

# **2026 SGA Elections**

## **Party: Captain's Council**

### **Executive Council Bios**

#### **President – Ella Self**

Fellow UT Martin students,

I am honored to present myself as a candidate for the position of Student Body President. These past three years, I have been able to serve my campus as the Student Body Vice President, Campus Opportunities Committee Chair, and as a Freshman Council Campus Opportunities Committee Co-Chair.

My current position in SGA as the Student Body Vice President has allowed me to serve directly with the Student Body President and guide our incoming freshmen at UT Martin. I feel that this year has greatly prepared me for the role of President as I have been able to serve alongside our current President and step in wherever needed. I have been able to plan events and build relationships that lead to further connection and conversations between students across our campus. During this year, I have been able to see just how much growth occurs in the first year of college by the Freshman Council members, and the significance of programming to benefit student needs.

I am excited to announce I am running with the Captain's Council party, and our slogan is, "Empower, Elevate, and Engage." My vision for the role of President is to ensure that every student attending UT Martin feels empowered, elevated, and engaged by their campus community and peers. Together, we can make sure every voice is heard and valued.

Outside of SGA, I pride myself on my involvement within various organizations such as Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, University Scholars Organization, Student Alumni Council, RISE Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Rotaract, and the League of Striving Artists. I have been able to serve my campus community as a SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration) Leader and as a PEP (Peer Enabling Peer) Leader. I have also been the proud recipient of a Who's Who at the University of Tennessee at Martin award. If granted the opportunity to serve as the Student Body President, I would strive to make sure that every student across campus has the opportunity to feel a sense of belonging and community both within and outside of student organizations.

Thank you for considering my candidacy! Together we can work to make sure that every student is empowered, elevated, and engaged by their UT Martin experience.

Ella Self

Candidate for Student Body President

## **Vice President – Bailey Parker**

Fellow UT Martin students,

My name is Bailey Parker, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Student Government Association (SGA) Student Body Vice President.

Over the past three years, I have had the honor of serving our student body through SGA in multiple roles, including Freshman Council President, Chief of Staff, and currently Student Body President. Each position has shaped my leadership and strengthened my commitment to serving UT Martin students.

As Freshman Council President, I led the planning and execution of the Freshman Council Retro Rewind, through which we collected nearly 1,000 school supplies to donate to Martin Middle School. As Chief of Staff, I supported Freshman Council initiatives and assisted in planning a College Forum, helping foster communication and collaboration across campus.

As Student Body President, I have worked to represent the interests of the student body, strengthen communication between students and university leadership, and ensure that student voices are considered in campus discussions and decision-making. I have focused on building relationships, supporting student leaders, and advancing initiatives that enhance the overall student experience. Serving in this role has reinforced the importance of listening, collaboration, and consistent advocacy on behalf of all students.

I am proud to announce that I am running with the Captain's Council Party, whose slogan is "Empower, Elevate, and Engage." If elected Vice President, my goal is to continue creating opportunities for students to be empowered, elevated, and engaged in every aspect of their university experience.

Together, we can build a campus community where students feel heard, supported, and inspired to get involved.

I would be honored to earn your support. Let's work together to empower, elevate, and engage UT Martin.

Thank you for considering my candidacy!

Gratefully,

Bailey Parker  
Candidate for Student Body Vice President

## **Secretary General – Lacy Collier**

Fellow UT Martin Students,

My name is Lacy Collier, and I am honored to present myself as a candidate for Student Body Secretary General.

Currently, I serve as Speaker of the House for the Student Government Association. Previously, I have had the privilege of serving as Chairperson of the Procedures Committee and as Freshman Council Secretary General. In my time within SGA, I have also had the pleasure of serving on the Legislative Committee for the past three years. Throughout these roles, I have worked on major pieces of legislation and key SGA initiatives, including writing, sponsoring, and co-sponsoring bills to restructure Freshman Council into its current form. In 2025, I also chaired the Constitutional Revision Committee to help build a stronger, more effective SGA for our campus community.

I am proud to be running with the Captain's Council party under the slogan, "Empower, Elevate, and Engage." My vision for the role of Secretary General is to ensure that every UT Martin student feels empowered, elevated, and fully engaged through increased transparency and clear communication between the Student Government Association and the student body. I am committed to delivering timely and accurate information to both SGA members and the campus community to promote awareness, involvement, and confidence in SGA initiatives and meetings. Beyond Student Government, I am actively involved on campus as a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, FFA, and Delta Tau Alpha Honor Society. I also serve as a student worker in UT Martin's Career Planning and Development office, where I continue to develop strong organizational, communication, and professional skills.

It would be an honor to serve you as Student Body Secretary General.

Thankfully,

Lacy Collier

Candidate for Student Body Secretary General

**Captain's Council Executive Council Candidates**

President Candidate  
Ella Self



Vice President Candidate  
Bailey Parker



Secretary General Candidate  
Lacy Collier



## Captain's Council Candidates

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Addison Urhahn	Senator for College of Engineering and Natural Sciences
Aidan Wood	Senator for College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences
Ashlee Mallon	Senator for College of Business and Global Affairs
Aubrey Davis	Senator for College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Bailey Parker	Vice President
Cairo Draper	Senator for College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Callie McDonald	Senator for College of Engineering and Natural Sciences
Cara Brooke Hatler	Senator for College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Darby Self	Senator for College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Drew Shanklin	Senator for College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Ella Self	President
Emily Potts	Senator for College of Business and Global Affairs
Emma Allen	Senator for College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences
Hattie Johnson	Senator for College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Jobey Case	Senator for College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Lacy Collier	Secretary General
Leah Repp	Senator for College of Engineering and Natural Sciences
Madison Boyd	Senator for College of Humanities and Fine Arts
Mason Lovell	Senator for College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Paris Hodge	Senator for College of Business and Global Affairs
Rush Cox	Senator for College of Engineering and Natural Sciences
Sara Igo	Senator for College of Humanities and Fine Arts

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# Captain's Council Party Platform

## 1. Student Advocacy & Financial Support

- a. Free Printing Credit: Propose a credit to help offset the costs of physical academic materials.
- b. Open Educational Resources: Promote open educational resources to reduce textbook costs.
- c. Scholarship Advocacy: Address concerns with regaining TN Promise and institutional scholarships over the course of enrollment.
- d. Affordable Online Courses: Continue the push for lower-cost online courses and fees to the administration.
- e. Academic Calendar Adjustments: Continue to push for an extended fall break and a sooner spring break.
- f. "Life After Martin" Sessions: Launch workshops on budgeting, taxes, and first-time home buying.
- g. Registration Transparency: Advocate for assigned professors to be visible in the registration portal so students can make informed choices.

## 2. SGA Transparency & Communication

- a. "You Ask, We Answer" System: Transform the feedback box into a high-visibility response system where SGA replies directly to student issues.
- b. Open Forums: Host regular sessions where students can pitch concerns or ideas directly to SGA.
- c. Student Activity Fee Review: Conduct an audit of how student fees are used to ensure they are funding high-impact student needs.

## 3. Campus Culture & Student Life

- a. Expanded Late-Night Events: Increase weeknight and weekend programming to give students more to do on campus, especially non-commuters.
- b. Inclusion Initiatives: Improve support for transfer, non-traditional, and commuter students.
- c. "Torch" Transfer Program: Propose a specific leadership cohort to help transfer students integrate into campus life and SGA.

- d. Campus Safety & Infrastructure: Advocate for fixing aging sidewalks (like Lovelace Ave) and completing the \$1.5 million safety project for better lighting.
- e. Extended Resource Hours: Advocate for longer library/tutoring hours during midterms and finals, supported by an SGA "Finals Fuel" station.
- f. Campus Courtesy Campaign: Launch a kindness initiative and a "Skyhawk Kindness Honor Pledge."
- g. Tradition Revitalization: Partner with alumni to build long-term pride through revitalized UT Martin traditions.