STUDENT UNION GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION S.U.G.A

What is S.U.G.A.?
The Student Union Government Association is a representative body of all MCC Students. Its purpose is to represent the student voice and facilitate communication among students, faculty, and the administration at Middlesex Community College. S.U.G.A. also shares the responsibility of supervising allocations from the Student Activity Fund, which provides financial support to student clubs and organizations.

Student Eligibility
Students must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (not applicable to first semester students) and must be enrolled in MCC classes (3-credit minimum) in order to seek office.

Students should also have an interest in developing and enhancing leadership skills and a willingness to contribute to the growth of student government.

The Election Process
Students interested in serving on S.U.G.A. must complete a nomination application, which requires 50 signatures of current MCC students. Upon completion of the nomination application, the nominee’s name will be included on a ballot. (Each campus elects its own representatives to the Student Union Government Association.

S.U.G.A. consists of a total of 16 student senators. General elections are held in September. Elections to fill vacant positions are held as needed.

Time Commitment
S.U.G.A. senators meet formally once a week. S.U.G.A. senators are also encouraged to attend college-wide meetings and various events. Students who accept leadership positions within the organization can expect to devote additional time to issues affecting campus life.

Opportunities for Leadership Development
Student leaders participate in various seminars and workshops, offered by the Student Activities Office, to gain self-confidence and develop their potentials for leadership. Opportunities exit to enhance skills in communication, interpersonal relations, valuing diversity, conflict management, and decision-making.

S.U.G.A. senators are invited to participate in the annual student leader conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Community College Student Life Association each October.

Is It Worth It?
Definitely! The student government experience helps students to identify their strengths and improve in areas that often challenge their abilities. It is a terrific opportunity to establish a network among peers as well as with faculty and staff.

The experience also looks great on a resume!

For more information, please contact:

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Director of Leadership Development and Student Activities
Bedford Campus
Campus Center
Room 203
978-656-3363
welchm@middlesex.mass.edu

Lowell Campus
Fourth Floor
Room 407
978-656-3363
STUDENT UNION GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
NOMINATION APPLICATION

Name ____________________________________________________________

Student ID Number (Optional) __________________________________________

Street _____________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State __________ Zip Code ______________

Home Phone Number ________________________________

Email Address ______________________________________________________

Campus at which majority of classes are taken ________________________________________________________________

Cumulative grade point average (overall GPA) __________________________

A meeting with Melissa Welch, advisor to S.U.G.A. is required as part of the nomination process. Please schedule this meeting by contacting the Center for Leadership & Engagement, Bedford Campus Center, Room 200, extension 3363 (978-656-3363). You may arrange to have your meeting at either the Bedford or the Lowell Campus. However, this meeting must occur no later than ___________________. Please make your appointment as soon as possible to avoid last minute scheduling conflicts.

____________________________________________________
Signature of SUGA Advisor (required)

My signature below indicates that the above information is true and, as a student at Middlesex Community College, I have maintained at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

__________________________________________________________
Nominee Signature                                                  Date

IMPORTANT:
PLEASE ATTACH A SHORT PARAGRAPH EXPLAINING WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON S.U.G.A. AND WHY STUDENTS SHOULD VOTE FOR YOU. YOUR STATEMENT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT. YOUR PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE TAKEN WHEN YOU RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION. YOUR PHOTO WILL BE PLACED NEXT TO YOUR NAME AT THE BALLOT TABLE DURING THE S.U.G.A. ELECTIONS.

The deadline for filing nomination applications is __________________________.

Please return this nomination application with 50 signatures of current MCC students to one of the locations below:

Center for Leadership & Engagement
Bedford Campus               City Campus
Campus Center                Fourth Floor
Room 200                     Room 407

Elections will be held on _____________________ from 9am to 1pm and on the evening of ____________________ from 5pm to 6:15pm.

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NOMINATION FORM

Dear Student:

The student named on the first page of this nomination form is a candidate for the position of representative to the Middlesex Community College Student Union Government Association. By signing this form, you are endorsing this individual as a nominee for the position. You may sign nomination papers of more than one candidate. Thank you.

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

(Your statement will appear on the ballot. The Student Activities Office reserves the right to edit the statement because of limited space provided on the ballot.)

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