

SGA-GSGA Referendum

Town Hall

BILL 50SL19: BILL TO CREATE AN EQUITABLE STUDENT GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Submitted by Governance Committee Chair William Palmer, Graduate Student Government Association President Jared Greenbaum, Graduate Business Rep. Mark Neufeld, Law School Rep. Stephen Lang, Laney Graduate School President Crystal Grant, Graduate Business Association President Jamie Perkins, Graduate Nursing Council President Audrey Straus, Rollins Student Government President Garret Fox, Candler Coordinating Council President Karen Sawyer

“Whereas, the Student Government Association is responsible for establishing an equitable student self-government, that insures the basic student rights of personal freedom and pursuit of a quality education, and provides the opportunity for responsible individual and collective action; and,

Whereas, the current structure and function of the Student Government Association is not equitably serving undergraduate and graduate students; and,

Whereas, the needs of undergraduate and graduate students are fundamentally different; and,

Whereas, the Student Government Executive Branch has historically been composed predominantly of undergraduates; and,

Whereas, the current structure of the Student Government Association’s Legislative Branch allows undergraduate legislators to pass University-Wide legislation by simple majority; and,

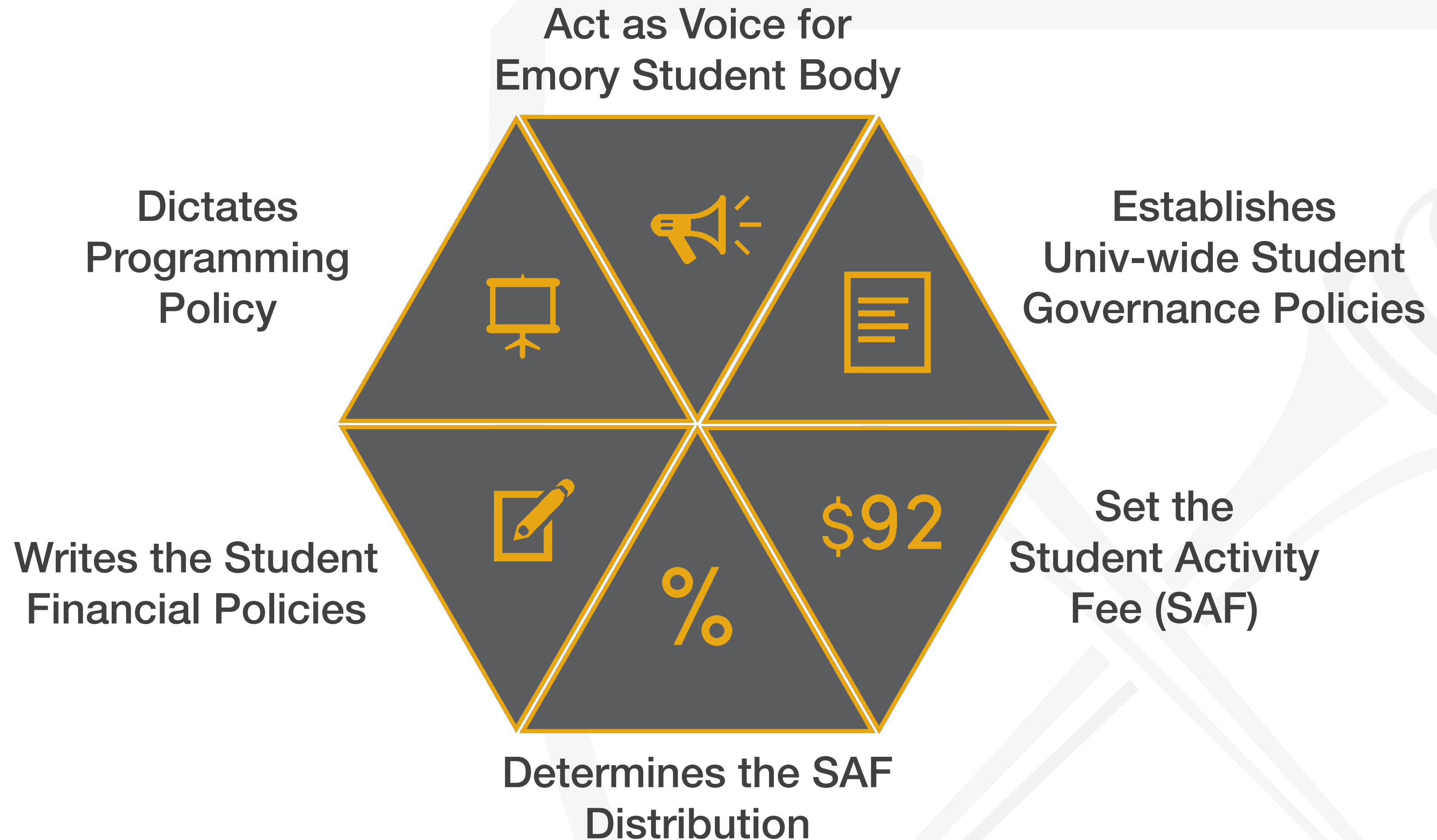
Whereas, undergraduate and graduate students contribute a portion of their Student Activity Fee to the University Macro; and,

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Student Government Association to lay, collect, and distribute the Student Activity Fee as approved by the Board of Trustees; and,

Whereas, the utilization of University Macro account funds does not reflect the level of contribution from undergraduate and graduate students;

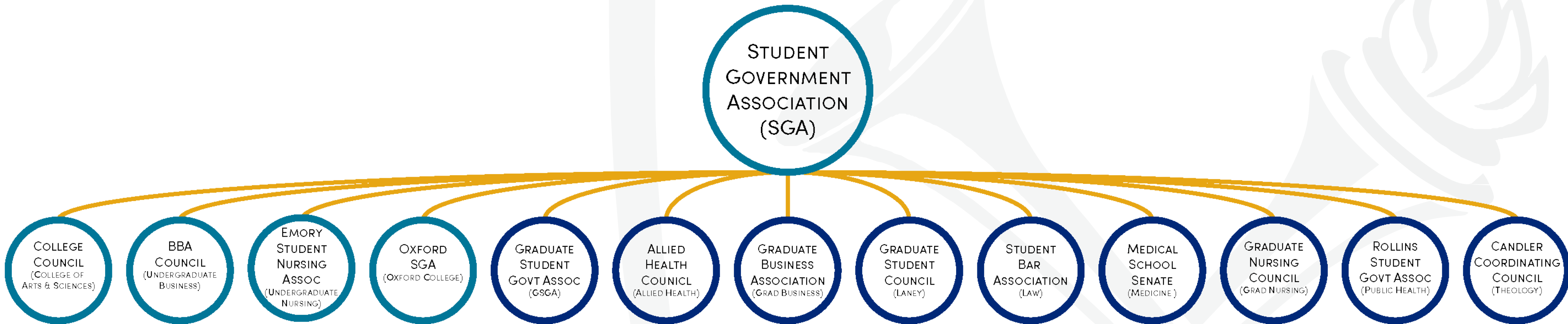
Therefore, be it affirmed by the 50th Student Government Association, let it be resolved that the Student Government Association will henceforth serve and be composed of only undergraduate students at Emory, and recognize the Graduate Student Government Association as an autonomous and equal governing body by and for Emory’s graduate student population; the Allied Health Council, the Graduate Business Association, the Laney Graduate Student Council, the Student Bar Association, the Medical School Senate, the Graduate Nursing Council, the Rollins Student Government Association, the Candler Coordinating Council, and all future graduate divisional councils will be governed by the Graduate Student Government Association, and the responsibility to lay, collect, and distribute the Student Activity Fee paid by graduate students will fall under the purview of the Graduate Student Government Association; the two equal and autonomous governing bodies shall cooperate to work on significant matters impacting the entire Emory University student body, through a joint governance committee, and shall work together to ensure a smooth transition to the new and equitable student governing structure.”

WHAT DOES SGA DO?



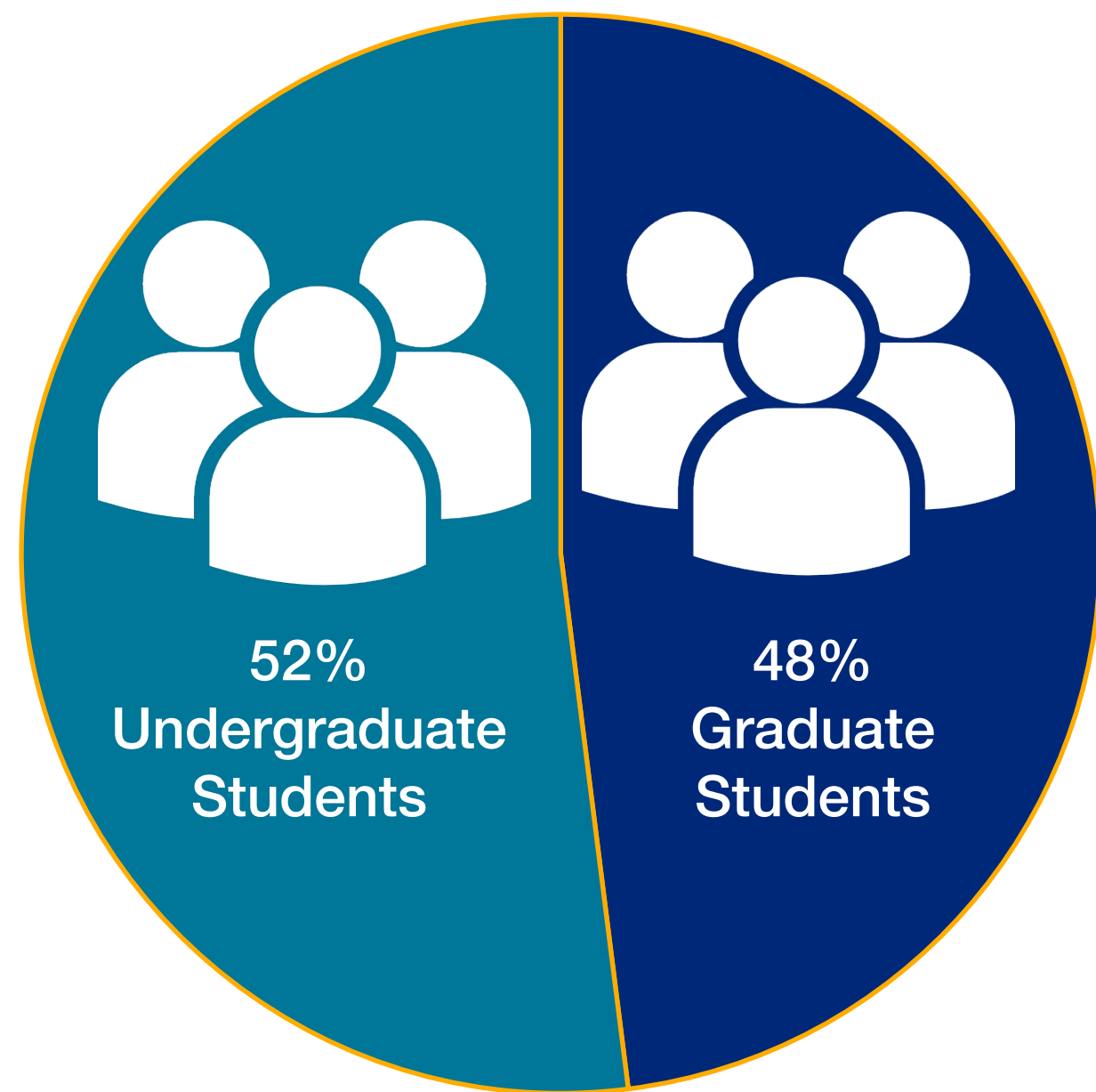
WHY IS BILL 50SL19 NECESSARY?

CURRENT STRUCTURE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

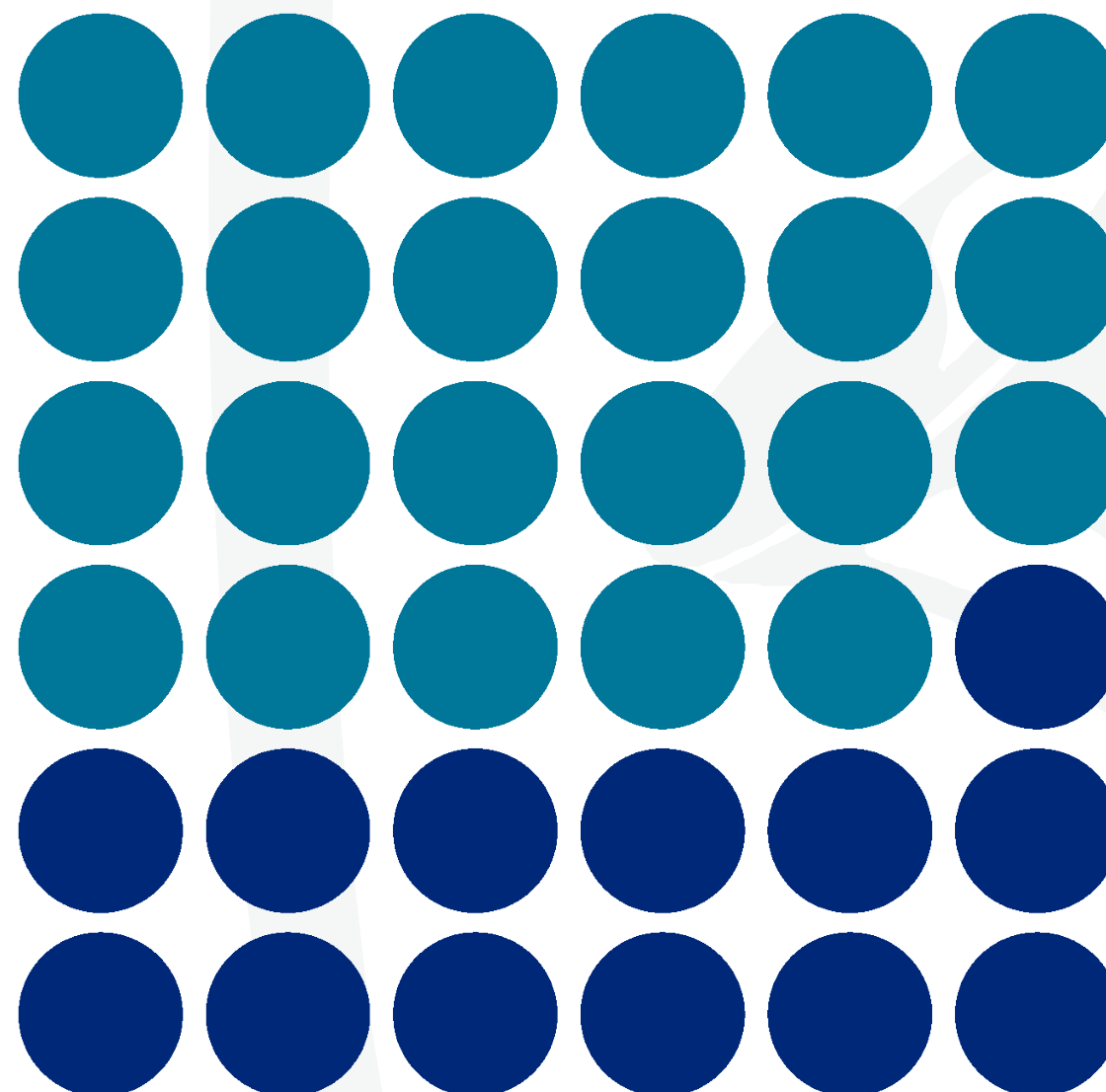


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>14,700 Students Enrolled
At Emory University



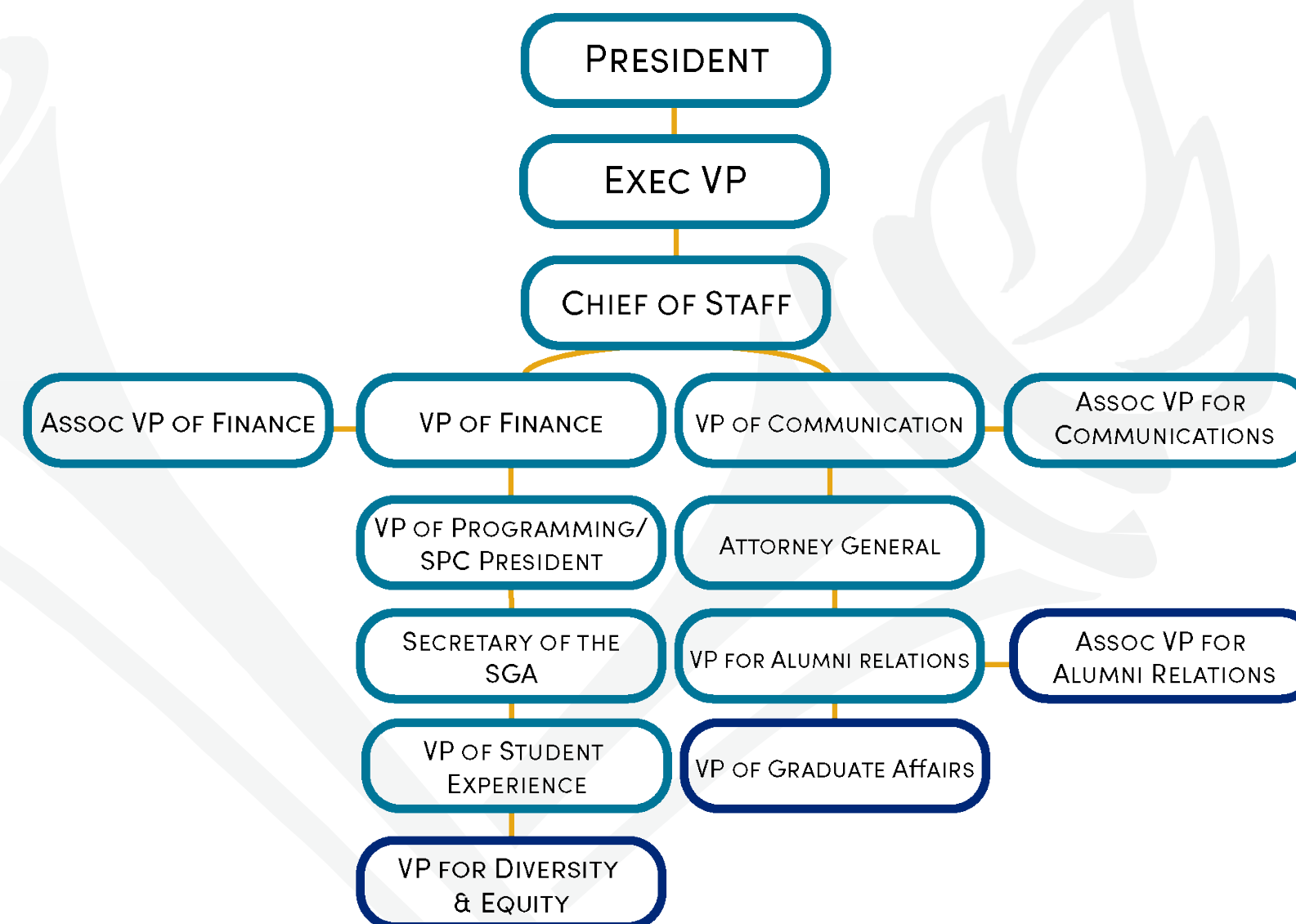
SGA LEGISLATURE



23 UG
Seats

16 Grad
Seats

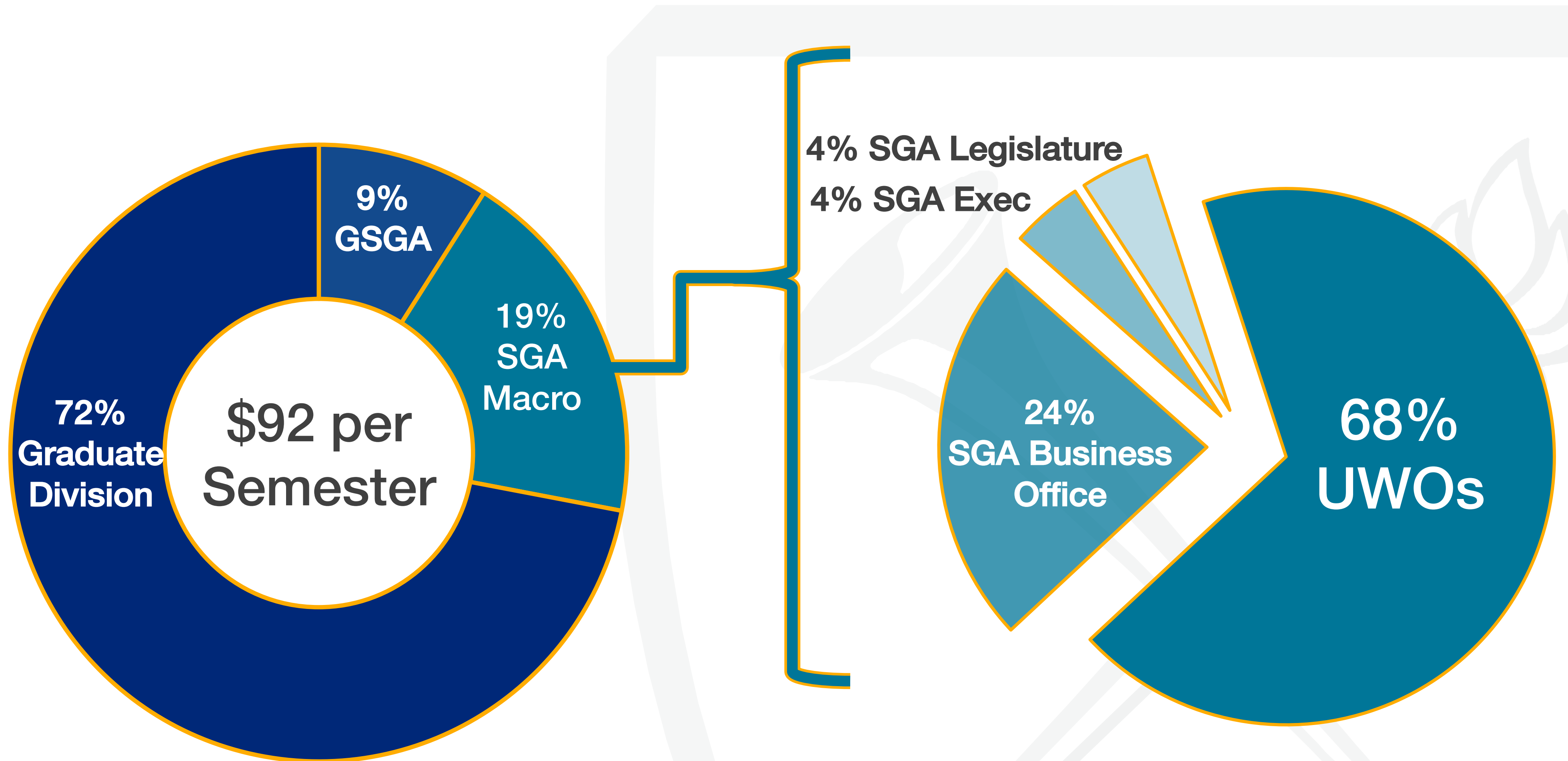
SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD



12 UG Members

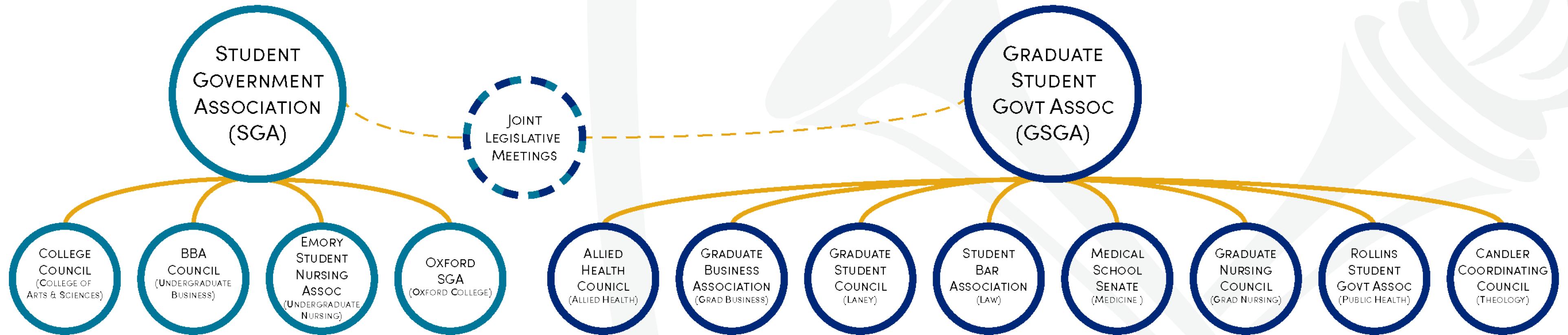
1 Mandated &
2 Addt'l Grad
Members

WHAT DOES THE CURRENT STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE LOOK LIKE?



WHAT DOES BILL 50SL19 DO?

POST-REFERENDUM PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT



WHAT DOES BILL 50SL19 DO?

Student Government Association

- *Governing body by and for Undergraduate students*
 - Act as voice of Undergraduate students when dealing with University Administration, Board of Trustees, and External Bodies
 - Determine Undergraduate-wide governing policies and advocacy issues
- *Determine Undergraduate Student Activity Fee*
 - Determine Undergraduate SAF distribution between SGA & four Undergraduate Divisions
 - Determine Undergraduate Financial Policy

Graduate Student Government Association

- *Governing body by and for Graduate Students*
 - Act as voice of Graduate students when dealing with University Administration, Board of Trustees, and External Bodies
 - Determine Graduate-wide governing policies and advocacy issues
- *Determine Graduate Student Activity Fee*
 - Determine Graduate SAF distribution between GSGA & eight Graduate Divisions
 - Determine Graduate Financial Policy

PEER INSTITUTIONS WITH SIMILAR GOVERNING STRUCTURES



BROWN



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Duke
UNIVERSITY



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology



Northwestern
University

Georgia
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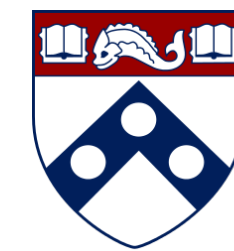
JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY



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Southern California



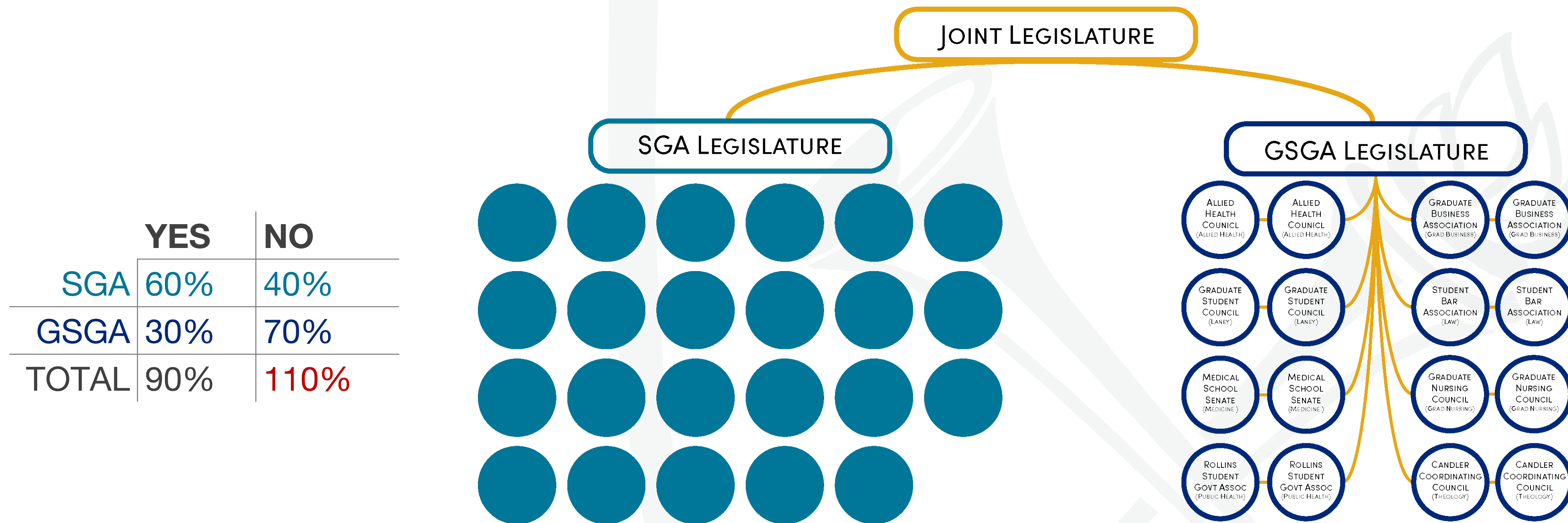
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Washington University in St. Louis

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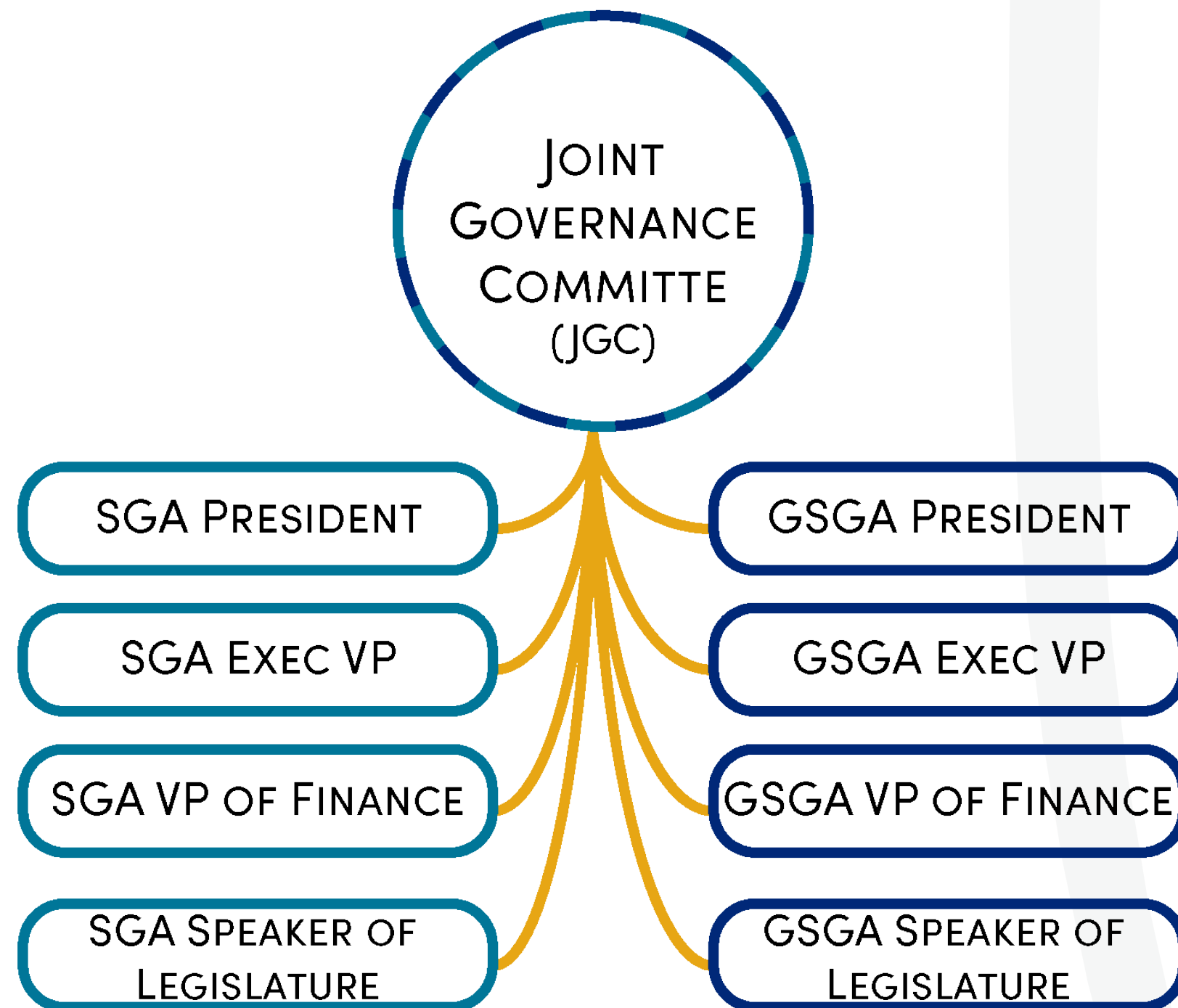
Enables Undergraduates and Graduates to come together, as equals, to work and decide on University-wide issues through Joint Legislative Meetings



Joint-voting will be based on overall percentage by legislative body, not individual seats, to allow for an equal representation of undergraduate and graduate students.

WHAT DOES BILL 50SL19 Do?

Creation of the Joint Governance Committee



JGC is a communication body ONLY and has NO oversight or power over SGA or GSGA.

- Allows for leaders of Executive and Legislative Branches of SGA & GSGA to meet weekly (already happening) to discuss issues facing both bodies
- Will oversee daily operations of any University-wide Organizations (UWOs), but all decisions regarding UWO funding, structure, etc. will still fall to joint-legislative meetings

IF PASSED, WHAT ARE THE IMMEDIATE IMPACTS OF BILL 50SL19?



New governance structure will be put in place immediately.



All currently chartered UWOs (Club Sports, Outdoor Emory, Student Legal Services, Student Programming Council, TableTalk, & Media Council) will undergo full financial and investigative review by both Legislative Bodies in order to determine if they should remain UWOs or be re-chartered as either Undergraduate-wide or Graduate-wide organizations under SGA or GSGA, respectively.



SGA and GSGA will create their own Governance, Student Activity Fee, Financial, and Programming policies.

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Financial Impacts for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

NONE!

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VOTE YES ON JANUARY 30TH & 31ST!

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Do Undergraduates & Graduates Need Separate Activity Fees?

