



## Senate Application

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your willingness to be a leader within the student body. The following packet contains a list of instructions and important dates for successful completion of your Senate application. Please read all information carefully, and direct any questions to the SGA office or Student Affairs.

The Student Government Association provides students an opportunity to become involved in the FMU community, volunteer on campus and/or the surrounding communities, plan events, provide funding to student organizations, and provide official suggestions to the University in various areas concerning student life.

The Senate consists of twenty-five (25) Senators. Twenty (20) seats are elected upperclassmen, and five (5) seats are reserved for freshmen. Due to Graduation, five (5) seats were vacated. Because of the vacancy, these respected seats will be filled through the upcoming special election. We encourage you to express your interests and ideas to the elected student leaders that are actively involved in the Association through elections, meetings, and committees. Thanks again for your interest to become involved in the leadership of SGA. Good luck and we hope to see you in SGA!

Best wishes,  
SGA Executive Board

Cody Simpson, President  
Shayla Williams, Secretary

Ronald Gailliard, Vice-President  
Miesha Thompson, Treasurer

### **Application Instructions:**

1. Fill out the candidate information completely.
2. Read and abide by the Election Rules and Regulations.

**Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 in the Smith University Center, Room 205.**

**A MANDATORY meeting concerning elections will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 in the Smith University Center, Room 218 at 5:00 PM. All candidates are REQUIRED to attend this meeting. If they chose to not attend the prescribed meeting, they will be removed from the election ballot.**

### **Senator Application Requirements:**

- Candidates must be students of Francis Marion University.
- Candidates must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average.
- Candidates must be in good standing with the University.
- Candidates shall hold no other elected or appointed office or position within the Executive or Judicial branches of the SGA, excluding appointments to special committees within and of the SGA that may at times be created for defined purposes for a specific, limited time.

### **Elections:**

- By signing your name on the Candidate Information page of this application, you signify that you have read and agree to be in accordance with the election rules as stated above.
- Candidates also understand any violation of election rules forfeit their right to remain a Candidate for SGA.

**SGA Senate Special Elections will be held on:  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 @ Founders' Hall Breezeway  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

*If you have any questions, please contact the SGA office UC 215,  
843-661-1361 or Student Affairs 843-661-1182. sga@fmarion.edu*

***(OVER)***

**YOUR  
COPY**

## **FMU STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In the spirit of collegiate activity and in order to provide a more level playing field for all students involved, it is necessary that the following guidelines are adhered to so candidates do not have an advantage based on accessibility, finances and/or undue influences.

### **ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- All flyers/posters should be no larger than a standard letter size (8 ½” x 11”) and must be approved and stamped by Division of Student Affairs
- Candidates are prohibited from distributing gifts or favors. (candy, cd’s, t-shirts, doing class work, washing cars, etc.)
- No campaign materials (are to be present within fifty (50) feet of the voting booth. All posters should be moved to an area more than fifty (50) feet away.
- No verbal campaigning is to take place within fifty (50) feet of the voting booth. This includes both positive and negative campaigning. Any student who is heard supporting or discouraging the election of any candidate should be asked to leave the area or to cease activity. NO preferential treatment is to be given to any candidate in the voting area. The penalty for violating these rules shall be decided by the Dean of Students Office.
- Candidates may enter the fifty (50) feet “no-campaigning zone” only to vote. A candidate may not view the roll of those who have voted until such a time as the elections are officially over.

**By signing below I am stating that I have read and understand the Francis Marion University Student Government Association Election Guidelines. I am also agreeing that any violation of these guidelines is grounds for immediate disqualification.**

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Signature

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Date

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# Senate Candidate Information

## Special Election 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI*

Name (As It Will Appear On Ballot): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone Number: *Campus:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Cell:* \_\_\_\_\_

Local Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include campus box #) \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain why you believe you would be the best choice for this position:

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By signing this application, I signify that I have read and agree to be in accordance with the stated campaigning and election rules. I also authorize the Division of Student Affairs and SGA to verify any information on this form, including academic information.

X \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

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DATE