Executive Candidates
President
Jacob Thompson

A student government outsider, I will strive to bring my virtues after two years of experience in public service to the student body. I believe in a personal relationship with my fellow peers to address the problems that affect the University as a whole. I will run a frugal campaign that brings dignity to my beliefs around finance and respect to my fellow peers. I have no campaign staff and will keep my campaign off of social media, caring personally about the problems of the student body and the plan to improve the University of South Carolina for all.
As a first-generation college student, attending the University of South Carolina has been the greatest honor of my life.

From being the only undergraduate speaker at TEDxUofSC to serving as Secretary of Inclusion & Equity in Student Government, I want to further continue my servant leadership as Student Body President.

Sophie and I invented the Fuse Campaign to unite a diverse group of people and create a fused UofSC through expanding Stigma Free USC, advocating for a more inclusive campus, working towards zero-waste dining, and improving student life. We’ll use our platform to give every Gamecock a quality student experience.
Creating opportunities is the core of what the Rise campaign stands for. For hardworking students struggling to make ends meet, I will take a pay cut to pilot a Student Government scholarship. For students battling addiction, I will direct SG to more effectively partner with SAPE to connect students with the help they need. For faith groups, I will nominate a Secretary of Faith Outreach so those groups can maximize their voice. Finally, we will pilot a safe tailgate for students to sit down and sober up on game day. Let’s rise for opportunity, for our students, and for Carolina!
My name is Patrick Ellis and I am a junior in the Honors College studying political science. I currently serve as the first Speaker of the Student Senate. If elected Student Body President, I will continue to move campus forward by making USC the first school in the SEC to have a campus with 100% Wi-Fi coverage. To build on the successes of my work with “Swipe Out Hunger”, I will introduce a program where students can have parking tickets waived by contributing to initiatives to combat food insecurity. Let’s move Carolina Forward, together!
My name is Luke Rankin. I am a junior from Myrtle Beach, SC studying Political Science, Business Administration and African American Studies. I am running to be your Student Body President to be your voice and to advocate for your needs. I believe that every student, no matter your backgrounds or your beliefs, should feel valued and celebrated in our community. I will uphold the Carolinian Creed while pursuing strategic initiatives that will benefit every student. We must look to our past, while living in each moment, to ensure an even brighter tomorrow.
Vice President
Kamryn Phlegar

My name is Kamryn Phlegar and I am a sophomore studying International Business and Finance. If elected Student Body Vice President, I will move campus forward by implementing a new student employability initiative called “Carolina Gets Hired”. This program focuses on preparing students to enter the workforce through networking events with professionals and LinkedIn workshops. I also hope to strengthen relationships with alumni in order to create employment pipelines and provide students with valuable opportunities to connect with their fellow Carolinians. Every student aspires to get hired after graduation. I plan to help make those ambitions a reality.
Sophie Davish

I want to become Student Body Vice President to give back to a university and community that has given me so much.

As a member of Student Government for the past three years and currently serving as Chief of Staff to the Vice President, I possess the expertise to excel in this role.

Fuse brings together diverse groups of students who have helped craft Lyric & I’s platform. Building on our other mental health initiatives, promoting inclusion and equity, improving student life, and advocating for sustainability will fuse with our passion for this University and create something unstoppable.
Anthony Abate

As the executive overseeing programming my goal is to partner with at least one student organization with every program. Our student organizations give so much time and effort to their causes and will contribute greatly to the student body. One example of this is with the soon to be formed Cockpit where we will jointly plan student led trips to away football games. The Carolina Closet is a great resource for you to pick up professional attire. I’m hoping to make your experience with us even better with an online catalog so you know what we have before your visit.
Treasurer
Adger W. Drummond II

I am Adger Drummond and I am running for the office of Student Body Treasurer! The position of Treasurer comes with great responsibility. There is a myriad of ways the Treasurer can monetarily benefit students in their quest towards FRUGALITY, INNOVATION, and REPRESENTATION.

My campaign is centered around financially aiding students during their matriculation while preparing them for life after college. Through the implementation of large-scale networking events and support for student-owned businesses and entrepreneurship, we can better prepare ourselves for the present as well as the future.

Elect me, Adger Drummond, Student Body Treasurer and let’s move FORWARD together!
My name is Kate Lewis, I am a junior from Richmond, Virginia studying Political Science with minors in Business Administration and Public Relations. I have formed a strong passion for finance as I have served in the office of the Student Body Treasurer over the course of the past two years. I am running to be your Student Body Treasurer in an effort to cultivate positive professional relationships, collaborate with a wide array of student run organizations, and continue to build a healthy Carolina community for every Gamecock, past present and future.
Speaker of the Senate
Davis Latham

My name is Davis Latham, I’m a sophomore studying political science and economics! I currently serve as chief of staff to the Speaker of the Student Senate, Patrick Ellis. This year we instituted "Swipe Out Hunger," which allows students to donate unused meal swipes to food insecure students and began work with the Dean of Students to clarify and publish a medical amnesty policy. If elected, I will move campus forward by expanding “Swipe Out Hunger” and making funds more open and accessible to students and organizations by revising the Student Government Codes. Let’s move Carolina Forward, together!
As Speaker of the Student Body Senate, I plan to spark a culture of service by dedicating my efforts to fostering the collaboration of our students, our Carolina community, and Columbia as a whole. Through adding the option of scheduling senator appointments, I hope to improve accessibility and transparency within the Student Body Senate and bring our efforts directly to our constituents. By analyzing state legislation and its impact on students and ensuring the sustainability of impactful programming at our university, I will stimulate community engagement from our campus to our city if given the honor to serve in this capacity.
Nick Hooks

My name is Nick Hooks and I am running for Speaker of the Student Senate because I am driven by my passion to afford opportunities to students that help them get ahead and stay ahead at the University of South Carolina. I will lead as Speaker with transparency, efficiency, and accountability making sure that we are a body that works hard at the small issues that make a huge difference in the lives of our students. If you desire a senate that governs for the students and only for the students then I hope you will stand with me as Speaker
Referendum
A Bill

TO ESTABLISH A LINE OF SUCCESSION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STUDENT BODY TREASURER

BE IT ENACTED by the Student Senate of the University of South Carolina

SECTION 1: Section 6 of Article II of the Student Government Constitution is to be amended to read as follows:

Section 6:
(E) If, in the event that the student body treasurer is no longer able to assume the duties and powers of his or her office due to injury, removal, resignation, elevation to higher office, or other cause, the following procedure shall be adhered to:

1. The student body president shall nominate an individual to fill the vacancy. It is recommended the president consider the Chief of Staff of the Treasurer and the Senate Finance Chair for nomination before other candidates.

2. The student body president must nominate an individual for the office of student body treasurer by 6:00 pm on the fifth (5) day following the vacancy. Only days the University is in session during the fall or spring semesters shall be counted toward the five (5) day time limit.

3. The nominee for student body treasurer shall be referred to the following committees of the Student Senate for vetting: (a) Finance Committee; (b) Judiciary Committee; (c) And the Powers and Responsibilities Committee.

4. Committees shall have seven (7) days from the time of referral to interview the nominee and issue a report on the nominee’s favorability.

5. The nominee for student body treasurer must be confirmed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Student Senate.

6. An individual shall only be nominated by the student body president to serve as the student body treasurer once.

7. The Student Senate shall reserve the right to invite the nominee for student body treasurer to appear before the Student Senate in order to be vetted by the Senate as a whole.

8. The student body president shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the student body treasurer until such a time as a new treasurer is inaugurated.

The entire Constitution of Student Government can be found at http://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf105.pdf