

2022-2023 Election Packet

Student Government Association
Of
Illinois Central College

Election Packet and Photo Submission Due Date: Friday, September 16 by 4:30 p.m.

Campaign Dates: September 19-20

Election Dates: Wednesday, September 21 & Thursday, September 22

What is the Role of Student Government Association (SGA)?

Illinois Central College has various organizations which provide students with many benefits. Student Government Association is unique in that its purpose is not just to help students enjoy ICC but to improve it. SGA does this by being an avenue for students to receive assistance when feeling challenged on campus and voice their ideas on how they could help improve the College. The SGA holds regular meetings to discuss these topics as well as ways for the members to improve the overall operations of SGA.

What is the Role of an SGA Senator?

Student Government Association is made up of many students in various positions. Leadership is provided by the SGA Executive Board, which is composed of five elected student officers. Most of SGA's authority, however, lies with the Senators because they hold a majority of the positions. Up to eleven senators may be elected by the student body, and together, the Executive Board and the Senators make up the SGA General Assembly.

Senators are elected to represent the student body and its interests. Senators will be called upon to vote on matters concerning the SGA and the student body. They always represent the students and, in a larger sense, ICC as a whole. Senators should be involved with the student body as much as possible, so they understand the concerns of the students.

What are the Benefits of Being an SGA Senator?

Being an SGA Senator has certain benefits that are easy to list, such as its appeal on a job resume or its networking value. Senators benefit by obtaining opportunities to develop and enhance their professionalism, leadership skills, networking, and community involvement. While you are an SGA senator, you may have the opportunity to meet important figures, such as presidents of colleges, business executives, and political leaders. You may have the opportunity to travel and participate in workshops and conferences representing ICC across the state and perhaps regionally/nationally. SGA Senators will have the opportunity to lead the current and future students of ICC into a better college experience.

What are the Requirements to Become an SGA Senator?

In order to be eligible to become an SGA Senator, students must:

1. Be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours of ICC classes during each semester (fall and spring).
2. Must be in good standing (academic and judicial) at the college. Good academic standing is having a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.0. First-semester freshman are exempt from the G.P.A. requirement until they establish an ICC G.P.A.
3. Available to attend General Assembly meetings every other Monday 5-6pm.

4. Must attend one SGA sponsored event during their elected term.

How are SGA Senators Elected?

Every fall semester, the student body elects all of the SGA Senators for the coming year in a campus election. In order to become a senator, a student must (1) meet the eligibility requirements, (2) file a completed SGA Senator Election Packet and photo with Student Life by the deadline, and (3) receive enough votes from the student body in the general election to place in the top eleven finalists.

Names of eligible candidates will be placed on the ballot in the order in which their completed packets are received. Candidates will be required to set up a time for their picture to be taken when profile sheets are submitted. The pictures and information from the profile sheets will be displayed on the election website and other election materials. Proofreading the Candidate Profile submission is strongly recommended.

Senators are elected by a campus-wide election. All voting will occur online via the ICC website. Online voting will be accessible beginning at 8:00am on the first Election Day, through 4:00 pm on the final Election Day. A stationary polling place will be located in the Atrium of the East Peoria campus from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on election dates. Eligible voters may also vote online at any computer with internet access. All bona fide registered students at Illinois Central College, full time or part-time, shall be eligible to vote in the campus wide election for senators.

What are the Rules for Campaigning for the Elections?

Campaigning may begin after the designated campaign start date, but not before the full election packet, including the profile sheet is submitted to and approved by Student Life. Each candidate may request Student Life for up to 50 fliers (8.5 x 11). Candidates must submit originals to Student Life for approval no later than one week before elections. Candidates may also supply for themselves, and use bulletins, hats, handbills, balloons or other visual means to campaign. All campaign materials must be approved by Student Life prior to use. All candidates will be notified of all approved campaign materials via their ICC student email addresses. **All campaigning, including that on social media should be in accordance with ICC's Student Code of Conduct.** Candidates may be held accountable for any violation of the Student Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to, disqualification.

Candidates may campaign on the days of election in pre-assigned areas only. Pre-assigned campaign areas may not be used or solicited as polling places. Candidates are responsible for making sure that students do not vote while at their pre-assigned campaign station. Verbal solicitation of votes or campaigning activities of any kind are prohibited at polling places and shall not be directed at students who are in the process of voting. A polling place is defined as anywhere where a student may cast a vote.

Failure to comply with these election rules will result in the candidate being held accountable for their actions, including, but not limited to, disqualification for the duration of this election cycle. Candidates are responsible for the actions of those campaigning on their behalf. If a candidate(s) believes another candidate(s) has committed a violation an Election Complaint form must be filed with Student Life the day of the alleged violation, and no later than the conclusion of voting.

Declaration of Candidacy

I, _____, hereby officially submit myself as an independent candidate for the
Print name above
open elected Senator position for the term of 2022-2023. I am fully aware of campaign and election procedures and I agree to follow all rules, terms and conditions. I agree to allow ICC to use my photo and my name, description of myself, goals for position, year in school, and major from my candidate profile sheet on the ICC website, election materials and in other public or media venues. Student Leadership & Engagement staff have my permission to view my full ICC student record to verify my eligibility to run for this position.

Signature

Date

Candidate Profile Sheet

Please Print

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

ICC E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Hours Enrolled this Semester: _____ GPA: _____

In addition to filling out this form, send an email to studentlife@icc.edu. Please describe yourself and any goals you hope to accomplish as an executive officer. Include your name as you would like it written on the ballot, and a headshot of yourself. This information will be used for your election profile.

Office Use Only

Date Returned: _____ GPA: _____ Semester Hours: _____

Packet Completed: Yes No

Approved Campaign Materials: ☒ _____

Student Government Association Senator Nominating Petition

Student Name _____

It is understood that all persons nominated by the petition with the required 25 signatures will be placed on the election ballot. Elections are to be held during the middle of September.

We, the undersigned, as students of Illinois Central College, endorse the above nominee to run for the position of SGA Senator.

	Printed Name	Student ID#	Signature
1.	_____	_____	_____
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Complainant's Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Phone: _____

ICC E-mail: _____

Date which you are filing this complaint: _____

Name of candidate(s) protest is filed against: _____

Elections code violation: _____

Date of violation: _____

In a separate typed document, please describe in detail the violation, the candidate(s) it is being filed against, when the violation occurred, and where the violation occurred. Also, please attach any and all supporting documents, which may include, but is not limited to, pictures and flyers.

This form must accompany all documentation and must be turned into Student Leadership and Engagement in 302F for review. You will be contacted for further information. All Election Complaint Forms must be filed with Student Leadership and Engagement the day of the alleged violation and no later than the conclusion of voting.

I hereby acknowledge that all the statement(s) are true and agree to the Elections Process which has been either given to me or I have viewed online.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

