Any student who wishes to participate may do so by filling out the application packet, meeting all the Senator qualifications, attending two consecutive meetings, and being elected in by the Senate. On the second consecutive meeting, a probationary senator should give a short speech on why he/she wants to join the Student Senate. He/she may become an official senator immediately after being elected by the Senate with a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Application packets must be submitted to the Student Senate Advisor in COM 309.
Student Senate is a vital part of student life at Johnson County Community College. To be a member is a privilege and an honor bestowed to a select few, and the positions should be nurtured and developed throughout the term in order to receive the maximum benefits from it.

**Student Senate Mission Statement**

We, the members of JCCC Student Senate, strive to be a reflection of the diverse student body we represent. We desire to be a catalyst in increasing student involvement through positive communication and efficient leadership.

**JCCC Mission, Vision and Values**

**Mission**

JCCC inspires learning to transform lives and strengthen communities.

**Vision**

JCCC will be a national leader through educational excellence and innovation.

**Values**

- **Integrity** – We hold ourselves accountable for decisions and actions.
- **Collaboration** – We respect diversity of thought in building a culture of collaboration.
- **Responsiveness** – We respond to the needs of our students and communities through relevant offerings.

**Leadership** – We pursue leadership roles in our communities and higher education.
Student Senate General Information

The Senate is comprised of 5 executive officers and 25 Senators, who represent the Student Body of Johnson County Community College. It is the duty of every Senator to become aware of the opinions and ideas of the students and maintain knowledge of relevant campus issues.

Senators are required to attend General Assembly meetings of the Student Senate, which are held Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. Senators also are required to participate in a minimum of 1 committee and attend each weekly meeting of the committee(s).

If elected, Senators can have no more than 4 cumulative absences during the period of one semester, including General Assembly meetings, events, and other Senate-related projects. Religious observations are excused, as are JCCC-sponsored activities (please note that this does not include homework).

Senator Qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in at least 1 hour of credit coursework throughout their term in office.
- Must have and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or greater throughout their term in office.
- Candidates must not have been previously removed from the Johnson County Community College Student Senate during a term that occurred within the previous two years of the current election.
- Candidates must personally secure signatures of at least 50 currently enrolled credit students on official nominating petition forms located on pages 12 and 13 of the election packet.
- A potential candidate will be automatically omitted from the elections if he/she does not meet the requirements and/or fails to follow the campaign guidelines.
Student Senate Guidelines

As a Student Senate member, your primary responsibility would be to represent your constituents in the Student Senate regarding matters that concern the student body and to act as a model member of Johnson County Community College. As such, there are certain expectations to which you should endeavor to hold yourself if you become a member of the Student Senate. These expectations and guidelines are designed to clarify the role of the Student Senator and ensure the professional and efficient operation of the Student Senate. All members of the Student Senate will be expected to adhere to the expectations below.

1. Attend all General Assembly meetings. This implies arriving on time, prepared and ready to participate until the meeting is adjourned. In cases of absences or tardiness, notify a Senate officer or advisor in writing.
2. Participate actively in at least one standing committee.
3. Abide by the Student Code of Conduct. This position is representative of the voice of the student population, and thus, respect of the policies and expectations is required.
4. Initiate and respond to communication with fellow senators, officers, and/or advisor(s) within 24 hours, unless otherwise specified or arranged.
5. Failure to communicate absences or on matters that regard the school and the Student Senate might result in temporary or permanent removal from the Student Senate.
6. Show appropriate respect to other senators, officers, advisor(s), and any visitors attending Senate meetings or seeking Senate’s services.
7. Be honest and objective during all voting procedures. Abstention from voting of events or trips of organizations in which a senator or an officer is involved is mandatory.
8. Make a continual effort to be available to the JCCC community, accommodating the needs of the JCCC student body as much as possible.
9. Take advantage of arising opportunities to invite and encourage student involvement in all Senate activities and meetings.
10. Dress respectfully during the Student Senate General Assembly and campus-wide committee meetings. Sweats and pajamas are prohibited. Arrive neat and presentable to provide professional representation of the Student Senate.
11. Do NOT speak on behalf of the Senate in any publication of public or private setting unless specifically directed to do so by the other members of the Executive Board or the advisor.
12. Strive to become as informed as possible regarding possible Senate motions, should the opportunity for them to do so occur prior to meetings. This expectation includes, but is not limited to:
   • Reading relevant material provided by Senate.
   • Asking relevant questions concerning the matter during Senate meetings.
   • Consulting the Student Senate Constitution and/or other officers and advisor(s), if necessary.
   • Listening and participating actively.

Student Senate is a right bestowed on students through the election process and must be treated as such. I acknowledge that I am aware of the expectations as outlined above and will uphold them if elected. I realize that violations could impact my role on Student Senate.
Please print clearly.

Name: ____________________________________________

Student ID number: __________________________ GPA: __________________________

Email: __________________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________

(street)

(city, state, zip code)

Please attach a typed response for each question below. Your responses will be posted as candidate bios at the Senate Election Booth.

1. Why are you running for a Senator position?

2. What is your past leadership and extracurricular experience?

3. What qualities, skills, and experiences do you have that would make you an effective Senator? How do you display those characteristics in your daily life?

4. What are the top issues you see facing the JCCC community, and how would you propose to solve them?

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the election guidelines, expectations, and procedures outlined in this election packet and agree to abide by them.

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