



March 7, 2013

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in serving your peers through student government at Colorado College! We are delighted that you are considering running for Executive Council. This letter is designed to provide you with some useful background information on the student government here at CC and the process for running for office.

The Colorado College Student Government Association (CCSGA) is the student government at Colorado College. We are the voice of CC students, responsible for receiving and responding to student concerns, recognizing and chartering student groups, advocating for CC students through local government and college administration, appointing students to all-college committees, and funding student organizations and student led campus events through a budget which exceeds \$350,000.

Each year the CCSGA conducts three school-wide elections. During Block One, we elect thirteen members of Full Council, including four at-large representatives to serve on the Finance Committee. During Block Six, we elect the three finalists to interview for the Student Trustee position. During Block Seven, we elect the five Executive Council positions: Student Body President, Vice President for Outreach, Vice President for Student Concerns, Vice President for Finance, and Vice President for Internal Affairs. These members are responsible for leading CCSGA next year. They also coordinate the election of Full Council next fall. The duties of each of their positions are outlined on the next page of this packet.

So why run? Through CCSGA Executive Council, you can contribute to the “campus-wide development of an enriching college experience.” *CCSGA Constitution*, preamble. Student government at the collegiate level allows you to make real impact for your peers. Additionally, CCSGA Executive Council members receive a monetary award for their service. We are excited for your interest in running for CCSGA Executive Council, and wish you the best of luck in the upcoming election!

Sincerely,

Nathan Lee
Student Body President

Elliot Mamet
Constitutional Vice President

Student Body President:

The Student Body President serves as the president of CCSGA, representing student voice and concerns to administration and the greater college community. The role also entails presiding over all meetings of the full council and executive council, creating agendas for each meeting, communicating with the SGA advisor, and facilitating conversation between student organizations and the SGA. As the year progresses, different council and campus concerns arise and the president is often called upon to face these challenges. The Student Body President serves as the face of Colorado College students to the outside world, and represents student interests in regular meetings with President Tiefenthaler and with the Board of Trustees.

Vice President for Outreach:

The Vice President for Outreach assumes the duties of the President in the absence of the President and serves as City Council Liaison, maintaining regular communication with city leadership. This individual maintains an active voice in local policy and lobbies on behalf of students. Additionally, the Vice President for Outreach maintains regular communication with those students serving on All College Committees, and appoints students to serve on All College Committees.

Vice President for Student Concerns:

The Vice President for Student Concerns assumes the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the Vice President for Outreach. This role entails representing student concerns on campus, like improving awareness of mental health issues. This individual supervises projects that seek to improve the overall campus climate. The Student Concerns Vice President must be readily accessible for students and must also be willing to serve as a mediator.

Vice President for Finance:

The Vice President for Finance chairs the Student Finance Committee, which is responsible for the management of the student activity fee and granting funding to dozens of events throughout the year along with operational budgets for all chartered student groups. The Financial Vice President also has the power, with the help of the Business Office, to reallocate funding and create new sources of funding as campus needs arise, such as sustainability grants or alcohol-free event funding.

Vice President for Internal Affairs:

The Vice President for Internal Affairs is charged with overseeing both organization status application processes (recognized and chartered in both the fall and spring), keeping the Constitution of the Student Government Association current and pertinent, and organizing elections. Additionally, this individual knows the CCSGA Constitution, its Bylaws, makes final parliamentary decisions upon the request of the President, and presides over any impeachment hearings.

Election Commissioners, as approved:

- Nathan Lee '13
- Pat Knecht '13
- Elliot Mamet '15
- Stanley Sigalov '13
- Charis Whitnah '13
- Ryan Haas '13
- Virginia Logue '15
- Christiana Shams '14
- Andie Estella '15

Timeline:

- Tuesday, March 26th. Panel on women's participation in political spaces at CC (tentative).
- Thursday, March 28th. Applications due, 5:00PM.
- Thursday, March 28th. Mandatory Candidates' Meeting, 5:00PM, WES Room (downstairs Worner). Campaigning begins after the meeting adjourns.
- Tuesday, April 2nd. Great Debate (tentative). 4:00PM, East Rastall.
- Wednesday, April 3rd. All campaign material must be removed from the Worner Campus Center by 11:59 PM.
- Thursday, April 4th. Election Day. Voting open until 7:00PM. Results announced via flash-all email.
- Friday, April 5th. Deadline for filing an appeal with the CCSGA Election Commission (7:00PM).
- Monday, April 8th. Run-off election day (if needed).

Contact:

The official contact line for election personnel is CCSGA@ColoradoCollege.edu. Questions or complaints should be sent to that address.

Election Application

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

1. Are you planning to study abroad during the 2013-2014 academic year? Please list any time you expect to spend off campus (due to classes or otherwise) that will exceed two weeks. (Please note that if you are going to be off campus for more than one block, you are not eligible to run.)
2. Is your GPA equal to or higher than 2.5? (Your G.P.A. must be higher than a 2.5)
3. Are you a student in good standing with the College?
4. Please compose a statement of no more than 800 words explaining why you are running for CCSGA Executive Council. This statement will be sent out to voters as they decide which candidate to support. Your statement should answer the following questions:
 - a. Why are you running for the position and what do you hope to accomplish?
 - b. What is your vision for the 2013-2014 student government?
 - c. How would your experiences and leadership skills best serve the student body?
 - d. What are your greatest concerns on campus right now? How would you propose to change them? What do you want to enhance?
5. Please also attach a high-resolution photo that we may display along with your application.

<p>This application is due by 5:00PM on Thursday, March 28th to CCSGA@coloradocollege.edu in .DOC, .DOCX, or .RTF format. You must also turn in a petition for candidacy to the Worner Desk by that time. Late applications will not be accepted.</p>
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Election Rules

1. Election Timeline. The election of the 2013-2014 CCSGA Executive Council members shall be held on Thursday, April 4th. All students of Colorado College shall receive an electronic ballot via email from CCSGA at approximately 8:00AM on Monday, February 25th, 2013. Voting shall close at 7:00PM. Votes received after 7:00PM shall not be counted.
2. Election Commission. The election shall be administered by an impartial election commission. The election commission must be comprised of members who have not, in any way, endorsed, plan to endorse or campaign on behalf of any candidate. *CCGSA Constitution* art. V § B.
 - a. Two thirds of total members shall constitute a quorum.
 - b. All decisions will require a majority vote of commissioners voting.
 - c. The members of the commission shall be posted on the CCSGA website.
 - d. The commission reserves the right to adjudicate decisions electronically.
3. Positions Available. Candidates may run for one of the following positions: Student Body President, Vice President for Outreach, Vice President for Student Concerns, Vice President for Finance, and Vice President for Internal Affairs.
4. Dual Positions. No student may simultaneously serve on CCSGA and serve as Student Trustee.
5. Election Qualifications.
 - a. All candidates must be students in good academic standing with the College.
 - b. All candidates must plan to be enrolled as a student during fall semester 2013 and spring semester 2014. However, candidates shall not be required to be enrolled as a full-time student during that time.
 - c. No student may be abroad for more than one block during the 2013-2014 academic year.
 - d. A minimum 2.5 GPA is required.
 - e. The election commission reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who does not meet the qualifications described herein.
6. Campaign Finance. No campaign shall use more than \$40 in private campaign resources.
 - a. "Private campaign resources" shall be defined as any expenditure or private donation used to campaign for the 2013-2014 Executive Council election.
 - b. All private campaign resources shall be reported to the election commission by 11:59PM on Wednesday, April 6th, 2013. All receipts must be submitted to the Worner Center Desk by that time, or emailed to CCSGA@coloradocollege.edu
 - c. Any personal printing shall be disclosed at a rate of .10¢/page.
 - d. Public campaign resources shall not be limited in use by these Rules. "Public campaign resources" shall include, but shall not be limited to printing campaign information from a public College printer or using chalk from the Worner Center desk.
7. College policy and procedure. All campaigning shall conform to Colorado College policy and procedure, including but not limited to the student policy and procedure outlined in the *Pathfinder*.
8. Worner Box Campaigning. Use of Worner Boxes or other Colorado College mailroom facilities to campaign is prohibited.

9. Posters. Posters shall not be hung in facilities operated by Bon Appetit. Posters shall not be hung on the Televisions in Worner Campus Center. Posters may be hung in other College buildings. Candidates are advised to check with individual RLCs before campaigning in any on-campus housing building.
10. Election Day. All campaign material shall be removed from the Worner Campus Center by 11:59PM on Wednesday, April 6th, 2013.
11. Penalty and Disqualification. The Election Commission reserves the ability to penalize and/or disqualify any candidate for violation of the CCSGA Constitution and/or these Rules. *CCSGA Constitution* art. V § A.
 - a. Consultation. The Election Commission shall consult with the CCSGA advisor prior to disqualifying any candidate.
 - b. Due Process. All candidates shall be entitled to due process as their case is considered and decided by the Election Commission. All candidates shall be entitled to testify for the Election Commission.
 - c. Appeals. Any candidate wishing to challenge an election result shall submit his or her complaint in writing to the Election Commission within 24 hours after the election closes. The complaint shall include a meaningful remedy in response to the alleged wrong. The Election Commission shall investigate all complaints. After the investigation, the Election Commission shall be responsible for deciding what actions, if any, shall be taken. The decision of the Election Commission shall be final.
12. Transparency. Decisions of the Election Commission shall be posted online.
 - a. By majority vote, the Election Commission shall be entitled to withhold information from disclosure.
13. Write-in Candidates. There shall be no write-in candidacy for this election.
14. Run-off elections. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote for a particular position, a run-off election shall be held on Monday, April 11th.
15. Winners. The Winners shall be announced online and via flash-all email.
16. Modifications to these rules. CCSGA and the Election Commission reserve the right to modify these rules and/or the election timeline.

Candidate Name: _____

*By signing below, I confirm that the above candidate will effectively perform the duties of
CCSGA Executive Council.*

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