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## Former SGA president gives reasons for resignation

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At a recent SGA meeting, a major change of leadership took place as President Jonathan Davis announced his resignation, effective immediately.

The duties of the office of president were assumed by the vice president, William Filmore, and his duties were taken over by pro tem Mimi Williams.

The new officers were sworn in on Jan. 19 at the SGA meeting.

According to Davis, his reasons for resigning included a need to focus more on his own responsibilities, as well as his future career, but he is proud of the accomplishments made under his leadership.

"There are so many things I am proud of," Davis said. "One of my goals was to get the student body involved in the city because the students didn't really have a voice."

Davis continued by saying this goal was accomplished as the SGA was able to work with the city to allow students to be members of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, as well as the SGA president serving on the Chamber of Commerce board.

"The Board of Trustees at Troy University were told this was something I wanted to accomplish and they helped it come to pass," Davis stated. "We (the students) want to see businesses in Troy and this helped give students a say-so in city issues."

According to Davis'



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**Jonathan Davis, above, resigned as SGA president and was replaced by William Filmore.**

resignation letter, he states "I must remind you all (students) to remain focused and know why you are here at Troy University: to receive a quality education. I unfortunately lost focus and must stand and face the consequences."

When asked about

this quote Davis said he had lost sight of his own responsibilities and wanted to start the new year fresh.

Davis also added serving in the National Guard, ROTC and in the SGA has been tough but all the organizations were understanding; however, it was just time to focus on himself and his career in the military.

Davis continued by saying he just needed to get focused and consider his plans in moving beyond Troy.

Davis also said he knew the new SGA President, former vice president William Filmore, will do a great job leading the SGA.

"William has served very well as a vice-president and will be a great SGA president," Davis said. "I wish both

William and Mimi well and know they are fully capable of doing what they need to do."

Davis asked the student body to trust in them and their leadership.

New president William Filmore stated he is excited about the opportunities that have been put before him.

"I hate that I'm taking over with Jonathan stepping aside," Filmore said. "However, I am excited and hope to step in, take the things he (Davis) did, and build upon what he started to make them even more successful."

Filmore said last semester senator hours were really focused on and the student senators have really started taking a leadership role and that Trojan Today has truly

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been working effectively.

Filmore wished to let the student body know Higher Education Day is approaching and should be a big event again, as well as a group of 15 senators would be attending Collegiate Legislature.

"Jonathan truly gave us another perspective on things because he wasn't involved with the Greek society," Filmore said. "I believe I can serve with these same perspectives to make Troy University better."

One student stated that Davis' resignation didn't affect him at all because he has never thought the SGA was effective.

"SGA on any campus has never appeared to be that effective to me," said Kevin Hile, a senior psychology and social science major from Ozark.

Tyler Wilson, a freshman social science education major from Kinston, stated he thought what Davis was doing is honorable.

"President Davis did a great job serving the student body," Wilson said. "However, at times

we all need to examine our priorities and decide what is the most important to us."

Another student, Richreana Singletary, a freshman nursing major from Elba, stated that if he didn't feel he could serve the university to the best of his ability it was a good move on his part, but if he was simply trying to plan his life past Troy then he would be wrong.

"I support his decision considering he feels he can't serve the university to the best of his ability," Singletary said.