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Student Government

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Hello Cyclones! My name is Austin Graber, and I am the Iowa State University Student Government President. Student Government is a group of students advocating for students and working on different initiatives to enhance student life here at Iowa State University. Student Government is extremely crucial in helping shape your Iowa State experience. Having classmates who understand the needs of their peers and are able to voice the concerns for change is what Student Government can offer. Have a problem that you think needs to be addressed, or an idea that you think would benefit students? We can help.

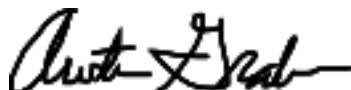
Student Government is broken up into three branches: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. The Executive Branch consists of the President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, and all other Cabinet Positions (i.e. Director of Sustainability, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, etc.). Cabinet discusses and develops different initiatives to work on in order to better the institution and improve the student experience. The Legislative Branch is made up of the Student Government Senate. Senate is comprised of representatives from both residency (On and off campus students) as well as each college (Business, Engineering, etc.). Senators meet each week to discuss legislation related to student life and student organizations on campus. These representatives also run for and are elected in the Spring Semester of each year. Finally, the Judicial Branch is composed of the Supreme Court. The Supreme court currently hears election appeals along with other cases relevant to Student Government.

“All Students are members of Student Government,” are the first words read at every Senate meeting. In addition to the previous branches, there are other ways students can get involved. During my Freshman year, I got involved with Student Government as an At-Large on a Committee. This is a wonderful experience to get your foot in the door and get a sense of what Student Government is all about. An At-Large member is anyone not currently in a position (Cabinet, Senate, etc.). In order to become an At-Large you just apply to a committee and the Committee chair can appoint you with Senate’s approval. Committees include: Diversity and Inclusion, Green Initiatives, Finance, Student Initiatives, Civic Engagement and Public Relations. Applications and descriptions for the committees are on the website.

Another unique way to get experience of Student Government is by joining Freshmen Council. This is a council of first year students who are interested in issues related to students, but who focus primarily on the freshmen experience. If you are interested at all, please consider joining!

Whether you are involved or not, we are here for you! Examples of things that Student Government does include: improving mental health resources, ensuring all student identities are included and empowered, and helping fund our wonderful student organizations. If you have any ideas, issues or concerns, or just want to talk to one of your representatives, please contact us and we will be glad to help!

In Cardinal and Gold,



Austin Graber