



Elections Overview

The McCourt School's elected student government, the MSA Executive Board, consists of 15 members democratically elected by the McCourt student community each spring. The Board carries out the following responsibilities and functions on behalf of all McCourt students:

- Allocates and manages the Student Association (MSA) budget, which supports student events and programming and McCourt student groups
- Represents the interests and concerns of all McCourt students and McCourt student organizations to the administration
- Represents the interests of all degree programs and advocates for appropriate curriculum changes and improvements to the administration
- Facilitates networking and career opportunities for McCourt students through a relationship with the McCourt Alumni Board and the maintenance of the McCourt Internship Database
- Facilitates student communication with the McCourt administration through Town Hall meetings, student surveys, and monthly meetings with McCourt deans and student leadership
- Organizes policy-related, community service, and social events for McCourt students including policy panels, monthly service projects, and alumni and networking happy hours, among many others.
- Organizes the Student Mentoring Program for new students and graduation activities for graduating students including fundraising for the class gift and graduation dinner.
- Promotes McCourt students and student groups through its website and social media accounts to current and prospective students, alumni, McCourt Administrators, and the general public for the benefit of the entire McCourt community.
- Coordinates student group event planning and scheduling
- Oversees TIPS (alcohol) service at McCourt events

Elected Positions

The Executive Board includes 12 positions popularly elected by the McCourt *returning* student community. The MIDP, MPP-EP, and MSDSPP representatives are each elected by the *returning* students of their respective programs. All other offices are elected at-large.

Officers

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Program Directors

Director of Alumni Outreach and External Affairs
Director of Incoming Student and First -Year Relations
Director of Diversity Programs and International Students
Director of Service Programs
Director of Social Programs
MIDP Program Representative
MPP Evening Program Representative
MSDSPP Program Representative

Position Descriptions

President: The President serves as the official spokesperson and voice of MSA and shall serve as a liaison between MSA and all other Georgetown University and non-university bodies or representatives, including regular meetings with other MSA Officers and Administrators of the McCourt School. The President presides over MSA General Assembly meetings, and works in conjunction with relevant student groups and officers to promote the mission of the Board, including making sure that all MSA and McCourt events are carried out with consideration of equal access and sustainability. The President also spearheads the Class Gift Campaign during the spring semester of their tenure. The President meets regularly with McCourt Administration.

Current President: Ruwa Romman <rr1065@georgetown.edu>

Vice President: The Vice President oversees and support all MSA-affiliated student groups/activities/organizations at McCourt and serves as the point-person for executive officers of those organizations. The Vice President also serves as liaison to the Georgetown University and McCourt alumni/ae communities by serving on the Georgetown University Board of Governors and the McCourt Alumni Board. The Vice President also oversees academic affairs, conducting regular polling to solicit students' feedback on curriculum. The Vice President facilitates one annual Town Hall meeting, in consultation with the McCourt Dean of McCourt and the President. The Vice President also meets regularly with McCourt Administration.

Current Vice President: Jack Ryan <jwr65@georgetown.edu>

Former Second-Year Vice President: Kevin Washam <kw703@georgetown.edu>



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Secretary: The Secretary shall record attendance at, take minutes of, and record all votes taken during General Assembly meetings, and solicits items for and disseminate General Assembly meeting agendas. The Secretary is also responsible for planning and coordinating elections with the McCourt Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Lastly, the Secretary is in charge of the website, social media, and external communications for MSA, including the McCourt calendar of events and newsletter. The Secretary also meets regularly with McCourt Administration.

Current Secretary: Jingfei Zhang <jz537@georgetown.edu>

Treasurer: The Treasurer maintains the financial records of MSA, providing the Executive Board with regular discretionary and contingency fund balance updates. The Treasurer manages the MSA overall reimbursement system and provides support to MSA-affiliated other student groups/activities and other McCourt student organizations on budgetary matters, including creating the annual budget proposal for MSA-affiliated student groups/activities who organizations wishing to receive McCourt funding. The Treasurer also meets regularly with McCourt Administration.

Current Treasurer: Nancy Dietman <nc427@georgetown.edu>

Director of Alumni and External Outreach: The Director of Alumni and External Outreach reports to the Vice President and acts as an external representative for MSA to groups within the graduate schools and outside of Georgetown University. The Director of Alumni and External Outreach organizes two McCourt student/alumni event per academic year in conjunction with the McCourt Alumni Board.

Current Alumni Outreach Director: Robin Nichols <rn503@georgetown.edu>

Current Director of External Affairs: Kamila Saldanha <kms468@georgetown.edu>

Director of Diversity and International Programs: The Director of Diversity and International Programs shall be responsible for the promotion and celebration of diversity and inclusion at McCourt and shall serve as the diversity liaison to other McCourt student organizations, task forces, initiatives, and individual McCourt students. The Director of Diversity and International Programs will attend regular meetings regularly with McCourt student organizations to develop feedback channels from a wide array of students.

Current Diversity Programs Director: Dilek Sevinc <ds1565@georgetown.edu>

Director of Service Programs: The Director of Service Programs shall be responsible for overseeing all MSA service activities by MSA, including a service project during Orientation. The Director of Service Programs co-sponsors one service event with each one of McCourt's recognized student groups during the Director of Service Programs' tenure.

Current Service Programs Director: Anna Heard <ah1461@georgetown.edu>

Director of Social Programs: The Director of Social Programs shall be responsible for overseeing all social and student activities by MSA, including:

Ensuring that at least one MSA-sponsored activity is held during the Orientation period.

Managing and planning the student-controlled portions of graduation and the graduation ceremony.

Planning Homecoming in the fall semester of the academic year.

Planning the McCourt Gala in the spring semester of the academic year.

Planning two happy hour events per academic year.

Current Social Programs Director: Andrea Torres Villanueva <at1103@georgetown.edu>

Director of Incoming and First Year Students and First Year Relations: The Director of Incoming Student and First -Year Relations coordinates the Mentor Program for incoming students, beginning the summer prior to the arrival of the incoming students. The Director of Incoming Student and First -Year Relations holds one event during Orientation, and one event focusing on inter-class relations during Fall semester, and one such event during Spring semester.

Current Director of Incoming Student and First -Year Relations: Vacant

Master of Public Policy Evening Program Representative: The MPP Evening Program (MPP-EP) Representative shall be responsible for responding to MPP student concerns relating to the MPP Evening Program at General Assembly meetings. The MPP Evening Program Representative shall work with the Executive Board members to organize events and involve MPP Evening Program students in activities.

Current MPP-EP Representative: Jake Waxman <jmw343@georgetown.edu>

Master of International Development Policy (MIDP) Program Representative: The MIDP Representative shall be responsible for responding to MIDP student concerns relating to the MIDP Program at General Assembly meetings. The MIDP Representative shall work with the Executive Board members to organize events and involve MIDP students in activities.

Current MIDP Representative: Wetoga Felli <w5f8@georgetown.edu>

Master of Science in Data Science for Public Policy (MSDSPP) Program Representative: The MSDSPP Representative shall be responsible for responding to MSDSPP student concerns relating to the MSDSPP Program at General Assembly meetings. The MSDSPP Representative shall work with the Executive Board members to organize events and involve MSDSPP students in activities.

Current MIDP Representative: Vacant

****Each member of the Board (with the exception of the MPP-Evening Program, MIDP, and MSDSPP Representatives) will work with a Representative of a similar title who is appointed in the fall from the incoming students.**



Elections Timeline:

Pre-Campaign Events

Candidate Sign Up Period: February 22nd to March 1st (online)
Candidate Statement Due: March 1st at 11:59 PM (online)

Campaign Period Events

Statements of Candidacy Posted: March 11th (online)
Campaigning Allowed: March 11th to March 15th
Elections: March 15th 9:00 AM to March 18th at 5:00 PM
Winner Announcement: March 25th or as soon as possible post-certification of election returns

Definitions

Statement of Candidacy: Submitting a Statement of Candidacy by the specified deadline places the candidate's name on the ballot. Only one Statement may be submitted per person, and all Statements will be posted publicly in the student lounge and on www.gppsa.org

Campaigning: a series of campaigning activities that follow these rules:

- Please make sure all campaign efforts and materials are respectful and appropriate.
- You CANNOT disrupt your classes to campaign. This includes leaving flyers on desks before class, taking class time to announce your campaign, and any other behavior that could be considered campaigning. When in doubt check with your professor or current MSA leaders.
- Flyers must be placed in the properly designated areas (student mailboxes and on bulletin boards in Old North).
- You CANNOT campaign outside of the allowed dates and times.