

SG ELECTION SPECIAL

Four candidates square off for vice presidency

There are some major problems facing the student body here at USC. The first major problem that I see here at the university is crime. I have had my wallet stolen, and one of my good friends has been robbed at gunpoint. The simple truth is that we have a crime problem here at the university. If elected vice president, I will work with the administration to continue to install passive security measures like better lighting and call boxes. I will work to make the USC Police Department a more visible deterrent to crime. I will also work to convince the Columbia Police Department to patrol and increase its presence here on campus. Secondly, I will work with Computer Services and the faculty of USC to see teacher syllabuses posted online. I feel as if this will be an incredibly powerful tool for the students in making class selections.



DAN DIXON

Finally, I will work to make the Student Government here at USC more accessible to students. If elected, I will visit at least one student organization every week in order to determine what the students want their officials to work on. I will have an open-door policy so those students can come to me and tell me what they want. I will empower the students of USC so that they can, in turn, empower me. Together, we will speak with one collective voice and promote positive change here at USC.

Democratic government and its people demand that the leaders be responsive to their beliefs and their concerns. This idea is the fundamental reason as to why elections are critical to the survival of democracy, even at the university level. A government established by the students not only provides the opportunity for us to learn about democracy, but it also allows the students to have a body which represents them. Representing the students requires strong, fair leadership. The vice president of the student body must exemplify motivational leadership that will bring about needed reforms to Carolina. As your vice president, I will lead the senate to strive toward improving the quality of life on campus, promoting academics and diversity, and increasing campus safety. Student Government must initiate a dialogue with the Dining Services committee to allow bonus bucks to be accepted at selective stores on campus.



COREY FORD

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My platform concerns the whole student body and how to make each experience at USC the most enjoyable, safe, supportive and educationally diverse time of a student's life. The administration should be accountable to students concerning their decisions, whether concerning what food services are provided, which professors should receive tenure or what we should name or rename the structures that are part of this university. We the students should have a strong say in all matters. We should be safe. The USC Police Department should have a significant presence, walking as well as riding at the times and places most susceptible to criminal activity. If police activity increased with the possibilities for criminal activity, especially at night on campus, the crime rate would decline. The student should feel supported at all times. A 24-hour hotline should be available to students to aid in the mental and emotional well-being of all students. I will work to institute such a line for us.



ELLIOT SMITH

Parking is atrocious. A justification of meters, laughable parking stickers and even parking tickets are owed us, along with parking reform, change and more adequate parking on campus. This has been a persistent and consistent problem at the university, and it's time for students and administrators to rectify it permanently through cooperation and with new leadership. The library should be open 24 hours a day, at least five days a week. Many major universities have libraries that are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Investigating and researching their methods will give us the blueprint to implement such a plan. The student is what makes this university great. To make USC even greater, we must put students first in 2000.

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Tom Winslow, of sound mind and body, do solemnly swear to do the job of vice president as a representative of every student at USC. It is not my intent to serve you as a politician, but as a fellow student. Safety is a topic that needs to be addressed further. I propose that we have USC police officers in centralized locations on campus. Another proposition is to have a shuttle running from Five Points to residence halls from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. for the safety of the USC community. Students need to stay informed!!! In order to be involved with the USC community, there needs to be a way to stay in communication with the school. The Student Government office should be a resource for students to become more involved. My involvement at USC is obvious: classes, work at the National Advocacy Center, president of Carolina for Kids, vice president and co-founder of Spring Board, Greek life, Homecoming Commission, SHARE and Community Service Leadership team, to name a few. As a student, my leadership and service are evident. The reason for attending any academic institution, such as the prestigious University of South Carolina, is to learn. USC has made great strides to become a member of the elite Association of American Universities. However, the faculty cannot accomplish this goal without the assistance of every student on this campus. It is time to vote for the candidate you believe will accomplish this goal.



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Vote online! Here's how:



From any computer, enter the VIP Web page using your student ID and PIN number. Click the "personal" tab, then the "SG elections" tab to vote for senate candidates from your school and for executive candidates. To cast a write-in vote, go to the SG office on the first floor of the Russell House. Voting begins at 9 a.m. today and ends at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Look for complete SG election results in Friday's issue of The Gamecock.

SENATE

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garages and much more. I guarantee I will work hard to uphold this office.

Austin Brown

Hey! I'm Austin, and I'm running for senate from the College of Liberal Arts. I am a junior government major going into law school after college, and I'm the current senate parliamentarian. If elected, I would keep the growth of campus organizations and Greek life going. Thanks for your support!

Natalie Chambers

Even though this is an incredible university with wonderful students and faculty, some issues still need addressing. With experience in Student Government, I am confident about tackling these issues. As senator, I will focus on a safer campus, extended library hours and any suggestions brought my way. Vote Natalie!

Christina Cleveland

I am a junior majoring in political science. I have the hopes of being your next senator for Liberal Arts. I'm a dedicated and dependable person who will work hard to get things done. In being your senator, I will represent the College of Liberal Arts' best interests at heart.

Charaka Cook

During my tenure, I worked to benefit the students I represented by taking the necessary steps to acquire a Spanish television channel along with other initiatives. Having firsthand experience will enable me to respond proficiently to the cause and provide the necessary legislation to the benefit of students.

Faiyaz Dossaji

As an international studies major and a representative of the largest school on campus, I would make USC more accessible to my constituents. I believe that the opinions of the students are not heard enough and because of this, enough is not being done for the students.

Rebecca "Kippy" Gause

Do you want your voice to be heard? Then vote for me, Rebecca Gause! I love politics, and I'm prepared to work for you. I have years of leadership experience, and I'm looking forward to being the first woman president. Let your voice be heard! Vote for me!

Kelly Hamilton

I am running for this position because I am very interested in the government. I have been attending the weekly senate meetings since last semester, so I am familiar with what goes on. If elected to the senate, I would attend the weekly sessions and represent my college.

Brian Hunter

Hi, my name is Brian Hunter. I am seeking the office of senator from the College of Liberal Arts. I have been involved in Freshman Council and was a senator this past year. I have the experience, dedication and leadership to be an effective voice for

you. Vote Brian Hunter.

Jessica Lentini

Experience, motivation, dedication and enthusiasm are what I bring to the table. The goal of my re-election is to bring more "student" into Student Government through more direct student impact in decisions that senate makes. I promise to continue representing my constituents to the best of my ability.

Angela Malek

It's time for a change. Let your voice be heard through student senate. "If you can dream it, you can do it. Always remember that this whole thing was started by a mouse." -Walt Disney

Sara Mareno

Having participated in various campus organizations, I am aware of diverse aspects of campus and am eager to improve student life. This year, I have willingly listened to students' views, complaints and questions. I want to use my experience as a senator this past year to become a better representative.

Chrissy Stauffer

As a candidate for senator for Liberal Arts, my main concern for this campus and this student body is safety. We need to involve city resources, as well as all my efforts. Thanks, and I appreciate your vote!

Alena Taylor

I know I can't make you choose, whether I win or whether I lose. But there are a few things I know I can do. Be hard-working, real and represent you. So now I leave you on this note: Please keep me in mind when you go to VOTE!

Nathan A. White

In 50 words, it's really hard to tell you what I really want to say, but I'll try. I want to be a senator to improve USC in any way possible. I love USC and want to be a part of making it a better university and student environment.

Chantico A. Williams

Hi! Currently, I'm a sophomore at our university, majoring in psychology. After graduation, I plan to attend law school. My major interest involves the Carolina community and its growth through issues and concerns of others, which might be beneficial to everyone. Therefore, I wish to fulfill my interest serving as Liberal Arts senator.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Justin Brown

My first goal is to increase scholarships. My second goal is to let the voice of my constituents be heard. Someday, I hope to run for state government, and I think that my participation in Student Government will benefit me greatly in accomplishing that goal. Thanks for your support!

Danny Cooper

As a Business Administration senator, I would like to be more outspoken and vocal than our college has been before. I will take a firm stance in favor of Safe Ride and other campus safety issues. I think it's time for B.A. senators to start making noise in the senate.

Shereef El-Ibri

I've had extensive experience with different student organizations on campus. Through Freshman Council, hall government and Greek life, I've gained the qualities needed to succeed in senate. My personal goal at USC is to have 24-hour food service on campus. Through Student Government, I believe that this can be possible.

Tiffany Eelsey

Becoming actively involved in Student Government should be a cornerstone of every college student's career. I desire to become more active and influential in the College of Business Administration as a senate delegate. My leadership skills and experience would make me a worthy asset to the SG senate.

Hydrick Harden

I want to make sure Student Government puts the emphasis on students, not government. I continue to support extending the drop/add period, fighting the addition of minus grades, improving advisement and class registration, cleaning up the Carolina campus, and erasing cultural and ethnic boundaries at USC.

Jessica Murphy

Hi! My name is Jessica "Babygirl" Murphy, and I'm running for senator of the Business School. I'm willing to improve matters that are affecting the university and you as a USC student. As your senator, I will make sure things get accomplished but, more importantly, that your voice is heard.

Tranaka Oglesby

Enthusiasm is to personality what steam is to a locomotive - the power that produces action... Napoleon Hill. I feel that my enthusiasm is my best trait. I am running for office because I want to serve you, the students, with all of my might. I promise to produce action.

ENGINEERING

Kimberly Gilchrist

Hello, my name is Kimberly Gilchrist, and I am a junior majoring in civil engineering. If elected senator, I will focus my efforts on relaying comments and concerns between engineering students and the top of the hill.

Katie Lengel

I'm Katie Lengel, and I'm a junior electrical engineering major. I am running for Student Government senator as a representative for the College of Engineering. If I am elected, I will put forth my best effort to serve you and bring attention to issues that face the College of Engineering.

Margaret Lewis

Although it seems that engineering is in another ZIP code, it is as integral a part of campus as any other. Several issues that I intend to focus on include improving the engineering parking lot and Carolina Shuttle systems and extending the drop/add date. Thank you for your support.

C. Tyson Nettles

During my previous senate term, I noticed a vast divergence in the funding of engineering clubs and societies vs. non-engineering clubs and societies. I feel that it is my duty as an engineering student to achieve an equitable relationship between the two.

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Gabby Palacios

My name is Gabby Palacios, and I'm running for senate for the College of Engineering. If elected, I would do my best to represent my fellow engineers in order for your voices to be heard on campus. I would greatly appreciate your vote. So remember, vote Gabby Palacios for senate.

JOURNALISM/CLIS

Kamille Bostick

I'm ready to make a change and participate fully in the politics of USC in order to improve the lives of all the students here. I am open-minded, versatile and willing to hear the concerns of those I represent. I will be accessible and up front to meet their needs.

Brook Bristow

I am not political. I really have no business running for office, but that is exactly why I'm doing this. I am not interested in dressing up in a suit and tie. I'm here to get the job done! I gotta be me. That's the bottom line. God bless!

Melissa Fletcher

As a senator, I am helping co-found Clean Carolina, which enables organizations to adopt areas of campus to keep USC clean and increase school pride. Students must be educated on safety, and retention of police officers is vital. As a united campus, we can and will be a stronger USC.

Kera Khalil

Hey, everyone! Vote Kera Khalil and I will responsibly represent the CJMC to its fullest. As a junior advertising major, I've been active in campus organizations and have assisted peers and faculty as a CJMC peer adviser. I look forward to serving as a senator and representing our college's needs.

Sean O'Meara

This year, I decided to run for senate. I feel that I have the ambitions and abilities to fulfill this obligation. I served on Freshman Council; therefore, Student Government is not entirely new to me. I wish to make a difference, and with your help, I believe that I can do that.

Martin Salisbury

As an advertising sophomore in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to look at the candidates who want to represent you. I think there is a desire from our journalism students to get involved, and I want to represent this desire in 2001.

Elise Tyndal

As an energetic, open-minded person, I am eager to serve USC. If elected, I'll listen to suggestions and attempt to incorporate services into learning at USC. Serving others is an honorable job, and Student Government is an excellent outlet for service.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Brian Phillips

I am running because I want to be directly involved with the decisions that are made about our school and our campus. More specifically, I want to look out for the interests of the students of the College of Criminal Justice.

Allison Whitworth

As a senator, I will represent all criminal justice majors to the best of my ability and promise to contribute all that I can in order to succeed in this position.

MEDICAL SCHOOL

Rob Beatty

I will seek to improve our communication with main campus while actively representing the agenda of USCSOM. I will try to bring as much funding as possible to our student groups. I will keep USCSOM informed of current Student Government issues. I will honor my commitment to serving USCSOM students.

Randal L. Croshaw

School of Medicine students of all programs and years need better dissemination of information and would benefit from a regularly printed and e-mailed newsletter. We could also help stimulate interest in community involvement by student organizations' presenting an award at String of Pearls for the best service project.

James R. Shennan

I will represent the School of Medicine in a positive manner and make decisions in the best interest of the students of the School of Medicine.

PHARMACY

Kevin Cogsdill

No platform available.

Bree P. Goldberg

Re-elect Bree! I enjoy working hard for my peers and creating greater awareness about the COP. As one of few professional colleges, we need excellent representation and someone familiar with issues affecting our college and the university. I'm determined, hard-working and willing to continue to strive toward our goals.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Adam Musgrave

No platform available.

Doug Wilson

Since high school, I've been involved in school and my community. I am: • President, USC Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People • Vice president, State NAACP • Member, MAP Program • Member, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity My goals are making sure the college has a voice in Student Government and making sure more students are recognized for achievements.