

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

H. STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

1. Minimum Qualifications for Student Leaders

A student leader is a student member of a recognized student organization who is: (1) stipended; or (2) holds office, title or is a committee member in the Student Government Association, Spotlight Programs Board, or one of the recognized student media groups. In order to be a student leader, a student must:

- a. be a student as determined by the University registrar at the time of the election or appointment.
- b. be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) hours (undergraduate students) and three (3) hours (graduate students) in a degree seeking program during the Fall and Spring semesters of the academic year of his/her term of office. The academic school year is defined as Summer, Fall, and Spring semester, in that order. When a student does not enroll for Fall or Spring semester during a term of office, this act causes the student to immediately forfeit the office. Students may elect not to enroll during the Summer semester during a term of office. The act of dropping all courses before the midpoint of a semester is considered to be not enrolled.
- c. have at least a 2.5 Georgia State cumulative grade-point average or better at the time of election or appointment and must not be on academic probation or suspension. A student leader whose Georgia State cumulative grade-point average drops below 2.2 or who receives the academic sanctions listed above during his/her term must relinquish the position.
- d. conduct themselves responsibly and in a manner that does not reflect negatively on the University. A student may meet the minimum qualifications of student leadership but be found to be unqualified overall based on other factors such as experience and level of leadership skill.

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2. Disciplinary Probation

A student who is placed on disciplinary probation must relinquish any office held.

3. Suspension of Term

Any stipended student-leader who is charged by the Dean of Students or an academic college with a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and Policies may be required to temporarily relinquish the office held until after the referred has been heard. If the referred is found not responsible, then the stipended student leader shall be immediately reinstated to his/her office. If the referred is found to be responsible for a Code violation, then the stipended student leader must immediately step down from his/her position.

4. Term Limits

Student leaders may hold any of the individual offices identified below for up to two terms per any one office (Term Maximum). Any time during which a student leader may have held the involved office on an interim basis shall not count toward meeting a student leader's Term Maximum. For purposes of this section, "interim basis" shall mean time spent in office completing the term of a person originally elected/appointed to the office who has left the position for any reason before the end of the term of office. Having reached the Term Maximum will not prohibit a student leader from running for reelection or reappointment, with the permission of the Dean of Students, in times when there are no other qualified applicants for the position. The student-leader positions that are included are the following: President (SGA), Executive Vice-President (SGA), Vice-President of Student Services (SGA), Vice President for Student Life (SGA), Vice-President of Public Relations (SGA), Vice-President of Budget and Finance (SGA), Editor (The Signal), Editor (Rampway Online), Editor (New South), General Manager (WRAS), General Manager (GSTV), Executive Director (Spotlight Programs Board), Committee Directors (Spotlight Programs Board) and General Manager (Cinefest Film Theatre).

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If there are no qualified applicants for the position at the time of the organizations' respective deadline for applications, then the incumbent, if in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University, may appeal to the Dean of Students to submit an application for consideration.

5. Graduation

If a student graduates while holding office in a student organization, the office automatically terminates at graduation, unless the student enrolls the subsequent semester or has been accepted into a graduate program at Georgia State University.

6. Definition of Office

All titled positions within any student organization are considered officers.

7. Responsibility of Chief Officers

It is the responsibility of the student organization advisor to verify eligibility of students prior to their election or appointment. This process can be accomplished in conjunction with the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

8. Waiver

Requests for waivers or exceptions to this section may be submitted in writing to the Assistant Dean/Director of Student Life and Leadership, Suite 330 Student Center.

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