



Application for Candidacy for 2015-16 Student Government Association

January 21st Applications Available at OWSGA.COM

February 20th Applications Deadline (Vetting of candidates February 23rd – 27th)

March 2nd Candidate Approval Notices

March 3rd – 25th Candidate Campaigning (Note: Spring Recess March 15th – 22nd)

March 3rd – Mandatory Candidate Meeting 8pm Student Union

March 5th – Meet the Candidates 7:30pm Student Union

March 9th – 12th Tabling in Campus Center F-Wing - Common Hour

March 9th & 10th – Senate and Student Court Candidates

March 11th & 12th – Executive Board Candidates

March 25th - Executive Board Debates 7pm Student Union

March 26th -31st Elections Online via www.campusvine.com

April 1st – Results Online via www.CampusVine.com



Elections By-Laws

1. All candidate communications will be sent to the students' Old Westbury email address, including notification of eligibility.
2. Candidates up for election can support one another but may not run as a "ticket". Each candidate will be voted upon individually.
3. Candidates can receive endorsements from members of the SGA, and campus community at large.
4. Slandering is not permitted. Any slanderous, misrepresentation, or intentionally damaging, false information about a candidate will result in potential sanctions pending review by the student court.
5. All currently-enrolled SUNY College at Old Westbury students are eligible to vote.
6. Candidates cannot begin campaigning until they have been vetted and notified that they are eligible to run for office (refer to SGA Constitution regarding eligibility for office).
7. Candidates will be provided an elections timeline notifying them of vetting process and events for candidacy. Failure to meet the requirements as outlined will result in review by student court. Pending the review by student court, potential sanctions or removal of eligibility to run for office is possible. Appeals to decision of Student Court must be submitted in writing via email within 24 hours of notification of sanction to the SGA Advisor, Suzanne McLoughlin at mcloughlins@oldwestbury.edu. Appeals must be submitted via email, will not be accepted verbally or via paper document.
8. Allegations of violation of bylaws by any candidate must be submitted in writing to the director of CSLI and chairperson of the Elections Committee within three business days of alleged violation. Formal allegations and violations of bylaws will be reviewed by student court, pending reviews and sanctions.



Please read the SGA CONSTITUTION for a description of the duties each position entails. THE CONSTITUTION of the Student Government Association, State University of New York College at Old Westbury states the following requirements for candidates to be eligible for any SGA position/office.

Article IX. Eligibility for Elected Office

Section 9.01 All full-time and part-time students currently enrolled within SUNY College at Old Westbury, who have paid the student activity fee to the College at Old Westbury shall be eligible to be an elected official of SGA.

Section 9.02 Any student with a 2.5 cumulative academic grade point average or more shall be eligible for office. This grade point average must be maintained for the duration of the student's term of office. Cabinet members must have at the time of candidacy and election, a 2.75 cumulative grade point average and maintain this cumulative grade point average for the duration of their tenure on the Executive Board. Inability to serve due to academic ineligibility shall be based on the student's grades at the end of each semester and take effect immediately upon notification by the Director of CSLI or designee.

Section 9.03 Transfer students shall be eligible to hold Office based on their combined cumulative grade point average from all previous institutions attended until they have completed one semester at the College, at which time their eligibility shall be based upon their cumulative grade point average at the College at Old Westbury.

Section 9.04 First-year students shall be eligible to hold office or fill a vacant seat only after they have completed one semester at the College at Old Westbury, with the exception of the first-year class President who shall be eligible his/her first semester at the College.

Section 9.05 To be eligible to run as the President or Executive Vice President, a student must have served in one of three branches of government for a period of one year at SUNY College at Old Westbury. For those positions that remain vacant on the Executive Board, the President shall have the power to appoint any student they feel is capable fulfilling their duties in that given position. If for any reason a student is running by his/her self, they will be subject to an interview by the elections committee and shall require a passing vote of 50 percent plus one to run for that position.

Section 9.06 Any student placed on judicial probation shall be ineligible to hold office in any branch of government, whether appointed or elected. The probationary status shall take effect immediately upon notification by the Campus Judicial Officer or designee.

Section 9.07 Any student receiving a judicial sanction, which prevents his/her participation in co-curricular activities, shall be ineligible to hold office. Inability to serve shall take effect immediately upon notification by the Campus Judicial Officer or designee.

Section 9.08 If an elected or appointed member of the Student Government Association is suspended from the College as a result of a judicial sanction, s/he shall be deemed ineligible to serve in his/her capacity and will be removed from his/her position immediately upon notification from the Campus Judicial Officer or designee. S/he shall be eligible to hold a position as an officer of the SGA upon removal of judicial probation.

Section 9.09 An individual cannot hold the same Executive Board position for more than two consecutive terms whether serving by election or appointment. A term of service is determined by service for any duration of the academic year, not by semester or other increment of time. Pro tempore appointments will constitute a full term of service upon ratification by the General Assembly.

Section 9.10 Members of the Executive Board may not hold an executive level position in an SGA club or organization.



Candidacy Application

Please print clearly

Name:	Date:
Address:	Date Of Birth:
	Student ID:
Email:	Home Phone: 5164810618
	Cell Phone:
Major:	Cumulative GPA:
Minor:	Class Standing:
Desired Position:	

NOTE: YOU MAY ONLY APPLY FOR ONE POSITION.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER.

- 1) What clubs, organizations and co-curricular activities (past or present) have you participated in?
- 2) What position/office (if any) did you hold while participating in the above clubs and organizations and what did your duties entail?
- 3) Do you participate in any community service or volunteer groups? If so, please list.

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4) Why would you like to become a member of the Student Government Association?

5) What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the Student Government Association?

6) What contributions can you make to SGA that will differentiate you from other applicants?

7) Please list below the name, position and contact email for two character and/or professional references.

*ALL APPLICANTS WHO SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM THE SGA ELECTIONS COMMITTEE AS PROOF OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS, PLEASE RE-SEND YOUR APPLICATION.

By writing my name, student ID and date below I agree to give the Student Government Association permission to check my academic and judicial record. I understand that I will be ineligible for appointment based on GPA and judicial standing if I do not meet the requirements as outlined in the SGA constitution.

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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT BY SIGNING AT THE BOTTOM, YOU ARE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS TO MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED FOR CONSIDERATION.

PRINT NAME: _____ STUDENT ID: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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	Eligible	Ineligible
GPA:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judicial:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Date Application Received:

Reviewed by:

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