

Student's worksheet

1- Before watching: fill in the grid by ticking the correct box or boxes	To	Vb	Vb-ing	Stg
Thank you for +				
It's been a pleasure +				
I'm grateful for +				
I had the opportunity +				
I enjoyed +				
To be dedicated +				
To be willing +				
We should +				
We can +				
I will +				
I plan +				
I want +				
I'm determined +				

2- Watch the video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xu7OoxNe_CE&feature=related

a) Check your answers in Ex 1.

b) What do the letters SGA stand for?

3- Vocabulary : match words from the left with their synonym on the right

attend - implement - improve - increase – mesh - opportunity - streamline - surrounding – unforeseen - wired	around - occasion – be present at – concentrate - connected- create a network - develop - make or become better - unexpected - put into action
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4- The Student's Programme: Pick out 6/8 points from the student's programme and be able to rephrase them or give examples of things that could be done to improve the students' life.

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GRAMMAR

5- Pick out :

- a) sentences in the present perfect. How can you justify for the use of this tense in context?
- b) sentences in the simple past. How can you justify for the use of this tense in context?

6- Translate these expressions into French

a) with the word « YEAR »

- in recent years
- over the next year
- over the past few years
- a year from now

b) with the word « AS »

- As we create our platforms
- As President
- I was serving as a senator

7- « THAT » : Could you suppress or replace « THAT » in the following sentences?

- so that we all have an optimal environment
- I am confident that the SGA has the potential
- I hope that I will have the opportunity
- sometimes I feel that in the midst of these campaigns...
- I'd be willing to bet that a year from now on
- I believe that together we can
- the SGA that we have here
- to ensure that the SGA remains an example
- why is it that we seek selected office?

8- Where could you add the word “THAT” in the following lines from the transcript? line 15, 18, 18, 24, 28,

Transcript

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xu7OoxNe_CE

Thank you all for coming up this afternoon

It's been a pleasure talking to so many of you over the past few weeks and I'm truly grateful for all of your advice and support.

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend the SEC¹ SG summit in Lexington Kentucky. Though I enjoyed meeting and working with SGA officials from across the south east, the visit gave me an appreciation for the great student government we have here at Alabama Flagship University.

Nowhere else are elected and appointed officials as dedicated to protecting the students' interests.

Nowhere else is the SGA more willing to listen to the voices of all students.

Nowhere else are members of the student government more respected by administrators and faculty we should all be proud of the SGA that we have here.

But you see this hasn't always been my dream: when I first came to the university, it was not my ambition to be SGA president.

I was serving as a senator and an executive advisor, but I've also been the new kid from outer state.

I've also seen what the SGA can do from the outside, looking in.

I've seen the work the SGA has done in the past to increase the number of student +tickets available.

I've seen the SGA improve parking for all students and improve the Crimson Ride.

I've seen our SGA work to create a wired senator system across our campus.

There's no doubt we have a unique and extraordinary student government, but I believe we can take it a step further.

I'm determined to do more than continue initiatives of the past.

I want to look to the future in order to ensure that the SGA remains an example for those nationwide.

Student government has not only the potential but the obligation to serve all students in so many ways.

As president I plan to work with administrators to extend the 24 hour library to Thursday nights so that we all have an optimal studying environment 5 nights a week.

I want to revive financial affairs, committee request forms and students' loan forms on line so it is easier for students and their organisations to accede the funding resources the SGA provides.

I will streamline the meeting space reservation system so that all students organisations are provided the best facilities through an easier process.

I will work with the administrators to institute a mini-mester system so the students will not lose credit hours due to unforeseen circumstances

Finally, I want to work with UAPD and the Tuscaloosa Police Department to continue efforts to keep our campus and surrounding neighbourhoods safe because safety must be a student government's top priority.

I will work to implement all these initiatives and so much more because I am confident that Alabama's SGA has the potential and resources to continuously improve the lives of every student every day.

Sometimes I feel that in the midst of these campaigns, we often forget why is it that we seek elected office?

As we create our platforms and develop our ideas, we sometimes lose sight of the centre piece of this community, the interest of this outstanding student body

We all search unique and diverse perspectives and the student government must be open to grow into positive change.

I'd be willing to bet that a year from now, we will look back and realise some of the most beneficial initiatives and programs not even mentioned, not even thought of during this campaign.

I've always believed that some of our greater accomplishments come not from the minds of elected officials but from the discussion and improve of the fellow students

Over the next year, my door will always be open and I will be honoured to take any and all of your advice to heart. We're so lucky to have been served by some phenomenal student leaders in recent years. But I believe that together we can mesh their accomplishments and keep on moving.

Together, we can demonstrate the significance of student governments and all its potential.

Together, we can work everyday to support and protect the students interests at this great university.

Together there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Again I want to thank you all for coming up and I hope that I will have the opportunity to work with each and everyone of you in the coming year.

Thank you.

¹ SEC : South Eastern Conference