Name: Michael Thomas  
Year: 02  
Major: Finance

Qualifications:
1. Student Assistant: Office of the Board of Trustees  
2. College of Business: Executive Society  
3. SGA Cabinet  
4. Freshman Senator: Budget and Finance Committee  
5. Lambda Sigma: Treasurer

Platform:

I want you to elect me as your SGA Treasurer in order to accomplish my defined goals:
1. Tuition and Fee Transparency: Since 1980 the tuition and fees rate has grown from around $600 to around $11,500 per semester, an 1800% increase. Tuition, fees and other paid expenses can be a significant burden on any student. Every student has the right to understand how his or her hard-earned money is being spent. Whether tuition is affected by changes in the economy, competition in the work force, or recreational benefits, this information should be easily accessible on SGA’s website, and worded in a way that is easily understood by students. Once in office, I will create detailed and easily explained outlines showing how the budget is broken down including trends of different organizations in order to understand the way the Auburn student is headed. Every student deserves to be able to interpret and understand documents such as fiscal budgets or expenditure reports. Therefore, I will provide explanations and detailed summaries of such documents to create a better understanding for all.

2. Scholarship Analysis: As a quadruplet and one of four siblings in my family currently enrolled at Auburn, I fully understand the significant impact any scholarship can have for a student and his or her family right now, and in the future. In keeping with the Auburn Creed’s emphasis on “hard work” and being in touch with one’s “fellow men and women,” students who serve their neighbors, community and are academically eligible should be awarded, just as those that have demonstrated their intelligence. For this reason, once I am in office, I will create a committee whose job is to properly investigate scholarship opportunities for Auburn students based on their involvement as well as need based. I will also establish information channels which highlight the available scholarships and promote them on a higher level to allow more students to be considered for the honor; Ex: Ceddrick Mack Beacon Scholarship.

3. Intentional Assessment of Efficiency: I plan to assess the current SGA Budget Allocation Process to determine how SGA can improve the operation while remaining as fair as possible. Once in office, I will intentionally meet with all organizations who request funding to better understand how each group can be served to the highest capacity for the betterment of Auburn. I will seek out those who have a desire to know more about the finance division, SGA, and Auburn. When SGA funds are allocated with maximal efficiency and attention to
organizational purpose, SGA will be better equipped to explore valuable financial opportunities. Such opportunities will better serve the needs of the Auburn students and in turn make the Auburn student experience more enjoyable.

I love Auburn with a passion, and because of that, nothing will get in the way of me seeking out the betterment of Auburn with students’ interests in mind.