



## **Student Government Association**

### *2011-2012 Student Government Election Information*

#### **What is SGA?**

The Student Government Association is a group of student leaders who represent the student body by making recommendations to and consulting with the college administration, faculty, and staff on matters that concern the well being of the student body. SGA members meet with staff from the dining hall, maintenance, and security to address any concerns of the students. SGA coordinates student forums with the Harcum's President, Dr. DeTemple, and other college administrators. SGA coordinates fundraising and selection of the senior class gift. SGA may plan various student events.

#### **Why run for a position on SGA?**

As a member of SGA, you are the voice for your classmates and your school. You help make decisions to make the college better and develop relationships with faculty and staff. The stronger SGA is, the more voice students will have in the activities of the college. You also play an important role in commencement activities. Being elected to SGA shows your strength as a leader at Harcum, and is a valuable addition to your resume.

#### **Once I'm elected to SGA, what would I have to do?**

SGA members meet every other week for about an hour. The SGA President sets the agenda for these meetings and usually you spend time planning for upcoming activities, discussing issues on campus, or reporting back about past meetings or events. SGA members have other duties depending on their position, including acting as a student liaison to food, maintenance, or security staff.

#### **What positions are available?**

SGA Vice President, Treasurer, 2 Commuter Representatives, 2 Resident Representatives

#### **How do I run for office?**

Just fill out the application and write a platform about why you want to be a part of SGA and what your goals would be as an SGA member. **Applications are due by Friday, September 9th at 5 pm to the Office of Campus Activities.** If you have any questions you can call Janelle Williams x.6038.

## **Can you give me an example of a platform?**

Your platform could go something like this:

*As Vice President of the Student Government Association, I would work to create more volunteer opportunities for Harcum students in the community. I believe that volunteering is a really great way for us to use the skills we have gained at Harcum to make the world a better place. I know a lot of students on campus, and I would make sure that the views of students were expressed to Harcum's administration, faculty, and staff. I was a class representative at my high school and I believe that my background in student government will help to make me an effective member of SGA.*

It would be good to discuss what issues that you think are important and want to work on as a part of SGA. You should also talk about any special skills or experience you have that might make you a good leader.

**Good Luck!**

**Please return all applications to the Office of Campus Activities, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Klein Hall.** If you have any questions you can call 610-526-6038 or email [studentgov@harcum.edu](mailto:studentgov@harcum.edu)

**DEADLINE IS 5pm September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Thank you for your interest in the Student Government Association and we hope that you'll join us!

**Harcum College**  
**Student Government Association**  
*2011 – 2012 Student Government Application*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Resident

Commuter

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to get in touch with you? \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the times that you would be available to have SGA meetings in the Fall 2010 semester:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Please write a brief statement of why you are interested in joining SGA and what you hope to accomplish.

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