year

Student Government has an election process that seeks to effectively represent students across campus and at the college level. Elections vary based on college. The SGA Supreme Court administers the General Election and every individual college council has the option to opt in to the General Election or conduct their own independent election for the positions that represent their college.

Council Presidents and Vice Presidents, along with a number of their council members, maintain voting privileges as senators to the Student Senate. Councils of various colleges may have other positions that will be elected per the same ballot but will not have representation in the Student Senate. This guide will only list the positions that are represented within the Student Government Executive Branch and the Student Senate.

The responsibilities and duties of each member of the Executive Branch and the Student Senate can be found within the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Government Association at the following link:

<http://www.uoflsga.org/about/governing-documents/>

## **General Election:**

The SGA Supreme Court administers the General Election and establishes the official election order and rules. The election for university-wide officers and the following Colleges will occur in the General Election. The election will be conducted via BlackBoard and ULINK and will be accessible for students to vote: **Feb. 27 – Mar. 2.**

All information including: candidate forms, election rules, candidate bios, the election guide, the SGA Constitution and By-Laws can be found on the official SGA Website at: <http://www.uoflsga.org/sga-general-elections/election-rules-and-order/>

The official rules of the 2017 SGA General Election can be accessed at: <http://www.uoflsga.org/wp-content/uploads/SGA-General-Election-Rules-2017.pdf>

Candidacy Forms can be accessed and completed at: <http://www.louisville.edu/student/elections>

## **Interest Meetings**

For those interested in running one of the positions elected in the General Election, eligibility requirements and candidate guidelines can be found in the 2017 General Election Rules (link above). The SGA Supreme Court will also be hosting a series of interest meetings to discuss the application process and guidelines, as well as to answer any questions. The date, times, and locations of these meetings are listed below. While some meetings are hosted during an RSO meeting, non-RSO members are welcome to attend. If you do not see a date and time that works for your schedule, please check the SGA twitter (@UofLSGA) for additional meetings.

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Speed School Basement area

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM in Ekstrom W210

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the School of Music Library

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM in Ekstrom W210

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM in Law School Room 175

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM in Ekstrom W210

## **SGA Debate**

The SGA Supreme Court will sponsor a debate for students to listen to the candidates in an open forum. Currently the event is scheduled for:

**Feb. 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Chao Auditorium (Ekstrom Library)**

## **Voting**

This year SGA has worked to develop a link to make ballots more accessible. Ballots will still be accessible via BlackBoard but can also be accessed more easily at the following URL: <http://www.louisville.edu/student/elections>

Once on the landing page students will need to login with their ULINK/Blackboard Credentials and they will be directed to their secure ballot.

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## **University-Wide Officers (Top 4)**

<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Election</b>
Campus Wide	President	General
Campus Wide	Executive Vice President	General
Campus Wide	Academic Vice President	General
Campus Wide	Services Vice President	General

Every University of Louisville student can cast a vote for these positions, regardless of college.

When: Feb. 27 – Mar. 2.

How to Vote: BlackBoard Surveys tab or via the following URL:

<http://www.louisville.edu/student/elections>

### **Colleges included in the General Election**

<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Election</b>
College of Arts and Sciences	President	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Vice President	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
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College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
College of Arts and Sciences	Senator	General
College of Education	President	General
College of Education	Vice President	General
College of Education	Senator	General
College of Education	Senator	General

College of Business	President	General
College of Business	Vice President	General
College of Business	Senator	General
College of Business	Senator	General
College of Music	President	General
College of Music	Vice President	General
School of Nursing	President	General
School of Nursing	Vice President	General
School of Nursing	Senator	General
Graduate Student Council	President	General
Graduate Student Council	VP External Affairs	General
Graduate Student Council	Director of Finance	General
Graduate Student Council	Director of Communications	General
Graduate Student Council	Director of Graduate Travel	General
School of Public Health	President	General
School of Public Health	Vice President	General
Kent School of Social Work	President	General
Kent School of Social Work	BSW Rep	General
Kent School of Social Work	Vice President	General

Students within these colleges at the University of Louisville can cast a vote for positions within their respective college, in addition to the university-wide positions. Your ballot will only reflect the positions you are eligible to vote for based on your college.

When: Feb. 27 – Mar. 2.

How to Vote: BlackBoard or via the following URL:

<http://www.louisville.edu/student/elections>

## **Independent Elections:**

Along with being able to vote in the General Election for the Top 4, students within the following colleges will vote for their representation in the Student Senate via elections

administered independently by the Council of that College. When and how to vote in these elections can be found below the table.

School of Dentistry	President	Independent
School of Dentistry	President-Elect (VP)	Independent
School of Dentistry	Secretary	Independent
School of Dentistry	Treasurer	Independent
Speed School	President	Independent
Speed School	Exec. Vice President	Independent
Speed School	Operations Vice President	Independent
Speed School	Dir. of Council Infrastructure	Independent
Speed School	Dir. of Community Relations	Independent
Medical School Council	President	Independent
Medical School Council	Clinical VP	Independent
Medical School Council	Senator at Large	Independent
Medical School Council	Pre-Clinical VP	Independent
School of Law	President	Independent
School of Law	Vice President	Independent

Students within these colleges at the University of Louisville can vote in these elections along with voting for the university-wide officer positions in the General Election. Councils with independent elections may have voting periods that differ from the General Election, **but students in these colleges will still vote for university-wide officers during the General Election voting period Feb. 27 – Mar. 2.** When and how to vote for these council elections follows:

**School of Dentistry**

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of March. Official election window to be determined.

How to Vote: ULINK

**Speed School:**

When: Mid - Late February. Official election window to be determined.

How to Vote: ULINK

**Medical School Council**

When: Feb. 28 – Mar. 2

How to Vote: ULINK or via the following URL:

<http://www.louisville.edu/student/elections>

**Brandeis School of Law:**

When: Mar. 29 - 31

How to Vote: OrgSync

**Election-Related Questions:**

For questions concerning the general election or potential candidacy, please direct them to SGA Supreme Court Chief Justice, Sarah Pennington.

For questions concerning council elections within the General Elections, please direct them to SGA Supreme Court Justice assigned to your college's circuit.

**2017 Election Circuit Assignments and Contact Information**

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