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# SGA Elections Information Night

APU needs YOU to run for SGA!!!



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# What is SGA?



# SGA Mission Statement

The Azusa Pacific University Student Government Association is a proactive student government comprised of student officers committed to upholding the university's Four Cornerstones: Christ, community, service, and scholarship. SGA works to bridge the gap between students and administration, improving the spiritual, academic, and social wellbeing of the student body through God-centered leadership and service.



# What is SGA (in normal words)?

- Comprised of elected and appointed officials
- Listen to the Student Body and communicate their needs to the appropriate departments
- Collect variety of feedback from the Student Body
- Work with Administration to improve our campus and the student experience



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# SGA Team and Roles



# Team Structure

## Executive Committee:

- President\*
- Vice President\*
- Director of Finance (DOF)
- Director of Communications (DOC)

## SGA Officers:

- Student Senators\* (4)
- Strategists (2)
- First-Year Representatives (2)

*\*Elected Positions*



# Executive Committee

**President\*:** External representative of SGA and the student body; leads the Executive Committee

**Vice President\*:** Oversees all SGA operations; maintains the SGA office space

**Director of Finance (DOF):** Handles the SGA budget and finances; oversees the SGA Survey

**Director of Communications (DOC):** Leads the Public Relations (PR) Committee in all external communications; oversees The Table



# SGA Officers

**Student Senators\* (4):** Represents students by collecting student feedback and meeting with offices

**Strategists (2):** Serves on PR Committee; creates graphics, reels, newsletters, and other content

**First-Year Representatives (2):** Same role as Senators, but for first-year students! (Hired in the Fall)





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# Elections Timeline



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**February 7th** - Applications due by 11:59 pm

**February 8th - 14th** - Executive candidates meet with SGA Advisor

**February 9th** - Campaign meeting (mandatory!)

**February 14th** - Campaign begins

**February 21th** - Speeches due for review

**February 26th** - SGA elections chapel



# Elections Timeline

**February 26th - March 1st** - Ballots are open

*March 1st-2nd - Executive run-off (if needed)*

**March 1st** - All winners notified at 5pm

*(Spring Break - March 2nd-10th)*

**March 11th** - Decision day

**March 13th** - Executives announced



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**But what if I want to apply  
for an appointed position?**



# Appointed Timeline

**March 20th** - Applications for appointed positions due @11:59pm

**March 18th - 27th** - Appointed position interviews

**March 27th** - Appointed/All Student Leaders notified of winners

**March 29th** - Appointed/All Student Leaders Decision Day!



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# Petitions



# GPA & Petitions

## Petitions are required when an individual:

- Does not meet GPA minimum
  - Executive: 3.2
  - Non-executive: 2.7
- Participates in an additional extracurricular school activity
  - Everyone - Resident Advisor, Alpha Leader/Coordinator, etc.
  - Executive only - Chapel Band, Athletics
- Is not in “good standing” with the school (ex: service credits)
- Is taking over 18 units
- Is not available for required training dates
- Does not meet other qualifications required for the position



# Filing a Petition

Email [SGADOC@apu.edu](mailto:SGADOC@apu.edu) for specific requirements

General outline of a petition:

- Includes 2 letters of recommendation
- A letter explaining your reasoning, and solution for the issue

**February 7th** - Petition submissions due by 12:00 pm (more on this later!)

**February 7th** - Petitions presented at Business Meeting





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# Questions?

