

Master Plan

Student Government Association
Office of the President



By: President Tia Nickens, Director of Internal Relations Neha Piracha, Vice President Brantley Cook, and Treasurer Jacob Green.

Hello My Fellow Jags!

It is my pleasure to welcome you into our jaguar family. By attending South, you are starting your journey to greatness. We, as the South community, have the privilege and honor to face challenges and enjoy memories throughout the Jaguar experience. Here at the University of South Alabama, we aim to prepare you for life after graduation while providing each student with the skills needed to excel in each and every way possible.

Similarly, the Student Government Association is fully committed to you, the student. We are focused on supporting students through empowerment and excellence. In addition to supporting the efforts of the University, we, as an Executive Council, have developed our mission and a set of priorities in which we plan to operate throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Through advocating for the wellbeing of all students, implementing adequate diversity and inclusion efforts for the University of South Alabama, improving the transparency and effectiveness of the Student Government Association, and addressing the importance of basic needs for all students, we plan to give you the best experience possible during your time at South.

Some of our plans for the following year include adequately addressing the basic needs of students by increasing the resources available, promoting an open line of communication between the Student Government Association and South students, and providing access to the SGA budget to all. By implementing a SGA Master Plan, students are aware of what we hope to accomplish while fostering an environment for students of all backgrounds to feel welcome and included. By creating an initiative tracker, it is our goal to allow you to see our updated progress on the multitude of initiatives that we hope to accomplish during the academic year.

Whether this is your first year or your fourth year, we aim to make the University of South Alabama a home for the entire student body. I encourage you to stop by the SGA Office and talk to us about any idea or issue that comes to mind. We can be found right across from the Student Center Ballroom in the Suite 214. We are always looking for new ways to improve our campus and love to hear from students just like yourself who are passionate about those ideas. We also meet weekly on Monday nights and all students have a seat at the table, we would love for you to attend and speak your mind.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity and look forward to working with you over the upcoming year. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Always Remember, South is Home! Go Jags!

Tia Nickens

SGA President

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Students of South Alabama,

I look forward to serving as the 2020-2021 SGA Director of Internal Relations. I will work to the best of my ability to achieve each goal I have set for this school year. Furthermore, I will make sure that SGA - including the cabinet - is taking every step necessary to meet the platform goals of President Tia Nickens. I can't wait to see the positive changes that we bring to the University this year!

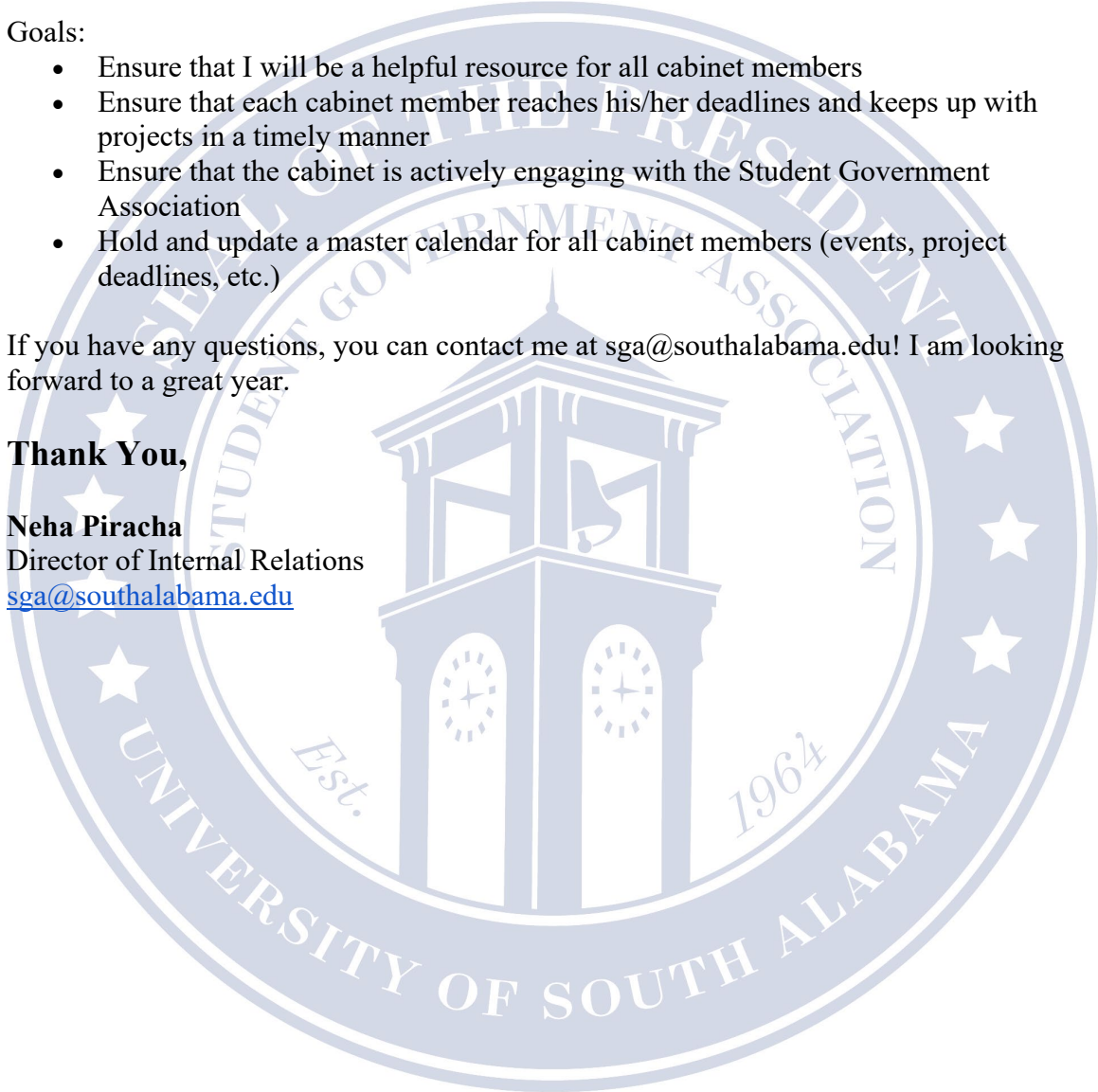
Goals:

- Ensure that I will be a helpful resource for all cabinet members
- Ensure that each cabinet member reaches his/her deadlines and keeps up with projects in a timely manner
- Ensure that the cabinet is actively engaging with the Student Government Association
- Hold and update a master calendar for all cabinet members (events, project deadlines, etc.)

If you have any questions, you can contact me at sga@southalabama.edu! I am looking forward to a great year.

Thank You,

Neha Piracha
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Jaguar Nation,

Hey buds! It is an absolute blessing to be able to serve you all as your 2020-2021 SGA Vice President. I have a tremendous love and respect for my home, the University of South Alabama, and for its people, as well as an inherent duty to serve the common best interests of our beloved Jaguar family. I could not be more thrilled and determined to work alongside each of this year's SGA members, from SGA President Tia Nickens to our SGA Senators, and to progressively continue to be the voice for all of our Jaguars. By seeking to uphold the values of trust, respect, and humility through each and every moment of our tenures in order to best represent our university's diverse and developing student body, we shall move FORWARD AS ONE.

As the incumbent SGA Vice President, it is my prime duty to 1) preside over all SGA Senate meetings; 2) execute the duties and powers of the SGA President at her request; 3) appoint all vacant SGA Senate committee seats; and 4) appoint a SGA Senate clerk. Outside of these prescribed responsibilities, however, it is my aspiration to accomplish the goals and missions set forth in my campaign platform from the Spring 2020 semester, when I first announced my candidacy for the 2020-2021 SGA Vice Presidency. These objectives are as follows:

- **Internal SGA**
 - Communication
 - Development
 - Accountability
- **External SGA**
 - Community Development and Involvement

All of these goals can be achieved through a unified vision for the betterment of both SGA and our campus. However, without the support of our student body, nothing can be attained; with that being said, please feel free to contact me at sga.vicepresident@southalabama.edu if you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns about any issue that you all feel as though SGA either can or is currently addressing. I, as well as the rest of my SGA peers, look forward with enthusiasm and a heart of service to representing you all to the best of our respective abilities in the coming year. God bless and Go Jags!

Sincerely,

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Hi Jags,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your 2020-2021 SGA Treasurer. I am looking forward to representing and supporting the student body in every way possible. In SGA, our purpose is to be the voice and governing body of the students. We are committed to supporting and advocating for the interests of students through excellence and empowerment. As Treasurer, it is my duty to oversee and approve budget requests from student organizations as well as creating and managing the budget for the Student Government Association. When I ran for Treasurer I promised to focus on transparency, efficiency, and educational pieces regarding the appropriations process and the Student Government Association budget.

My platform goals for the year are as follows:

- Provide the student body with a detailed copy of the SGA budget, as well as publishing an updated budget to the SGA website in order to promote transparency
- Give each student organization a weekly update on the amount of remaining money within Appropriations
- Host weekly zoom Q&A sessions for appropriations during office hours
- Increase the speed at which budget and payment requests are approved
- Educate the student body on how to navigate the new student organization platform
- Examine the appropriations process and establish a new, high quality, appropriations training for students, student groups, and their advisors
- Incorporate online training and refresher videos to give student groups the ability to relearn the appropriation requirements/process at any time on our new platform

Over the next year, I will be working hard to ensure these goals are achieved. I encourage any student with a suggestion to email me. It is my goal to ensure every student feels as though SGA is working in their best interest while supporting them to the fullest extent here at the University of South Alabama.

Thank You,

Jacob Green
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