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The candidates from left to right. Jessi Saltijeral, Alex Bennett, Anna Kulmar, Conner Bos, Nate Allman and Bekah Rhea in front. Photo by Elizabeth Banfield

By: Jonelle Bobak

Elections for the Student Government Association's Executive Council takes place from March 3 to March 5. Each candidate prepared and delivered a speech for the student body on Tuesday morning at Dimensions.

Anna Kullmar, the current vice-president for SGA, is running unopposed this year and has exciting things planned as President for the 2015-2016 year. "I care about representing the student body and I feel this is where niche's line up," said Kullmar. Kullmar believes, that in order for the student government to work efficiently it starts internally. She also wants student's voices to be heard by the university officials. "I represent you, your wants, desires, and frustrations."

Connor Bos, a sophomore, is campaigning to become SGA Vice President. Bos this past year was on the Executive Council as Treasurer. He organized and supervised all the finances of GWU clubs. As Treasurer he wanted to empower the students by the finances they were given in their clubs. "I want to make SGA more known on campus and promote our services to students," said Bos.

Alex Bennett, a sophomore, is also running for SGA Vice President. He wants to add things to campus that make it more enjoyable for students. He is receiving a Communication and New Media degree and feels those skills will help him in the position of Vice President. "Myself and Connor are both very good candidates, but I feel like I have the leadership qualities and the take-charge personality that I can use efficiently," said Bennett.

Nate Allman, a freshman, is the only candidate for Executive Council Treasurer. “As Treasurer I want to streamline the club funding process to make it quicker and easier,” said Allman. Club communication is key to Allman and he sees many opportunities for improvement. “If we increase community in clubs we will be able to impact the community as a university,” said Allman.

Jessica Saltijeral, a junior, has high hopes to become SGA Secretary. She took over the secretarial position for the second semester because the former secretary graduated. “I want to revamp the position of secretary because it hasn’t been looked at in a couple years,” said Saltijeral. Saltijeral feels SGA has been promoted in various ways and she now wants to focus on enhancing different aspects internally, so the promoting will show throughout the improvements. “I will see where we need changes made and will make them happen,” said Saltijeral.

Bekah Rhea is a sophomore running for SGA Secretary. Rhea has a different way of approaching problems and solving them. “I look for creative or uncouth methods to get the job done when the ordinary system doesn’t suffice,” said Rhea. She hopes that students now and in the future benefit from her services in SGA. “What I do plan on is following through. When concerns arise, I will follow through until there is an answer or a possible solution, and I will do what it takes to get that information from students to administration and vice versa efficiently and eloquently.”

Voting takes place on Gardner-Webb’s Webbconnect website and all classes can vote, including seniors. To see all the photos from Tuesday’s event, [click here](#).