



**SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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**Student Government Association  
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**Mission**

We, the elected representatives of the Savannah State University (SSU) student body, the Student Government Association (SSUSGA), will serve as a bridge between the administration, faculty, staff and students. The Student Government Association will work to strengthen communication, effectively address student concerns, and promote a culture of academic excellence at Savannah State University. Additionally, the Student Government Association will work diligently to strengthen the relationship between the university and the greater Savannah community.

**Vision**

The Student Government Association seeks to improve campus moral and Tiger Spirit, help students identify campus resources, and promote a positive relationship among students, faculty, staff and administrators. Students who participate in Student Government Association sponsored events will enhance their collegiate experience and become more prepared to face the challenges of the global work force.

**Student Government Association Goals and Objectives**

1. Continue to Improve Students Academics Experience and Student Services

***A. Objective: Improve Students Engagement in Academics***

Strategies:

- Library hours improvement
- Creating a more competitive environment for Savannah State University Student
- Host Grant writing sessions for students to learn how to earn financial aid

- Create a staff survey “continuing the tradition of excellence with caring” that evaluates student’s interaction with the staff at the university. In order to make sure that students needs are being met.
- Launch a statewide “Georgia bleeds Orange and Blue” program that encourages high school students to come to SSU. Various high schools will come to SSU for a day and live the typical day of a SSU student.

***B. Objective: Improve Campus Police Relationship with Students***

Strategies:

- Survey students experience with public safety
- Inform students of the duties, classification and rank of various public safety units
- Promote the campus Silent Witness Program
- Work with Public Safety to enhance their website by making it more accessible for students
- Establish a better communication with Public Safety
- Partner with campus safety and Student Affairs to implement and offer the University community the SNAP program, Student Night Auxillary Patrol. The program will provides safety escorts to the university community during the evenings and at night.

***C. Objective: Enhance the affairs amongst the Department of Public Safety, Department of Ethics, and the Savannah State University Student Body***

Strategies:

- Establish a student friendly environment with the Department of Student Ethics
- Establish a bi-weekly meeting with the Director of Student Ethics and the SGA Chief Justice
- Establish a monthly meeting with the Chief of Police and SGA Chief of Justice
- Educate the Student body of their rights as students, accusers, and defendants
- Encourage a student friendly Department of Public Safety
- Create coordinating programs with the Department of Public Safety and Department of Student Ethics
- Establish Tigers’ on Patrol (T.O.P)
- Assist in internship opportunities with the Department of Public Safety

2. Increase Student Awareness of Campus Opportunities and Students Involvement

***A. Objective: Student Advocacy***

Strategies:

- Work on having more structured and effective Class Officers
- Tracking complaint form electronically to keep the students informed about the status of their complaint

- Streamline Complaint by creating a Formal Complaints Committee
- Create a committee composed of Non-Traditional organization, and graduate council to streamline graduate and non-traditional complains.
- Appeal more to non-traditional and minority students by reaching out and ensuring that they are informed of campus programs.

***B. Objective: Improve the line of Communication between faculty, staff, and students.***

Strategies:

- Inform students of new changes pertaining to entire student body
  - ❖ Hosting forums (Continue the “Put it On Blast”)
  - ❖ Publishing a newsletter twice a semester (“Tiger’s VOICE”)
  - ❖ Continue to use Facebook page (SSU SGA), twitter account (@SSU\_SGA), email ([sga@savannahstate.edu](mailto:sga@savannahstate.edu)), website ([www.ssusga.edu](http://www.ssusga.edu))
- SSUSGA YouTube Channel
  - ❖ SGA President gives monthly addresses
  - ❖ Senate Meeting and Forum for students who couldn’t make it
- SGA Segment on Mass Communications Channel
  - ❖ Press Secretary/Director of Communication Gives Briefing and announcements at the beginning of the week.
- Twitter Campaign
  - ❖ Posters around campus ALL YEAR stating:
  - ❖ “You follow us, we’ll follow your needs” Sincerely, @SSU\_SGA
  - ❖ Possibly t-shirts stating the same thing
- SGA Segment in Tigers Roar
- The State of the Student Body Address will occur at the beginning of each semester to discuss issues including but not limited to.
- Inform faculty and staff about our meetings/events via email and personal contact
- Identify professors who will implement incentives in the classroom for students participating in extra curricular activities
  - Leadership Positions
  - Community Services (The Power of ONE day)
  - Campus Involvement
  - Others
- Encourage faculty engagement by awarding several faculty awards such as: “Professor of the Year,” “Most School Spirited Professor,” and many others

***C. Objective: Transparency***

Strategies:

- Continue the Open Door policy
- SGA on Your Plate- In an effort to increase the visibility of SGA's executive branch, we will make an effort to dine with students.
- Every last Sunday of each months, SGA will go in each residents buildings, allowing students to ask questions, concerns, and gives suggestions.
- Attend a few of the mandatory residential hall meeting to make sure that the Students voices are being heard.

***D. Objective: Decrease School Apathy (School Pride and Spirit)***

Strategies:

- Host programs to Uplift both woman and man on campus
- Be the ROLE MODEL by following the statement of ethos for men and women written April 14,2002
- Promote womanhood, manhood, sisterhood, and brotherhood.
- Continue the first Friday initiative "Tiger Pride Friday"
- Promote and encourage participation in athletic games via pep rally, parades , and by give away
- Commitment to diversity which will not only prepare our students for the workforce in the USA but globally.
- Host different events to allow the students to see the diversity that is in our school
- Utilize Tiger Ambassadors , Residential Assistant and Student Orientation Leaders' services
- Host monthly "SSU History Trivia" in the Student Union
- Host two alumni related programs per semester ( teaching the history of SSU)

3. Reconstruction of the Student Government Association

***A. Objective: to better the representation***

Strategies:

- Extend the SGA President's Cabinet/Staff with the following representations
  - Alumni Relations- to strength our relationship with our alum
  - Non-Traditional Student Representative
  - Commuter Student Representative
  - International Student Representative
  - Graduate Council Representative
- Chief of Staff will List and REPORT on all committees, boards, meetings, conferences, etc via the SGA WEBSITE
- SGA President Seating on the President's Cabinet

- Advisory board from each colleges ( Jesse has to add something here)

***B. Objective: Coordinates and facilitate judicial committees/boards, to provide effective implementation of SSUSGA policies and regulations***

Strategies:

- The appointment of 12 justices who will serve as members of the SGA judicial branch
  - ❖ Judicial Press
  - ❖ Judicial Secretary
  - ❖ Executive Justice
  - ❖ Justice of Campus safety
  - ❖ Justice of Academic Appeals
  - ❖ Justice of Traffic Appeals
  - ❖ Justice of Residential Appeals
  - ❖ Justice of Student Ethics
  - ❖ Justice of Internal Affairs
  - ❖ Justice of Auditing
  - ❖ Justice of Events and Planning
  - ❖ Justice of the Mediation Committee
- Facilitate and coordinate bi-weekly meetings with the members of the SGA Judicial Branch
- Encourage students interested in practicing law and ethics to become involved with the SGA Judicial Branch
- Schedule and conduct trainings amongst the members of the SGA Judicial branch during the appointing process