Hello, Cyclones! We are Julia Campbell and Megan Decker, your Student Body President and Vice President for the 2021-22 school year. Student Government is a group of students like yourself working to enhance the student experience at Iowa State through initiatives, projects, and advocacy for student issues. We work with student organizations on campus, ISU administration, the Ames community, the state legislature, and the Board of Regents to accomplish initiatives, set policies, and ensure students have a voice.

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 other Cabinet Positions (i.e. Director of Affordability, 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. The Senate is comprised of representatives from both residency (on-campus, off-campus, and Greek) as well as each college; (Ivy College of Business, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Engineering, Design, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Human Sciences, Graduate and Veterinary Medicine). Senators meet each week on Wednesday evenings to discuss legislation related to student life and student organizations on campus. Along with the President and Vice President, Senators run for and are elected in the Spring Semester of each year.

Lastly, the Judicial Branch is composed of a 9-member Supreme Court, appointed by the President, and the Election Commission. The Supreme Court hears election appeals along with other cases relevant to Student Government. The Election Commission’s role is to ensure the fair and proper administration of annual elections within Student Government.

For those who have an interest in exploring Student Government, becoming an At-Large member is anyone not currently in a position within the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial branch but still participates. In order to become an At-Large, you may apply to a committee and the Committee Chair can appoint you with Senate’s approval. Student Government includes Diversity and Inclusion, Sustainability, Finance, Student Initiatives, Civic Engagement, and Public Relations. Applications and descriptions for the committees are on the website. Student Government is just one of the plethora of opportunities that you can get involved in on campus.

We are excited for your adventure as a cyclone for the 2021-2022 academic year and encourage you to jump in and explore the endless possibilities at Iowa State. Do not be afraid to reach out to us with any questions by emailing us at juliac@iastate.edu or mldecker@iastate.edu.

In Cardinal & Gold,

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