Dons Elections
Students are elected to all positions for Graduate Student Senate through the Dons Elections.

WHEN TO VOTE
Dons Elections take place Monday to Friday, April 16-20, 2018. Voting will take place beginning at 10am on April 16th and last until 5pm on April 20th.

WHERE TO VOTE
All voting will take place online. Polling stations will be located in various locations around campus including the University Center and the residence halls, but you can vote from anywhere online!

HOW TO VOTE
Log in to the online ballot, view the questions and choices, and make your selections. Use your myUSF login info:
- Username: USF email address (ex: student@dons.usfca.edu)
- Password: USF student ID number

NOTE: Only positions in which you are eligible to vote for will be populated on your ballot. Voter eligibility is determined by the records of the Registrar's Office.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY
Must be a currently enrolled full-time student and have paid the Student Activity Fee for the semester. Graduate students are eligible for the AGSUSF Election. A valid USF student ID number will be required to vote.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact elections@usfca.edu with any questions about Dons Elections.
Graduate Student Senate
The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) was created to represent, lead, and unify the Associated Graduate Students of the University of San Francisco, to achieve the betterment of the students in their professional and social interests, and to promote the coordination of activities and events for the graduate student population.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
There shall be five executive officers that make up the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be primarily responsible for the coordination, implementation and evaluation of all Senate activities, programs, and services.

![Diagram of Executive Board roles]

SENATOR REPRESENTATIVES
There shall be up to nine Senators to complete the Senate and will represent the voice of the Association. Senate members shall be responsible primarily to their respective constituent community.

![Diagram of Senator Representatives by College]
**PRESIDENT**

Jonathan Brannan  
*Academic Program: Sport Management*  
Current VP of Internal Affairs, with leadership experience for growing businesses and with non-profit organizations.

Mitchell Gurick  
*Academic Program: Organization Development*  
I’m running for the position of Graduate Student Senate President. Currently, in my second academic semester of the MS Organization Development program at the University of San Francisco, and work in POps at Google. For the past year, I have served and executed as the organization’s VP Treasury as well as remained responsible for the internal operation of budgeting and allocating for approximately $150,000 in student activity fee funds. As your President, I will set the organization up for success and continue leading it effectively through strategic initiatives. My promise is that I will work hard for you, graduate students of USF, and get the job done, providing a professional and proactive voice on student-focused initiatives.

Andrew LeMarQuand  
*Academic Program: Business Administration*  
I would like to be President of the Graduate Student Senate to lead and learn from the best students that our world has to offer. I have a moral obligation to lead by example every day and improve myself for the employees and students that rely on me to be at my best. Given the opportunity to serve, I will use the skills that I learn as the President to improve every organization that I belong to and better meet the needs of the students that I represent. I realize that we are the next generation of senior leaders and that it is incumbent upon each of us to develop ourselves and prepare to assume positions of greater responsibility. Our world and our friends and family rely on us to do so.

**VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Courtney Lamar  
*Academic Program: International Studies*  
I’m applying for the position of VP of IA because my experiences and skills in student leadership, management, and outreach make me a good candidate for this position. I have over five years experience in student leadership engagement in both undergrad and grad school. During my time at SMC, I acted as Pres. of Student Diversity Board, an organization dedicated to promoting a diverse and inclusive environment at SMC. In this position, I oversaw a diverse group of 25 and outreach to the SMC community. Furthermore, I served on GSS as the CAS rep. I’ve become familiar with the position being on the IA committee. My vision for the VP of IA is to ensure the smooth workings of the board, and I’m confident my current and past experiences will help me excel in this position. I look forward to the possibility of working with yet another incredible group of people next year!
**VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**Thompson Ly**  
*Academic Program: School Counseling*  
Prior to USF, I helped ServiceRocket build and lead the Customer Education Technology Industry with our Learning Management System, Learndot. I was responsible for our marketing strategy, from demand generation to brand marketing. Our team created an annual conference for training professionals and leaders in the technology industry. Today, over 1,000 attendees have joined the community. My goal as the VP of External Affairs Candidate is to build upon USF's success by building an External Affairs Playbook, streamline marketing processes, and to help produce impactful videos for recruitment. My vision is to share USF's story by improving the digital experiences and encourage prospective students to apply to USF.

**Riya Singh**  
*Academic Program: Information Systems*  
As VP Of External Affairs, I will help to drive an innovative implementation of communication plans that will lead to a more connected graduate student body with our external community. I will aim to cultivate a community of students to advocate for higher education, integrate campus diversity and inclusivity, and create partnerships extending outside of the campus. I have been deeply involved in creating an inclusive space for women in STEM at my work environment. I have extensive experience in planning, coordinating, and execution of events with a targeted outcome. Some of the key initiatives that make me a good candidate are: coordinating events that share experiences with a broader group, and providing philanthropy opportunities.

**BRANCH CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE**

**Krystie Johnson**  
*Academic Program: Clinical Nurse Leader Nursing*  
As a Part Time Educator in the Nursing field and Full Time Nursing Graduate student it is my vision to positively impact the University of San Francisco through the skills of my profession. As a Clinical Nurse Leader one must effectively operate on many different levels including collaboration with the healthcare team, advocating for patients, educating staff and patients alike, and many other leadership like skills are called upon. Likewise, as the Branch Campus Senator for Pleasanton I would apply these skills to enrich the student experience and lend a voice for all students no matter their area of study.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS OF SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE**

**Taylor Martin**  
*Academic Program: International Studies*  
Understanding that graduate programs are quick, campus involvement is often ignored. To amend this, I want to be the representative vessel that engages students to connect with their university and city. As senator, I will dedicate my time to connecting students with their campus and city by informing them of engagement opportunities via social media and in-person interactions. I have experience in leadership positions, so I understand that organization and punctuality are essential. I will listen to the needs of my peers and work alongside my fellow senators to provide graduate students with the best USF experience.
possible. I am eager to begin cultivating a graduate experience around the warm community of USF and San Francisco.

**Jorge Mora**  
*Academic Program: International Studies*  
My personal mission entails building bridges between historically marginalized communities, public officials, and the private sector. I believe that social progress in democratic societies is possible through a collaborative effort among these three components of society working together to solve natural conflicts that arise from differing interests, with the common good as the primordial guide.  
With the opportunity to serve as a member of the Graduate Senate, I am confident in my ability to forge similar relations among my colleagues, the administration, and the larger community to continue to advance the mission of the University of San Francisco as an academic institution and harbinger of social change in the world.

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

**Mariana Alvarenga Barrera**  
*Academic Program: Higher Education and Student Affairs*  
Hi Dons! I am humbled to be running to be one of your School of Education Representatives. I am running for this position because I believe in the power that college students have on campus to enact positive change. I plan to advocate for graduate students and build a stronger relationship between students and administration. When I think of social justice, I think of the importance of intersectionality and building solidarity among different groups. As an educator, I have had the opportunity to work and support first-generation students, undocumented students, and international students. I want to continue to connect and empower students while focusing on equity, inclusion, and retention. I would love the opportunity to represent you!

**Keith Rivers**  
*Academic Program: Organization and Leadership*  
I would like to further the notion of social justice at USF in the School of Education. I hold 3 master degrees, MBA in Marketing, MA in Political Science, and MA in Culture & Spirituality.

**SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**Kyle Juedes**  
*Academic Program: Financial Analysis*  
I would be a good fit for this position not just because I am currently getting my masters in financial analysis, but also because during my time as an undergraduate, I was the Vice President of Finance for the International Fraternity Council (IFC) on my campus. While in that position I had to create monthly budgets, meet with all of the fraternities treasurers to discuss their finances, collect quarterly dues, and pay all bills in a timely manner. I will bring that experience with me and build off of it to help the graduate student senate with all financial needs. Having someone with the right experience, which I believe I have, will allow for a smooth transition with less time being spent on training.
SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS REPRESENTATIVE

Luis Plascencia

*Academic Program: Clinical Psychology (Health Professions)*

My name is Luis and I am a first year student in the Clinical Psychology PsyD program, and would like to be your student senator for the Graduate Student Senate! I have some experience being on graduate senates, as I was an associate student senator for the Teachers College Student Senate at Columbia University. I am passionate in creating social change, and would love to be able to work collaboratively with fellow graduate students in order to make our voices heard. I know that as grad students we are a minority on campus, and that we have unique needs as rising experts in our field and deserve to have someone who has skills in community advocacy in order to incite growth for our community.

VACANT POSITIONS

Vice President of Treasury, Vice President of Mission, School of Management Representative (1), School of Nursing & Health Professions Representative (1)

For more information about vacant positions please contact elections@usfca.edu