

Name: Coleman Turnipseed

Year: 03

Major: Political Science

Minors: Business and Agribusiness

Qualifications:

SGA At-Large Senator – Code of Laws Committee

SGA Lobby Board

Auburn University Academic Honesty Board

Cardinal Key Honor Society – President

Summer Internships – United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate

Platform:

As Vice President of the Student Government Association, I will use my voice to advocate for the needs of the student body and to ensure that no student on campus is silenced. My platform is focused on three main planks: productivity, transparency, and advocacy.

Productivity:

Increasing the productivity and accountability of the Student Senate is crucial to best address and meet the needs of the student body. With the new two-thirds rule, more people are running to be members of the Student Senate than ever before. I want to ensure that those elected are able to utilize their roles in the Student Senate as best as possible. As Vice President, I will work alongside the members of the Student Senate to aid and assist in the process of writing legislation and working on projects that benefit the student body.

Transparency:

Serving as a Senator At-Large this past year allowed me the opportunity to learn the concerns of the student body. The number one complaint I heard during my term was that the general student body has no idea what SGA was actually doing. SGA continues to make great strides to increase transparency amongst the student body. My job as Vice President would be to make SGA resources known across campus and to allow students and campus organizations to better utilize and understand these resources.

Advocacy:

Advocating for the individual Auburn student is the cornerstone of my platform. Streamlining the process with which Auburn students may provide feedback to the Student Senate will allow for SGA to better understand what their fellow students want. As Vice President, I will advocate for students to get involved in the legislative process by allowing students to work alongside members of SGA on projects, from start to finish. There are over 500+ on-campus organizations. SGA serves a critical role in coordinating and communicating with these organizations. As Vice President, I will better facilitate communication amongst these organizations and help students connect with the one that is best equipped to meet their needs. The ability to effectively discern the concerns of students and find the correct avenue to which these concerns can be addressed is one of my biggest goals as Vice President.

Closing:

My favorite line of the Auburn Creed is “I believe in honesty and truthfulness, without which I cannot win the respect and confidence of my fellow men.” As Vice President, I promise to always keep the Auburn student body in mind with any decision I make and to be truthful to those who I serve. I understand that I do not have the answers to every problem at hand. However, I guarantee that I will strive to address each and every one of your needs, whether you cast my name on the ballot or not.

As SGA Vice President, I promise to devote my full attention and effort to promoting these planks of productivity, transparency, and advocacy, and I look forward to being able to serve Auburn University in this capacity.