

Name: Cole Callahan

Year: 03

Major: Biomedical Sciences

Qualifications:

SGA Senator

The Campus Kitchen at Auburn University Executive Team

Camp War Eagle Counselor

UPC Assistant Director of Finance

COSAM Schools Council President

Platform:

War Eagle! My name is Cole Callahan and I have the amazing opportunity to share my vision with the student body at Auburn University. The SGA Vice President presides over the Senate while working alongside the President, Treasurer and Executive Cabinet. Through my diverse group of roles on campus, I have learned responsibility on a professional level and, most importantly, how to ask for help. I hope to foster a campus culture which promotes meaningful connections within the Auburn Family, with emphasis placed on those relationships between the Student Senate and student body. I promise every student on this campus will be able to **Count on Callahan**.

Count on Accessibility:

A prominent issue I noticed during my last term as a Senator was the lack of structure regarding office hours. Students undoubtedly possessed the desire to express their opinions, yet this system of collection is flawed. With Senators able to freely choose times of the week to conduct their Senate and College-specific office hours, students are inherently disadvantaged to adequately report their concerns.

I plan to create publicized spaces for senators to conduct weekly office hours within their colleges and the Melton Student Center itself. Through this consistency, constituents maintain better communication with senators to report issues and collect legitimate feedback.

Genuine relationships between constituents and senators will encourage feedback that is more valid and informed.

Count on Callahan: Cole wants you to know how, when and where to give feedback.

Count on Support:

As a Camp Counselor and tutor, I am reminded that the most prominent challenges students face go far beyond classroom walls. I want to focus on improving student mental health and the resources available to sexual assault victims.

A primary initiative I will work to decrease the stigma around mental health. As a measure of prevention, I want to incorporate a greater education about sexual assault for all students. A partnership with Green Dot would educate students in awareness of sexual assault, making their program mandatory for all students.

A new resource I would add is a counselor with specialized training in sexual assault, trauma and violence.

Count on Callahan: Cole wants an Auburn where students feel safe, believed, and heard.

Count on Communication:

I noticed an apparent disconnect between the Senate and School's Council during my time as the School's Council President of COSAM. As joint entities of the same branch, communication between the two should be streamlined and effective. However, this is not the case, nor is it of the Senate's ability to relay information to the student body.

My solution would be twofold. To mend relationships within the legislative branch, School's Council members would be required to attend Senate meetings on a bi-semesterly basis. Auburn students should also know what the Senate is deliberating and how to share perspectives on these issues. I plan to create a transparent Senate floor and keep the Auburn family informed about legislation.

Count on Callahan: Cole wants greater communication of information into and out of the Senate.