Position: Senator, Student Government Association

The position of Senator has been established to offer students of Illinois State University direct representation in the Student Government Assembly. The Senator serves in a representative capacity for assigned constituents when considering matters brought to the Student Government Association, and serves in a trustee capacity for assigned constituents when serving as a member of the Academic Senate. A Senator serves as a voting member of both the Academic Senate and the Student Government Association.

Senators shall represent the following student constituencies:

**On Campus Senators (5)**
On Campus Senators are elected by a plurality vote of those students maintaining residence in University housing at the time of election. On Campus Senators serve to represent the interests of on campus students and must maintain on campus residency in the residence hall area they represent from the fall of their terms through the inauguration of the next elected officers the following spring. On Campus Senators shall work with the Association of Residence Halls and ensure Student Government Association representation at ARH General Assembly meetings, and individual Senators shall attend their respective area government meetings. The constituent areas include:

- a. South Campus (Atkin-Colby and Hamilton-Whitten)
- b. West Campus (Tri-Towers)
- c. East Campus (Hewett/Machester)
- d. Watterson North Tower
- e. Watterson South Tower

**Off Campus Senators (8)**
Off-Campus Senators are elected by a plurality vote of those students not living in residence halls at the time of the election. Off-Campus Senators serve to represent the interests of off-campus students and must maintain off-campus residency from the fall of their terms through the inauguration of the next elected officers the following spring. Off-Campus Senators shall work with the Dean of Students Office, Office of Off-Campus and Nontraditional Student Services to advocate off-campus and nontraditional student concerns. Students are assigned to Off Campus Senators based on alphabetical groupings representing one-eighth (1/8) of the students living on campus.

**Graduate Senators (2)**
Graduate Senator are elected by a plurality of those students with Graduate Student status. Senators must maintain graduate student status from the time of elections or appointment through the inauguration of the next elected officers the following spring. Graduate Senators
shall attempt to unify the graduate student population and promote graduate student issues. Each senator shall represent half (½) of all the graduate students.

RSO Senators (2)
Two (2) Registered Student Organization (RSO) Senator are elected by a plurality of the student body shall serve to represent the interests of Registered Student Organizations. RSO Senators shall work to reach out to registered student organizations through the Dean of Students Office, Student Involvement Center. The RSO Senators will be responsible for administering the RSO of the Month program.

Academic Senators (3)
Academic Senators are elected by a plurality of the student body shall serve to represent the interests of students in their academic colleges and departments. Academic Senators shall work to maintain contact with the colleges they represent and shall attempt to be aware of the issues that are facing their constituents. The assigning of constituencies for Academic Senators shall be assigned by the total enrollment of each College. Assignments shall be made at the beginning of each term by the President of the Assembly.

  a. One Senator shall represent the first and sixth most populous colleges (CAS, MCN)
  b. One Senator shall represent the second and fifth most populous colleges (CAST, CFA)
  c. One Senator shall represent the third and fourth most populous colleges (COB, COE)

Specific responsibilities of Senators include:

- Abiding by, enforcing, and supporting the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, Bylaws, and other governing documents
- Serving as a voting member of the Student Government Assembly and the Academic Senate
- Serving as a voting member of one internal SGA committee, one internal Academic Senate committee, and external Committees as assigned by the Student Body Vice President
- Recommending and/or sponsoring legislation to the SGA Assembly
- Performing other duties as assigned by the Assembly or other Student Government Association governing documents

The Student Government Assembly:

As a whole, the Student Government Assembly has the following authority, powers, and responsibilities:

- To abide by and support the Student Government Association Constitution, Bylaws, and other governing documents
- To support the University community and its mission
- To represent their respective constituencies, and where applicable the Student Body, to the University and local community
- To initiate student referenda in accordance with University guidelines
- To approve and monitor the Student Government Association budget
- To confirm presidential appointments by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the sitting Assembly
- To enact legislation, policies, and services on behalf of and in the best interest of the Student Body
- To accept reports from the Administration, internal committees, and members of the University community
- To approve all budget expenditures over $500 before expenditures may be processed
- To override a presidential veto by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the sitting Assembly
- To elect as Assembly Officers the President of the Assembly, the Vice President of the Assembly, and the Secretary of the Assembly as enumerated in the Legislative Bylaws

Requirements:

- Must be in attendance for the SGA Transition retreat on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and at the SGA Summer Retreat on July 22, 2011 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (location TBA)
- Senators are expected to record eight (8) hours of work each week that school is in session during the fall and spring semesters, except for Finals Week. Senators are also required to attend one summer meeting, a fall retreat and a winter retreat, for which they are granted one week of pay each.
- Must attend all meetings of the SGA Assembly, Academic Senate, one assigned internal SGA committee, and one assigned internal Academic Senate Committee
  - SGA Assembly and Academic Senate meet on alternating Wednesday evenings beginning at 6pm
- Must have completed at least one full semester at Illinois State University at the time of election or appointment, with the exception of transfer or graduate students.
- No Senator may hold his/her seat on the Assembly concurrently with an office or (Executive) position in the Administration or ex-officio representative seat.

Compensation:

- Each Senator may receive a maximum payment of $2,450 per annual term, based on eight hours of work each week for 35 weeks (16 weeks each semester and 3 retreats)
- Each Senator may need to be engaged in SGA activities outside of those for which s/he will receive compensation. It is understood that these hours are served as a volunteer in a registered student organization.