To the prospective student government member who has decided to open this packet –

Welcome!

Congratulations on taking the first step to getting involved on campus. The School of Liberal Arts Student Government and Undergraduate Student Government serves as incredible resources on campus to connect students to students, students to faculty, and students to the administration, all while constantly working to improve the undergraduate experience for every Tulanian.

As a School of Liberal Arts Senator, either within SLAG or USG, you will have the opportunity to sit on committees, meet with administrators, write legislation, pilot initiatives, meet your constituents, and so much more. You’ll put yourself in a position of leadership and responsibility and become a familiar face among your peers and the entire Tulane community.

School of Liberal Arts Senators will join an already vibrant and dynamic SLAG Senate, composed of the following positions: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Public Relations, as well as 16 other Senators at large. In addition, 13 Senators-at-Large will be elected to serve as representatives for the School of Liberal Arts on USG.

We are thrilled to give you an opportunity to join the student government community, but more than that, the Tulane community. Whether you decide to run or not, regardless of if you win or lose, it doesn’t matter – the important part is that you get involved. Take it upon yourself to ensure that your Tulane experience is the best it can be and that you do your part to make that happen.

To all our candidates – we wish you the best of luck. We ask that you campaign fairly and respectfully as you carry Tulane’s name, traditions, and values with you wherever you go. To those of you who decide not to run, or would like to get involved in a different way, please feel free to reach out to us. We are always trying to involve more students, and we would love to hear what you have to say.

For the Olive & Blue,

Zachary Schuricht-Hackett, President
Key Dates

Tuesday, March 17th at 6pm
Candidate Declaration Due
In order to be eligible to run for office, you must submit your candidate declaration to tulaneslag@gmail.com by 6pm on Tuesday, March 17th. Your declaration should include the following:

I. Basic Information
   o Full Name
   o Which Position You’re Running For
   o Phone Number
   o Tulane Email Address
   o Permanent Address
   o School Address

II. A campaign platform of 250 words or less

III. A ballot statement of no more than two sentences

Wednesday, March 18th at Noon
Polls Open
Voting begins!

Thursday, March 19th at Midnight
Polls Close
All results are final.
Eligibility Requirements

From the SLAG Constitution:

Article VI. Eligibility and Elections

Section 1: General Eligibility Requirements
A. To be eligible for candidacy for membership on the Government, a student must be a member of the School of Liberal Arts for the term in which he or she will be serving, and the student must be in good standing. Good standing is defined as having and maintaining an overall “C” average (2.0) or better and not having been convicted of either a conduct violation as defined by the University Honor Code.

Section 2: Officer’s eligibility and election:
A. The candidates for President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Public Relations and Executive Secretary must be certified members of the sophomore, junior or senior classes during the year in which they hold office. The candidates for president must be certified members of the junior or senior classes during the year in which they hold office.

C. The election of President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Public Relations and Executive Secretary shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast by the LASG on a date fixed by the EVC. In the case of no absolute majority (50% +1), there will be a runoff election between the two candidates with the most votes.

From the AEC By-Laws:

Section 6: Campaigning
A. Violation of the following campaigning regulations subjects the candidate involved to disqualification and/or to other disciplinary action as deemed by the AEC in Article IV, Section 7 of these bylaws.
B. A candidate may be held responsible for all violations committed by campaign volunteers.
C. Campaign volunteers:
   1. Include anyone reasonably associated with a campaign including the candidates themselves; and
   2. Shall be subject to the same campaigning rules and regulations as the candidates.
D. Official campaigning shall not begin until 10 days prior to the election or at the time designated by the AEC. Any action of campaigning taken before this date will subject the involved candidate to disqualification or other disciplinary action.
E. Campaign Materials and other Paraphernalia:
   1. All items to be displayed in or on a non-residence hall building must adhere to the rules of regulation of that building.
   2. Items may not be placed on any outside, public or university-owned structures (e.g. trashcans, phone booths, bank machines, newspaper stands, telephone poles,
etc.) The only exceptions of this shall be the kiosks and buildings (as described in Art. IV Sec. 6E-1).

F. Residence Halls:
   1. All campaign materials to be displayed in residence halls must first be approved by the Office of Housing and Residence Life (HRL) located in Irby Hall.
   2. The candidates themselves have the sole responsibility to ensure that all HRL guidelines are followed in the display of all campaign materials in the residence halls. It will be considered a campaign violation if HRL procedures are not followed.

G. Candidates are not allowed to campaign by writing on buildings or other structures with chalk or other substances. Chalking on university sidewalks is permitted.

H. Candidates may not campaign on tickets. A ticket is defined as two or more candidates campaigning together.

I. Discussion of the campaign or distribution of campaign materials through unsolicited door-to-door campaigning, telephone calls or e-mails to random students (those the candidate or his/her volunteers do not personally know) is prohibited. This does not apply to organizational endorsement.

J. There shall be no campaign materials within 50 feet of any AEC maintained computer terminal on election day. Campaign materials include nametags, posters, flyers and/or other items that identify a candidate.

K. No candidates or campaign volunteers may discuss the election or specific candidates within a university computer lab.

L. No candidate may actively campaign within a computer lab. This includes the pre-placement of flyers/posters or linking the start-up homepage to the election site and/or a candidate's personal homepage.

M. The candidate may link their campaign website to the main election web page; however, no scripts may be used to automatically enter a candidate’s name as the voter’s selection.

N. Any candidate desiring to stuff campus mailboxes, folders, or other boxes must first receive approval for their flyer from the Office of Student Programs.

O. Student mailbox stuffing is allowed. Post Office regulations require $15 for the stuffing of their boxes.

P. Use of E-mail Listserves and E-mail:
   1. Unauthorized use of e-mail listserves by candidates or campaign volunteers is prohibited and may be referred to Judicial Affairs. No campaign-related listserv e-mails may be sent unless a candidate has received the official endorsement of the executive board of the organization governing the listserv. Listserv e-mails that notify recipients of an upcoming election without favoring a specific candidate are permitted.
   2. No campaign-related listserv e-mails may be sent by a student organization unless a candidate has received the official endorsement of the executive cabinet of the organization governing the listserv.
   3. Listserv e-mails that notify recipients of an upcoming election without favoring a specific candidate are permitted.
   4. No candidate or campaign volunteer may send election e-mails to anyone that he or she does not personally know.
Q. The radio cannot be used except by AEC or in an AEC sponsored event.
R. The use of table tents shall not be allowed.
S. All questions regarding campaigning should be directed to the AEC through the USG e-mail account: usg@tulane.edu

Section 8: Enforcement

A. Major violations shall include but not be limited to
   1. Attempts to perpetuate a fraudulent election, including but not limited to:
      (a) tampering with vote counting
      (b) tampering with the on-line voting system
      (c) falsification of any information in effort to gain an advantage
      (d) harassing and assaulting voters
      (e) offering bribes to poll workers, voters, or members of the AEC

B. Major violations shall result in immediate disqualification from the election and a referral to the Office of Student Affairs for violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

C. Other violations of campaign or election procedures may be considered as minor violations as determined by the AEC.
   1. In the case of a minor violation so deemed by the AEC, the committee has the power to dock from the candidates a maximum of 10% of the election vote percentage total for each violation.
   2. Accumulation of minor violations may result in a major violation if deemed appropriate by the AEC.

D. Allegations of candidates committing campaign violations must be submitted via e-mail to: usg@tulane.edu. They may also be submitted in writing to the USG office. All alleged violations must be reported within 12 hours of the closing of polls on the last day of regular voting.

E. During the campaign and before the polls close, the candidate may be notified via e-mail if a violation has been reported against them and asked to correct their offense within an hour of being notified or face violation charges. The same procedure will be followed in the event of a run-off campaign.

F. If a violation of the election regulations is discovered subsequent to the election, a candidate may be disqualified from office if deemed appropriate by the AEC.

G. An emergency meeting of AEC is automatically called within 48 hours of the AEC Chair receiving a major violation complaint.

H. An emergency meeting of AEC can be called by a two-thirds vote of the AEC members.

I. Candidates will be held responsible for all information contained in the informational packet distributed at the information sessions, including all information included in the rules and regulations of the specific election.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Zachary Schuricht-Hackett at ZSchuric@tulane.edu.