
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 impact Tech students positively. 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 Minority Council, United Campus Ministries, Association of Disabled Students, AWS, Housing, 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.

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. Also, the Bulldawg Corps is an elite organization created to promote school spirit.

Services

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

Computer Study Center	Emergency Phones
Free Computer Test Sheets and pencils	Electric Pencil Sharpeners Around Campus
Access Phones Outside Residence Halls	Typewriters in Library
Bike Racks	Emergency Student Loans
Escort Golf Cart	Mandatory Student Accident Insurance
Sports Promotional Event	Optional Student Major Medical Insurance
Suggestion Boxes	Microwaves in Tolliver Hall

Recreation

The SGA also provides these recreational facilities and activities:

Hide-Away Park	Red and Blue Softball Fields
Homecoming Activities	Bathrooms at the Tennis Courts
Picnic Tables and Bar-B-Q Grills	The Dawg Haul
Welcome Week Activities	

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)

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	Food Service Committee
Administrative Council	Student Organizations Committee
Athletic Council	Technology Committee
Parking and Traffic Committee	Student Activities Committee
Instructional Policies Committee	Student Grievance Committee
Graduate Council	Off-Campus Review Committee
Library Advisory Committee	University Fee Committee
Behavioral Standards Committee	Tolliver Renovation 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 assistance with various programs. The SGA can vote a maximum of \$200 to an organization to help with programming expenses. To find out how to request this assistance, come by the SGA Office in Tolliver Hall.

Student Insurance

Louisiana Tech offers several insurance options 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.

Students registered for and attending academic credit courses at Louisiana Tech are eligible to enroll for coverage under a major medical insurance plan. This coverage is optional as is dependent coverage. Eligible dependents are the lawful spouse and unmarried children under 19 years of age, who are not self-supporting. Dependents must permanently reside with the insured student.

How to Get Involved

Freshman and Graduate Class elections are held during October 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 member-at-large, the Supreme Court, and the Bulldog Corps 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. daily.