



Student Government Association Candidate Debate

03/28/2019

Presidents

Welcome, ground rules and expectations: 5 minutes

Opening Statements: 5 minutes

Opening Questions: 10 minutes

- What will be your main goal while in office?
- How will you work to bring the UT Community together when racial bias, discrimination, and hate-speech divide us?
- Experience and engagement with the UT administration is an integral part of being Student Body President. What experiences do you have working with current or former administrators that would benefit you in this role?
- In what ways does your platform differentiate you from other campaigns, past and present?

Discussion Questions: 15 minutes

- The University of Tennessee, Knoxville was ranked as the 3rd most LGBT unfriendly university in the US and 1st among public universities. What will you do to ensure that all members of the LGBTQ+ community are supported? Additionally, how do you plan to make UTK a more inclusive environment for all current and future Vols?
- How will your administration work to support student organizations and ensure an appropriate replacement for the Student Programming Allocations Committee?
- Accountability is defined as taking ownership to ensure priorities are achieved. How can students hold you and other SGA members accountable for your actions in office?

Closing Statements: 5 minutes

Vice-Presidents

Opening Statements: 5 minutes

Opening Questions: 10 minutes

- As Vice-President, you will have many legislative responsibilities, including serving as the President of the Student Senate. What qualifications do you have for this role?
- How will you work to promote greater transparency within SGA, the University, and the UT System?
- When you look back on this year's exec, what did they do well and what would you have done differently?
- How would you facilitate the growth of First Year Council Members? What are some things you would change about the branch or ones keep the same?

Discussion Questions: 15 minutes

- What should be the purpose of the Undergraduate Student Senate and how will you ensure that the next administration fulfills that purpose?
- How do you and your party plan to address the growing mental health crisis on our campus? What are your thoughts regarding access to resources, education, and addressing mental health across a diverse student population?
- Diversity and inclusion is a popular policy point, often without concrete points on how to achieve it. What are some specific initiatives your campaign wants to implement to achieve a more diverse UT?

Closing Statements: 5 minutes

Student Services Directors

Opening Statements: 5 minutes

Opening Questions: 10 minutes

- SSD is a programming and communications-intensive position. What qualifications do you have to take on this role?
- What is the most memorable student services event that you have attended while a Vol?
- If you could add one more committee or subtract one more committee to Student Services, what would it be and why?
- Student Services Director is the most intra-SGA involved position of all. What experiences do you have running committees and/or SGA activities that will benefit you in this role?

Discussion Questions: 15 minutes

- Historically, Student Services has struggled with member retention, especially during the spring semester. As SSD, how would you keep members involved throughout the year?
- Many of the programs and initiatives held by the Student Services Branch are heavily attended by first-years. How do you plan to engage all groups of students, especially upperclassman?
- What is something you've seen in SGA this year that you would like to improve on, stop, or an initiative that you would like to start next year?

Closing Statements: 5 minutes

Wrap-up: 5 minutes

Thank you and Goodbye