



## **Special Interest Board- Cabinet Director Position Descriptions**

### **Academic Affairs**

Act as key advocate for the academic concerns of MSU students. Advises the SA president regarding campus academics and works closely with faculty and administration to implement academic policies, including but not limited to issues such as teacher evaluations and improving the advising system. Oversee Peer Tutoring and Academic Mentoring program and the Student and Teacher Recognition program. Serve as a student representative on the University Committee on Courses and Curricula.

### **Community and Governmental Relations**

Serve as a liaison between the community of Starkville and the Student Association by coordinating community service events. Attend Starkville Board of Aldermen meetings and community-related meetings to represent student interest in local government. Manage the furthering of students' relationships with Starkville businesses as well as organize an absentee ballot drive. Work with Center for Student Activities staff in planning Showcase of Starkville.

### **Diversity and Outreach**

Serve as representative within the SA for the needs and concerns of minority students, including international students and veterans. Work with campus units such as Holmes Cultural Diversity Center, Office of Diversity and Equity, and Center for America's Veterans to develop and implement programs that address concerns with minority student life. Assist individual students with problems or needs.

### **Freshman Council**

Freshman Council will work closely to implement programs relevant to freshman students and advise the SA President on policy dealing with the first-year experience. Act as liaison between the Student Association and the freshman student body to enhance the freshman experience.

### **Freshman Edge**

Freshman Edge is where you will learn how to become the best leader through participating in service and leadership development projects. The program's purpose is to better equip you as a leader with a focus on serving others. Not only will you become a better leader, but you will also develop great friendships with the other Freshman Edge students through team building activities. Edge students will be mentored and have the opportunity to have personal relationships with SA Executive Council leaders, as well as hear from multiple student leaders from across campus.

**Freshman Forum**

Select and lead a small group of freshmen to plan the Dr. Donald Zacharias Leadership Conference for high school students. Through planning this leadership conference, Freshman Forum will foster future leaders for the university. Work closely with Admissions to recruit students to the Dr. Donald Zacharias Leadership Conference and the university at large.

**Research and Development**

Responsible for the research and development of new initiatives for the Student Association. Work with Executive Council and Special Initiatives to improve and develop the ventures proposed by Cabinet. Continue and advance the premier student open forum event, Campaign4Change. Gather information from counterpart institutions about programs that Cabinet could potentially pursue

**Health and Sustainability**

Represent the needs and concerns of students with disabilities and act as a liaison between the student health advisory committee, MSU's Environmental Collaborative Office (ECO) and the SA. Work with the Health Education and Wellness to implement programs that promote knowledge of health issues for students, such as alcohol and drug awareness. Survey student concerns regarding campus safety and advocate for students' safety on University committees. Work with the University to make students aware of the Green Initiative and other environmental projects.

**Special Initiatives**

Responsible for the implementation of special initiatives that the Executive Council and R&D will pursue throughout the year. Oversee programs that have already been implemented such as Cowbell Cabs and Finish in 4. Supervise the continuation, efficiency, and improvement of all the initiatives and programs of the Student Association.