Missouri State University Student Body Leadership

As Missouri’s Fourth District Normal School (1905 to 1919), there was no formal structure for student body leadership.

Classes started in 1906 with the first graduation in 1907. It does not appear there were Senior Class Presidents before 1909

The Booster Club (founded November 7, 1916) and class officers each performed some of the duties of a student government, but there was no comprehensive leadership.

On October 18, 1920, students of Southwest Missouri State Teachers College elected representatives to write a document to form a Student Council. On November 21, 1920, a special assembly took place review the proposed constitution. At the assembly it was subsequently adopted by the student body.

The first election for Student Body President took place on January 25, 1921.

| **School Name** | **Institution President** | **Academic** **Year** | **Student Body** **President** | **Student Body** **Vice President** | **Senior Class** **President** | **Student Regent/****Governor** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fourth District Normal | W. T. Carrington | 1906 – 1907 |  |  |  |  |
| 1907 – 1908 |
| 1908 – 1909  | E. C. “Slocum” Wilson |
| 1909 – 1910  | Mabel Potter |
| 1910 – 1911 | Albert Crenshaw |
| 1911 – 1912 | W. S. Smith  |
| 1912 – 1913 | Ernest “Andy” Anderson |
| 1913 – 1914 | Tom Clompton |
| 1914 – 1915  | Truman Hayes |
| 1915 – 1916 | Earl Greer |
| 1916 – 1917 | Finis Engleman |
| 1917 – 1918  | Marion Greer[[1]](#footnote-1)Mae Sanford[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| Clyde M.Hill | 1918 – 1919 | Milford Greer |
| SMSTC | 1919 – 1920 | Raymond Thomas |
| 1920 – 1921 | Robert W. Martin[[3]](#footnote-3) | Horace K. Robbins |
| Southwest Missouri State Teachers College | Clyde M.Hill | 1921 – 1922 | James Althouse |  | Letha Loller |  |
| 1922 – 1923 | Robert “Bob” W. Anderson | R. E. “Elvin” Rush |
| 1923 – 1924 | Robert “Bob” W. Anderson | Florence Compton |
| 1924 – 1925 | Aaron Botts | Roger Woody |
| 1925 – 1926 | Elton Moore | Ruel F. Smotherman |
| Roy Ellis[[4]](#footnote-4) | 1926 – 1927 | Guy Thompson[[5]](#footnote-5) | Edgar Eagan |
| 1927 – 1928 | Maynard Willis | Morris BlairOliver “Dixie” Davis[[6]](#footnote-6) |
| 1928 – 1929 | Carl Fox[[7]](#footnote-7)Carl Moore[[8]](#footnote-8), [[9]](#footnote-9)Tom Dodd[[10]](#footnote-10)Meekee Wright[[11]](#footnote-11) | Forrest Abbott |
| 1929 – 1930 | Tom Welsh | Howard C. Potter |
| 1930 – 1931 | James Moore | Lamar Lee |
| 1931 – 1932 | Buford Thomas | Woodrow A. Martin |
| 1932 – 1933 | Don Owensby | Roy Wert |
| 1933 – 1934 | Joe Nickle | Jerry Sanders |
| 1934 – 1935 | Dwight Darby | Sanford “Sandy” Miller |
| 1935 – 1936 | Leon Lapp | Ray Beezley |
| 1936 – 1937 | Louis Sharp III | William Henry |
| 1937 – 1938 | Marguriette Noble | Basil Burks |
| 1938 – 1939 | Warren Bennett | Homer KeithGeorge Richey[[12]](#footnote-12) |
| 1939 – 1940 | Walter Bailey | Pierce Hereford |
| 1940 – 1941 | Jack Wommack | Barnes GriffithDelbert LeJeune12 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| SMSTC | Roy Ellis | 1941 – 1942 | Eddie Michael |  | Richard East |  |
| 1942 – 1943 | William Perkins | Joe WilsonJimmy Craig12 |
| 1943 – 1944 | Mary Burns | Mary Dunham |
| 1944 – 1945 | Steve Forrest | Gertrude Gilbert  |
| 1945 – 1946 | Leonard Ernstman | Jennie Vie Mooney |
| Southwest Missouri State College | 1946 – 1947 | Emmett Davis | Ross Breshears |
| 1947 – 1948 | Gordon Foster[[13]](#footnote-13)Wesley Pelsue [[14]](#footnote-14) | Frank Rogers |
| 1948 – 1949 | Paul Anderson[[15]](#footnote-15) | Bob Martin |
| 1949 – 1950 | Don Payton[[16]](#footnote-16) | Don Dailey |
| 1950 – 1951 | Don Burrell | Don Holmes[[17]](#footnote-17) Lee Howell |
| 1951 – 1952 | Ron Downing | Tom G. Strong[[18]](#footnote-18) |
| 1952 – 1953 | Don Dedmon[[19]](#footnote-19)Don Shook[[20]](#footnote-20) | Roy Cook |
| 1953 – 1954 | Jerry Sweaney | Paul Kelly |
| 1954 – 1955 | Jerry Anderson | Bob Dillard |
| 1955 – 1956 | Bill Williams | Jack Anderson |
| 1956 – 1957 | William Fugitt | John Howerton  |
| 1957 – 1958 | John Rich | Wayne Holsinger |
| 1958 – 1959 | Robert Hartzog | Sandy Sutton |
| 1959 – 1960 | James "Jim" Bacon | Harry DeVore |
| 1960 – 1961 | Joseph Rich[[21]](#footnote-21) | Don Stephens |
| Southwest Missouri State College | Leland Traywick | 1961 – 1962 | Xavier "Xave" Baron |  | Ken Mitchell |  |
| 1962 – 1963 | Edward “John Ed” Miller | Larry Rotrock |
| 1963 – 1964 | Mike Hannigan | Edward “Eddie” Brake |
| Arthur L. Mallory[[22]](#footnote-22), [[23]](#footnote-23) | 1964 – 1965 | Ken Burchett[[24]](#footnote-24) Ron Link[[25]](#footnote-25) | Ron Link[[26]](#footnote-26) |
| 1965 – 1966 | John P. "Pat" Logue | LouAnne Roby[[27]](#footnote-27) | Jim Ball |
| 1966 – 1967 | Gary Dyer[[28]](#footnote-28) Michael Mitchell[[29]](#footnote-29) | Michael Mitchell[[30]](#footnote-30) John Larson[[31]](#footnote-31) | Larry Goddard |
| 1967 – 1968 | Rich Anderson | Len Hall | Rod Davis |
| 1968 – 1969 | Len Hall | Bob Randall | Jay Cummings |
| 1969 – 1970 | Mike Compton | Jeff Schaeperkoetter | John Cambier |
| 1970 – 1971 | Jeff Schaeperkoetter | Ron Johnson | Harry Krantz |
| Duane G. Meyer[[32]](#footnote-32) | 1971 – 1972 | Daniel "Dan" Slais | Ralph Stubblefield | Barbara Sadowski |
| Southwest Missouri State University | 1972 – 1973 | Ralph Stubblefield | Paul Redfearn[[33]](#footnote-33) | Gary Collins  |
| 1973 – 1974 | James M. "Jim" Porter | Marcus B. J. Hurn | Don Evans |
| 1974 – 1975 | Mike Franks[[34]](#footnote-34) | Gordon L. Kinne[[35]](#footnote-35) | Gregory Stratman |
| 1975 – 1976 | Rodney Sell | Terry Thomas | Thomas V. Kruse |
| 1976 – 1977 | Doug Harpool | Craig Bailey | Steve Holden |
| 1977 – 1978[[36]](#footnote-36) | S. M. "Mark" Seaman | Therese Schultejans | (records incomplete) |
| 1978 – 1979 | Jeff Carter | Terri Combs | Daniel Stegman |
| 1979 – 1980 | Gary Osredker | Randy Carter | S. M. "Mark" Seaman |
| Southwest Missouri State University | Duane G. Meyer | 1980 – 1981 | Gary Osredker | Randy Carter | Kevin Engler |
| 1981 – 1982 | Randy Carter | Sue Schmitt | (records incomplete) |
| 1982 – 1983 | Mike McCoy | Debi Irvine | Kathleen “Kathy” Billmeyer |
| Marshall Gordon | 1983 – 1984 | Doug Jameson | Barbara Hogg | Jim Steele |
| 1984 – 1985 | Bruce Law | Dave Harmon[[37]](#footnote-37)Cindy Braun[[38]](#footnote-38) | Jay Tomerlin | Michelle Nahon (September 1984) |
| 1985 – 1986 | John Sullivan | Julie Simpson | Brian Holtgraewe | Michelle Nahon |
| 1986 – 1987 | Julie Simpson | Jeffrey Riley[[39]](#footnote-39) Tony Randall[[40]](#footnote-40) | (records incomplete) | Lori Clifton (May 1986) |
| 1987 – 1988 | JoDonn Chaney | Jennifer Graham | Julie Simpson | Lori Clifton |
| 1988 – 1989 | Mark Parrish | James Bornemann | (records incomplete) | Julie Wagner (May 1988) |
| 1989 – 1990 | James Bornemann | Pat Zimmerman | Jason Shaffer | Joseph Passanise (September 1989) |
| 1990 – 1991 | David M. Kellett | Scott Whiteley Carter | Tammy Gantt | Joseph Passanise |
| 1991 – 1992 | Scott Austin | Brian T. Reeves | C. Travis Webb | Joseph Passanise |
| (Russell M. Keeling)[[41]](#footnote-41) | 1992 – 1993 | James R. "Rob" Swafford | Shawn Fielder | Shelly R. Reece | Aaron Rugh (October 1992) |
| John Keiser | 1993 – 1994 | Antonio “Tony” Rice | Jeph Krakow[[42]](#footnote-42) James Mathis[[43]](#footnote-43) | (records incomplete) | Aaron RughVicki Schmitt (April 1994) |
| 1994 – 1995 | Benjamin Stringer | Andy Kahmann | Clayton Holland | Vicki Schmitt |
| 1995 – 1996 | Kendel Orr | Natalie Bagwell | Brian Daniel | Vicki Schmitt[[44]](#footnote-44)Beth Fleming (January 1996) |
| 1996 – 1997 | Chris Steines | John Booker | (records incomplete) | Beth Fleming |
| 1997 – 1998 | Jeremy Robinett | Rochel Montgomery | Craig M. Teague | Beth FlemingCraig Halsey (January 1998) |
| 1998 – 1999 | Wes Wilson | Amy Smith | Michael Byrd | Craig Halsey |
| 1999 – 2000 | Theresa Streckfuss | Ben Smith | Mark Thorne | Laura Berlin (June 1999)Whitney Morris (January 2000) |
| SMSU | John Keiser | 2000 – 2001 | Sam Garman | Jim Weatherly | Karen Eckert | Whitney Morris |
| 2001 – 2002 | Adam Warren | Laura Wilcox | Christine Brandt | Whitney MorrisAngela Dorrough (April 2002) |
| 2002 – 2003 | Jacob Wyrick | Stephanie Schlue | Angela Marino | Angela Dorrough |
| 2003 – 2004 | Rafiel Warfield | Andrea Smith | Helen Herschel | Kelli Wolf (July 2003) |
| 2004 – 2005 | Chris Curtis | Lindsay Haymes | Chuck Harvey | Kelli Wolf |
| Missouri State University | Michael Nietzel | 2005 – 2006 | Michael B. Barnett | Scott B. Pierson | Megan Johnson | Ryan Sivill (July 2005) |
| 2006 – 2007 | Sean M. Cain | Sarah F. Eubanks | Chris Roper | Ryan Sivill |
| 2007 – 2008 | Orlando Hodges II | Matthew K. Jungers | Richard Monroe | Ryan SivillRyan Childress (April 2008) |
| 2008 – 2009 | Orlando Hodges II | Whitney K. Paul | Krystal Dreher | Ryan Childress |
| 2009 – 2010 | Christopher W. Polley  | Kristen E. Sanocki | Brian Fellows | Ashley Hoyer (November 2009) |
| James Cofer | 2010 – 2011 | Jacob L. Swett | Justin P. Mellish | John Gauthier | Brandt Shields (May 2010) |
| Clif Smart[[45]](#footnote-45) | 2011 – 2012 | Scott Turk | Emily Bernet | Victoria Culver | Brandt ShieldsPaige Jenkins (March 2012) |
| 2012 – 2013 | Paige Oxendine | Andrew Adkins | Nicole “Nikki” Flamm | Paige Jenkins |
| 2013 – 2014 | David Schneider | Brittany Donnellan | Ryan Gilyard | Paige Jenkins |
| 2014 – 2015 | Jordan McGee | Addison Reed | Cody Miller | Caleb Doyle (June 2014) |
| 2015 – 2016 | Ashley Crisafulli | Alissa Biermaier | Brad White | Caleb DoyleTyree Davis IV (May 2016) |
| 2016 – 2017 | Adam Coffman | Brianna Duda | Daniel Guerrini | Tyree Davis IV |
| 2017 – 2018 | Brandon McCoy | Caitlin Schaefer | Eric Mertens | Tyree Davis IVWilliam Miller (April 2018) |
| 2018 – 2019 | Isaiah R. Villarreal | Dillon M. Cordel | Macy Hankel | William Miller |
| 2019 – 2020  | Abdillahi Dirie | Ethan Schroeder | Chase Stockton | William Miller |
| 2020 – 2021 | Tara Orr | Blake Haynes | Allison Garret | Briar A. Douglas (July 2020) |
| 2021 – 2022 | Michael Chapman | Abby Falgout | Rebecca Neumann | Briar A. Douglas |
| 2022 – 2023 | Colin T. Weber | Christina Nguyen | Katie Chandler | Briar A. Douglas(New Student Governor to be named) |

STUDENT BODY LEADERS STATISTICS AND FACTS

110 Student Body Presidents, 107 individuals

62 Student Body Vice Presidents, 61 individuals

3 Vice Presidents became President; two were elected to post, one ascended upon presidential resignation

Presidents: 102 male, 8 female

Vice Presidents: 35 male, 27 female

Senior Class Presidents (based on records): 90 male, 24 female

Student Governor/Regent 9 male, 11 female

1. Left school to go into the service during the Great War [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Elected in May 1918 to serve during summer quarter [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Future member of the Science faculty and longtime department head on campus [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Roy Ellis served as Interim President between August 1926 and April 1927 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Future Registrar of the college [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Summer Senior Class President [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Resigned in October 1928 due to athletic and academic obligations. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Ascended to Presidency by virtue of being Councilman at-large, upon recommendation of President Ellis. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Did not return to school in January 1929, vacating the position. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Nominated and elected in a special election in January 1929 but declined to serve due to athletic and academic obligations. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Elected in a special election on January 24, 1929. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Summer Senior Class President [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Completed his coursework at end of quarter in March 1948 and left school [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. As a senior representative and chair of the Student Council, ascended to Presidency to fill out Foster’s term. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Son of former Student Body President R. W. Anderson. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Future Public Information Director for the campus [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Because he worked for *The Southwest Standard*, was deemed ineligible to hold a Student Senate office. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Future member of Board of Governors [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Graduated at the end of winter quarter [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. Assumed duties of presidency upon Dedmon’s departure [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. Later married granddaughter of longtime Bears coach and administrator Arthur Briggs [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. Dr. Duane G. Meyer served as interim president between June 1964 and December 1964 [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. Dr. Arthur Lee Mallory was named the fifth president in December 1964 [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. Resigned in March 1965 citing student apathy and disillusionment with campus leadership [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. As Senior Class President, ascended to Presidency to fill out Burchett’s term [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. Retained Senior Class President status when became Student Body President in March 1965 [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
27. First elected Student Body Vice President [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
28. Resigned in October 1966 following an off campus legal incident [↑](#footnote-ref-28)
29. First Vice President to ascend to Presidency upon a vacancy [↑](#footnote-ref-29)
30. Term as Vice President ended when he became President [↑](#footnote-ref-30)
31. Ascended to the Vice Presidency from Speaker Pro-Tem position [↑](#footnote-ref-31)
32. Following Dr. Mallory’s departure in December 1970, Dr. Duane Meyer is interim president through April 1971 [↑](#footnote-ref-32)
33. Future member of the University Board of Governors [↑](#footnote-ref-33)
34. Future member of the University Board of Governors [↑](#footnote-ref-34)
35. Though Franks did not officially resign as President, Kinne took on the roles and responsibilities of President for the last weeks of their term in office due to Franks tending to other obligations. [↑](#footnote-ref-35)
36. Voters selected Seaman and Schultejans from separate tickets; appears to have been first and only time that voting for tickets was split by office. [↑](#footnote-ref-36)
37. Resigned in March 1985 due to family obligations [↑](#footnote-ref-37)
38. Ascended to the Vice Presidency from Speaker Pro-Tem position [↑](#footnote-ref-38)
39. Accepted an internship in Jefferson CIty and resigned [↑](#footnote-ref-39)
40. Ascended to the Vice Presidency from Speaker Pro-Tem position [↑](#footnote-ref-40)
41. In September 1992, Dr. Gordon was removed as president, and Dr. Keeling as named interim president [↑](#footnote-ref-41)
42. Resigned in October 1993 [↑](#footnote-ref-42)
43. Ascended to Vice Presidency from Speaker Pro-Tem position [↑](#footnote-ref-43)
44. The University’s governing body was reconstituted as a Board of Governors in conjunction with the new institutional public affairs statewide mission, effective September 1995 [↑](#footnote-ref-44)
45. Between June 2011 and October 2012, Clif Smart served as interim president [↑](#footnote-ref-45)