

Maura Hamilton serves as the Speaker of the 116th Student Senate for the University of South Carolina. She is a sophomore from Chatham, New Jersey, and is a student in both the College of Nursing and the South Carolina Honors College. In the future, she is interested in non-traditional roles in the nursing field.

Maura was first drawn to the University of South Carolina by the academic success of the nursing school and the campus life. Although she is far from New Jersey, Maura has quickly made a home for herself in South Carolina, and she is excited to see the impact she will have on campus through serving as the Speaker of the Student Body Senate.

Maura joined Student Government during her freshman year as a student senator representing the College of Nursing. She quickly became more involved in the organization and has served as a voting member of the Sustainability, Powers and Responsibilities, Rules, Finance, and Judiciary committees. Before being elected as speaker, Maura was also the chairwoman of the Judiciary Committee.

Outside of Student Government, Maura is extremely involved in other parts of campus, a testament to her passion for serving others and the university. She is an Admissions Representative for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, where she helps prospective students, applicants, and their families. She also currently serves on the executive board of Delta Zeta sorority as the Health and Wellbeing Chair. In the past, she served as the Logistics Coordinator for the Panhellenic Association's Mental Health Board.

As Speaker, Maura is passionate about servant leadership. As a student with a non-traditional major to serve in Student Government, she seeks to send a message to fellow students that their voices are heard on campus, no matter who they are or what they are studying. As the Speaker of the Student Senate, Maura aims for legislation that will help students in and outside of the classroom and address relevant issues such as price transparency, Wi-fi, housing, and more to catalyze a better student experience. She is also committed to restructuring the Student Senate internally through reviewing and editing the Student Government Codes to better relate to the student experience. Ultimately, Maura wants to ensure Student Government is more accessible, transparent, and productive to foster change and cultivate progress on campus.