

April 24, 2019 University Council Officer Report

Rachel Byers, President of the Student Government Association

Good afternoon, my name is Rachel Byers, and I have the pleasure of serving as the President of the Student Government Association this upcoming year. On March 6, Melissa Hevener, Nav Singh, and myself were elected as the new Executive Officers of SGA. Melissa was elected Vice President, and Nav was elected Treasurer.

Already, we have received so much support and encouragement from faculty, staff, and administrators, some who are here today, and we want to say thank you for your guidance as we transition into these new roles. We are eager to get to work, and we know that the partnership between the Student Government Association and University Council is an important one that we look forward to growing over the coming year. We are excited to work together to make sure students have every opportunity to learn and grow here at UGA.

As we begin our administration, much of our time has been focused on interviewing and selecting our cabinet members as well as other appointed positions. We had over 100 applicants for these positions, and we are confident that we will have a great team this year.

Moving forward, our next steps include beginning the work of implementing our platform as we finish out the school year and into the summer. Melissa, Nav, and I ran on the platform of bridging the gap for underrepresented students and bridging the gap between students and campus resources. We are excited to meet and work alongside various departments on campus to see our platform to fruition, in an effort to make this campus become more of a home for all students. Thank you all, and go dawgs.