

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION COMMITMENT CONTRACT



*The QCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION is organized to work in collaboration with the college administration to enhance the quality of student life at Quinsigamond Community College.*

**The purpose of the SGA is to:** Represent the Student Association in those issues and policies that directly affect student life at QCC; Advise college committees on matters of student concern through student appointments and input ; Act as a liaison between the college administration and the student body; Assist in planning activities and oversee the disbursement of funds to recognized student clubs and organizations.

**Therefore, the expectations of all SGA members are that:** SGA members will have a genuine interest in striving to improve the quality of student life at Quinsigamond Community College, taking a proactive approach in their endeavors, and displaying positive, professional, respectful and mature conduct at all times. SGA members have a responsibility to represent and meet the needs of the entire QCC population, meaning that individual members recognize the necessity to put individual bias aside in order for the good of the entire Student Association of QCC.

**SGA members shall work cooperatively to create meetings that combine such elements as:** the freedom to express ideas; the efficient and timely proceedings of business on the SGA agenda; the ability to both listen and speak, and respect for the person speaking; appreciation for differences that arise from intelligent debate; willingness to accept different ideas and different people; ability to remain objective and the responsibility to understand, accept, support and effectively communicate group decisions, especially if such decisions conflict with personal opinions. SGA members are expected to commit at least 3 hours each week to SGA business and organizational commitments.

**These commitments include:** attending weekly meetings; attending committee meetings (college-wide or SGA task force) as assigned; maintaining a regular schedule of office hours; projects/activities related to SGA business that take place outside of regular meeting times (i.e. meeting with clubs/organizations, surveying the student association, meetings with administrative offices, and other duties as projects/new needs and circumstances arise)

SGA members agree to take on projects and committee appointments, and to follow through, fulfilling all responsibilities associated with said commitments. SGA members, in agreeing to join the SGA and accepting individual responsibilities, do so with the understanding that it is acceptable and encouraged to ask for help when necessary.

People who join SGA do so with the understanding that members support each other and remain flexible in order to create a friendly and cooperative relationship among SGA members. SGA members agree to notify the SGA President and/or the Student Life Office if unable to attend a meeting. Excusable absences are permitted, yet excessive absences may result in removal from the SGA as described in Appendix B of the SGA Constitution.

The term of office for SGA shall be one academic calendar year, from approximately September to May.

In signing this contract, I indicate my understanding, willingness and readiness to fulfill the expectations and duties of the position I am running for, as outlined in this nomination packet.

POSITION RUNNING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_