STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association, or “SGA,” has the greatest student representative authority on campus. The Student Government Association receives a $4.50 per student per quarter student-assessed fee. The organization is student run and uses the quarterly assessment to positively impact Tech students. SGA is the governing body for the Student Association of which all students are members.

Composition
The student body president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and cabinet heads form the Executive Branch of SGA. They are in charge of carrying out or executing all programs and projects.

The Legislative Branch is made up of the Student Senate. The Senate is composed of college senators, elected by students enrolled in the respective colleges; class senators and presidents, elected by students of each class; and ex-officio members from BSU, NPHC, United Campus Ministries, and underrepresented groups like AWS, Residential Life, Panhellenic, IFC, Union Board, ISA, and KLPI. Their responsibilities include representing their constituents by voting on bills, resolutions, and appropriations, and serving on various committees.

The Judicial Branch of our government is the Supreme Court, which is composed of nine student justices, who insure that SGA follows its constitution and bylaws.

There are other non-elected positions in the SGA. The position of Member-at-large provides an opportunity for students to get involved with less responsibility.

Services
The Student Government Association provides or supports these various services for Louisiana Tech students’ help and convenience:

- Free Computer Test Sheets and Pencils
- Access Phones Outside Residence Halls
- Emergency Student Loans
- Mandatory Student Accident Insurance
- Microwaves in Tolliver Hall
- Bike Racks
- Escort Golf Carts
- Sports Promotional Events

Recreation
The SGA also provides these recreational facilities and activities:

- Homecoming Activities
- The Dog Haul

Honors
The SGA recognizes outstanding achievement by Tech students and enjoys honoring them with these presentations:

- Who’s Who Among Colleges and Universities
- Memorial Scholarship(s)

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Leadership
The SGA promotes good relations among students, faculty, and staff. SGA aids Tech in freshman recruitment and also represents the students on these committees and more:

- Student Advisory Council
- Administrative Council
- Athletic Council
- Parking and Traffic Committee
- Instructional Policies Committee
- Graduate Council
- Library Advisory Committee
- Behavioral Standards Committee
- Food Service Committee
- Student Organizations Committee
- Technology Fee Committee
- Student Activities Committee
- Honor Council
- University Fee Committee
- Student Organizations Grant Committee

Through its involvement in campus life directly and indirectly, the SGA is the voice of student opinion respected by students, faculty, and administrators.

Organizational Assistance
Campus organizations may request monetary matching funds assistance for various programs or conferences. The SGA can vote to provide a maximum of $200 to an organization to help with associated expenses. To find out how to request this assistance, come by the SGA Office in Tolliver Hall.

Student Insurance
Louisiana Tech offers insurance to students through the SGA office. All students taking classes on the main campus in Ruston are automatically covered through payment of tuition under an accident only policy. Students excluded from participation in student insurance include those over 55, ICP, faculty/staff, Codofil, LEC and LASIP. On behalf of the student body, the university enters into a contractual agreement with an insurance company to meet the basic accidental insurance needs of our students at a reasonable premium rate. The university pays the accident policy premium to the company and provides the company with the needed information to furnish the student body with the coverage. The policy becomes effective for each eligible student the first day of the period for which the premium has been paid. Quarter break coverage is available at no additional cost, providing the student re-enrolls and pays tuition for the following quarter. The coverage pays up to $1,000 per accident and protects the student 24 hours a day during the period for which the premium was paid.

How to Get Involved
Freshman and Graduate Class elections are held during the fall each year. In order to participate, candidates must pick up an election packet in the SGA Office at the beginning of the fall quarter. Also, applications for the Supreme Court are available at this time. In the spring quarter each year, elections are held to fill the positions of all other class officers, the college officers, and the SGA Executive Officers for the following academic year. After the new president is elected, he or she accepts applications and appoints members to the cabinet.

For further information on any of our programs or services, please call 257-4565 or come by the SGA office in Tolliver Hall. Our hours are from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F.