

# FAQ's

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## **Q: What is the time commitment for a USG representative position?**

**A:** The time required for a representative position varies from week to week, but you can expect a few regular obligations. Every USG representative is required to attend at least two meetings every week. General Assembly meetings, Tuesdays at 7:00pm, usually last about an hour and a half and are structured to take care of business of the entire USG. A representative also must serve on one standing USG committee. Meeting times vary by committee and you can select one that meets your interests, but each usually last no longer than an hour. Representatives are expected to participate in constituent forums, meetings with administrators, and other USG events as they can. Beyond that, you can contribute as much as you're willing and able to USG.

## **Q: Do I have to have USG experience to run?**

**A:** No. Except for a few USG Executive offices (President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Information Technology which require prior service), all positions are open to all students. It's probably a good idea to read over the position descriptions and contact current office holders to get an idea of your responsibilities, but USG always needs fresh perspectives.

## **Q: What's the difference between USG and Class Officers?**

**A:** USG is dedicated to representing the students and advocating on the students' behalf to the University administration in all areas of student life, academic policy, and information technology. USG is also responsible for student organization funding and recognition. The Class Officers are dedicated to promoting class unity and school spirit through class-based programming. They are two separate organizations, but hold their elections together to improve turnout and efficiency.

## **Q: Can I run for more than one office?**

**A:** Yes. You may run for up to one USG executive position, one USG representative position, and one Class Officer position. If you win both the executive and representative positions, you will be elected to the executive office and your representative position will go to the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes. Class officer results do not effect USG offices.

## **Q: When can I start campaigning and what are the rules?**

**A:** Not until after the mandatory candidates' meeting on March 21 at 12:30pm in the USG office. You must sign a campaign agreement before you can campaign. Campaign rules will be distributed at the candidates' meeting and are available online.