
SENATE ELECTIONS

Thank you for your interest in running for a PSGA Senator position! Enclosed you will find the necessary information and paperwork to begin your campaign. In order to get your name on the ballot (as opposed to being a write-in candidate), all materials must be turned in to the PSGA office (Campus Center North, 1012) by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th AT 6:00 PM**. If at any time during the campaign or elections process you have any questions, feel free to contact the Chair of the Elections Committee, Caitlin Christian-Lamb, by email at psga.senatechair@purchase.edu.

Senate Elections Schedule:

<i>Friday, September 5th:</i>	Campaign packets are made available. Download at www.psgaonline.org , or pick up at the PSGA Office (CCN 1012).
<i>Friday, September 12th:</i>	Campaign packets and materials due by 6:00 PM, in the PSGA Office (CCN 1012).
<i>Monday, September 15th & Tuesday, September 16th:</i>	Voting takes place, in the lobby of Campus Center North, in between 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM, by paper ballots.
<i>Wednesday, September 17th:</i>	Results announced at Midnight EST, by Purchase email. First Senate meeting is held at 12:30 PM, in Southside (CCS).

Senator Eligibility Requirements:

PSGA Senators are required to be in good academic and disciplinary standing with Purchase College.

Campaign Materials:

All candidates shall be allowed the following campaign promotional materials:

- 50 full-sized flyers (8.5 x 11")
- 3 thirty-second video advertisements on PTV
- 3 thirty-second audio advertisements on WPSR

ALL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS SHALL INCLUDE "PAID FOR BY YOUR MANDATORY STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE".

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Questions: [please attach type-written sheet]:

Why do you want to run for this position?

What are your plans and goals for the position if elected?

What is the important of student representation here at Purchase College?

How would you like to see the PSGA improve over the coming year?

What is one interesting fact about you?

Favorite name for a unicorn?

50 Signatures _____

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Section 1: Definition

- a. The primary legislative powers of the PSGA shall be vested in the PSGA Senate.
- b. In order for any official Senate meeting to be conducted, a quorum is required. A quorum shall be defined as greater than fifty percent (50%) of the current elected members.
- c. The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used when meetings of the Senate are conducted. Robert's Rules may be suspended by the Chair of the Senate to discuss issues at hand.

Section 2: Composition

- a. There shall be at least one representative for each residential complex.
- b. There shall be at least one representative for each academic division and/or conservatory.
- c. The ratio of Senate members to constituents shall be set annually as part of the Senate elections process.
- d. The Senate shall be made up of PSGA members, who shall serve as voting representatives of the following constituencies:
 - a. There shall be one (1) residential representative for every portion of students who live on campus.
 - b. There shall be one (1) representative for every portion of commuter students as defined by the bylaws.
 - c. There shall be one (1) academic representative for every portion of students as defined by the bylaws.
- e. In order to change the ratio of Senate members to constituents, the Senate must approve a new ratio by a 2/3 majority vote.
- f. Representatives for specific and timely conditions shall be elected when appropriate, and must be approved by the Senate.
- g. Term of office for all members of the Senate shall be no more than thirteen (13) months in length.
- h. Appointed representatives filling vacancies shall serve until the next regular or special election.

Section 3: Duties

- a. To represent the student body.
- b. To legislate on bylaws, regulations, and procedures of the PSGA.
- c. To advocate on behalf of the entire student body.

Section 4: Powers

- a. All decisions of the Senate shall be binding on all members of the PSGA.
- b. By a 2/3 vote of its membership, the Senate may override a veto by the Executive Board.
- c. By a 2/3 vote of its membership, the Senate may override a decision made by the Judicial Board.
- d. By a 2/3 vote of its membership, the Senate may overrule the composition and/or membership of any Senate committee.

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- e. Only the Senate shall take final action on any committee decisions, motions, and/or suggestions made by the PSGA.
- f. The Senate may call for a special election.
- g. The Senate may approve the dissolution of a Service by a simple majority vote (greater than 50%).
- h. In the event of a vacancy in the Executive Board, other than President, the Senate may appoint, by a simple majority (greater than 50%), a person to fill the vacancy until the next general election.
- i. In the event of a vacancy in the Senate, the Senate may appoint by a 2/3 vote, a nominee by the Chair of the Senate.

Section 5: Obligations of Senate Members

- a. Shall attend Senate meetings.
- b. Shall sit on and attend committees recognized by the PSGA.
- c. Shall act upon the issues and concerns of their constituents and inform them on matters of the Senate.
- d. Shall report to the Senate on any actions performed as a senator.
- e. Shall participate in a retreat for senators during the fall semester.

Section 6: Committees

- a. Guidelines
 - a. There shall be the following committees under the PSGA Senate: Finance; Elections; Council of Clubs & Organizations; Student Services Board; Major Events; General Programming; Civic Actions; Steering; Public Relations; Public Art; Diversity Outreach.
 - b. The Senate shall have the power to create other committees as required.
 - c. The Senate shall have the power to create ad hoc committees as needed.
 - d. The Chair of the committee is responsible for ensuring that order is kept during all meetings. The Chair acts as the arbiter of discussions in committees.
 - e. A simple majority vote (greater than 50%) by a committee may appoint and dismiss non-voting members to their committee.
 - f. The latest version of Robert's Rules of Order may be used in standing committees when a majority of the committee members present deem it necessary.
 - g. All committees approved by the Senate must conform to the composition stipulated by their bylaws.
 - h. All committees approved by the Senate must maintain minutes of each committee meeting to be submitted to the Chair of the Senate within seven (7) days time.
 - i. A quorum will not be required for committee meetings unless a majority of the committee members deem it necessary. In order for votes to occur at any meeting, a quorum shall be required. Quorum shall be defined as greater than fifty percent (50%) of the committee members, unless otherwise designated when the committee is formed.
- b. Elections Committee

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- a. The Elections Committee shall conduct elections for the PSGA.
 - b. Shall be co-chaired by the Chair of the Senate and the PSGA advisor. In the event that the Chair of the Senate is a candidate for an Executive Board position, a new co-chair shall be appointed by the Senate.
 - c. The Elections Committee shall conduct all elections for all positions and referendums requiring a vote of the body at large.
 - d. Elections must be held for every office in the PSGA as per their terms.
 - e. The Elections Committee will publicize all elections and results. The publication must state the times and locations for voting, the subject of the said election or vote, all election procedures, and information about the eligibility of voters in the body at large.
- c. Finance Committee
 - a. Is charged with the annual budget of the PSGA, all its proposed allocations, and all its proposed re-allocations.
 - b. Shall be chaired by the Coordinator of Finance.
 - d. General Programming Committee
 - a. Shall recommend and implement programming for the PSGA.
 - b. Shall be chaired by the Coordinator of General Programming.
 - e. Major Events Committee
 - a. Shall recommend and implement programming for the major events of the PSGA.
 - b. Shall be chaired by the Coordinator of Major Events.
 - f. Civic Actions Committee
 - a. Shall carry out projects initiated by the Senate in order to improve campus life.
 - b. Shall be chaired by the President.
 - g. Steering Committee
 - a. Shall review internal operations of the PSGA.
 - b. Shall review the charter of any new club, organization, service, or committee for constitutional compliance prior to their recognition by the PSGA.
 - c. Shall be chaired by the Chair of the Senate.
 - h. Public Relations
 - a. Shall oversee the public relations of the PSGA.
 - b. Shall be chaired by a senator.
 - i. Public Art
 - a. Shall serve to beautify Purchase College through the use of pre-approved art projects on campus.
 - b. Shall maintain current public art at Purchase College.
 - c. Shall be chaired by a senator.
 - j. Diversity Outreach
 - a. Shall oversee diversity initiatives of the PSGA.

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- b. Shall be chaired by the Diversity Outreach Chair.

Section 7: Summer Officers

a. Definitions

- a. The Summer Officers shall address any pending business that cannot wait for the fall semester, supervise the PSGA's summer operations, prepare for the fall semester, represent the Senate in all manners in which they are able, and enact any agenda set by the Senate at the end of the spring term.
- b. The term of the Summer Officers shall be from the time of their appointment until the first meeting of the newly elected Senate in the following fall semester.
- c. The constituency of the summer officers shall be defined as the constituency of the Senate that they represent, i.e. every activity fee paying student attending during the summer session.

b. Composition

- a. The Summer Officers shall be elected by the Senate at the third-to last Senate meeting of the preceding spring semester.
- b. The number of Summer Officers shall be determined by the Senate.
- c. Elected Summer Officers must be current members of the PSGA at the time of their election and must have previously served as elected or appointed officers of the PSGA. If not enough people who meet these criteria are available, the Senate may choose, instead, to elect other students.

c. Duties

- a. Must organize the PSGA's participation in the New Student Orientation.
- b. Must organize and prepare the PSGA office for the fall semester in consultation with the Executive Board.
- c. Must enact any agenda set by the Senate and any duties that the Senate deems necessary.
- d. Must handle any business over the summer that would normally be handled by the Senate, and is within its power to do so.
- e. Must inform the Executive Board of any business that requires Senate action over the course of the summer.
- f. Must prepare a report given to the new Senate on the last day of the Summer Officers' term describing the actions taken over the summer.

d. Powers

The Summer Officers during their term will have all the powers and responsibilities assigned to the Senate except the following:

- a. Are not required to attend committee meetings.
- b. Are not required to participate in the annual leadership training retreat.
- c. May not call for a special election.
- d. May not appoint executive or Senate vacancies.
- e. May not approve bylaws or regulations.

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- f. May have other restrictions on their rights and responsibilities as described in bylaws

At any point the Senate may assign any of the above restricted powers to the Summer Officers with a majority (50%) vote.