Name: Riley Hambrick
Year: 03
Major: Political Science

Qualifications:
College of Liberal Arts Senator
Inclusion and Diversity Committee
Former Executive Member for Emerge at Auburn
Oaks Leadership
Omicron Delta Kappa

Platform: New Heights with Hambrick

The Vice President has the opportunity to oversee the work performed by Senators by serving as the presiding officer over SGA’s legislative body, while also conducting the Student Senate meetings. Serving as a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts has afforded me the opportunity to familiarize myself with the very work that the Vice President is tasked with leading. As a member of the Inclusion and Diversity Committee we have drafted bills, resolutions, and commendations which has allowed me to participate in the creation of all three types of legislation. By constructing legislation, I have prepared myself for floor debate using my voice as a Senator to represent my constituents which the Vice President also moderates.

A Senator’s main role is be a voice to those we represent, however the Vice President’s role is to ensure that fair and just representation is promoted throughout the entire Student Senate. If elected, I will continue to advocate for such representation. I will commit myself to seeking and understanding the various issues that are afflicting Auburn students by challenging the status quo through three main goals:

Redefining Representation
Much of what the Senate does is drafting bills and resolutions that impacts the organizations we partake in rather than the Colleges we are elected from. Rarely does a piece of legislation come up that impacts our college classrooms and policies. Therefore it can be problematic for spreading information regarding new legislation as well as the possibility for Senators to write a bill effecting an organization that they may not even be apart of. This raises concerns for me and what I am proposing is continuing the addition of non-voting liaisons, an initiative by sitting Vice President Burney. These additional liaisons would include members from a number of organizations on campus and having the participate in a senate committee if they choose to do so. By doing so, these members will have an opportunity to lobby the legislation that affects their organizations.

Summer Senate
Currently, the Student Senate only meets between the months of August-May. This means that there is virtually no representation for students taking summer class and if we are to be the main body that represents the student body, then this occur year around. This will only include Senators who will remain in Auburn throughout the summer months.
Revisiting Roles

It is traditionally the role of the President Pro-Tempore to conduct Senate meetings in the way the SGA Vice President currently does. If the President Pro-Tempore were adequately trained to conduct Student Senate meetings, the Vice President would then have the opportunity revisit the ways and the roles in which the position currently represents students.

Thank you! War Eagle!