SGA Cabinet
Meeting Summaries
November 29, 2021

Cabinet Updates
Samuel Ellis, President

Tributes Committee
- Dr. Hong is set on not communicating student deaths beyond circles
- SGA will fill the void via Tributes Committee
- Hopefully will pass tomorrow at UHR, might friendly amend to add a sentence about informing students
- Talked to Mihir Kandarpa and Adam Lederer about an old initiative that supported grieving students for SMILE to restart

USG Namings
- Rupkatha researching families - will try to contact and determine family preference
- Bert Reeves says they were unable to find living relatives with a relationship to GT
- 4 buildings recommended for renaming
- Bert Reeves determining USG attitudes and recommendations
- UGA has either 29 or 32 recommended name changes - will sign onto a letter that we are helping them draft

DEI Council
- 1 year of DEI Council
- Blueprint completed
- Record number of Hispanic students and Black students
- 1/3 of current GT applications do not have SAT/ACT test scores
- Will have to be denied if test scores are not sent in
- Black cultural center coming along really well

SAT/ACT Test Advocacy
- Conversations with UGA, stretched thin on USG advocacy side because of namings
- Project will be handed off to Rupkatha, writing a letter supporting permanent test-optional policy and get signatures from every USG school (I can handle the signature recruitment)

Ajanta Choudhury, Executive Vice President

- Telehealth poll went live today! Will help in gauging impact of GA's telehealth laws on GT students
Mihir, Julia, Amogh, and I's meeting with Mike Shannon went well! He was especially interested in helping us advocate for a more affordable learning disability exam option for students so that students don't have to pay $500+ for an LD exam
  ○ Reached out to him today to follow-up on this - hoping to follow-up within the next week or so

2 weeks ago, Sam and I helped select the undergrad, grad, and PhD fall commencement speakers

Messaged SOFO again about paying for more MPP stock since that payment still hasn't been made

John Graves, JVP of Finance

Joint Finance Committee
  ● Allocations
    ○ Last week: No meeting
  ● Policy/Procedure Issues
    ○ Changes will be presented to UHR and GSS in January
  ● Labor shortage
    ○ Meeting with Dr. Hong tomorrow

Allison Vermaak, JVP of Sustainability & Infrastructure

  ● Focusing on “sustainable move out/ shut down” visuals and information
  ● Meeting with OCS and OSWM this Thursday - we are working out our meeting calendar for the spring semester
  ● Meeting with GT athletics Wednesday to go over spring semester schedule and VIP/Special topics course for next semester
  ● Still working on our safety walk memo- quantifying commentary

Rohan Sohani, VP of Academic Affairs

  ● Working on voting with swift
  ● Working on exams with anika
  ● Need to follow up on it issue with megan
  ● Adobe advocacy for Ivan Allen
  ● Need to confirm with lib about opening up roof for grad pics

Bridgette Davenport, VP of Campus Services

PTS:
  ● Looking to do social media highlights & campaign for Midnight Rambler & guest parking passes
  ● Update on Stingerette expansion - looks unlikely but going to set up a meeting with Housing to review relationships with off-campus housing to see if apts will sponsor rides
Dining:
- Still waiting for concrete updates on Tech Square dining discounts but aiming to start the program late this week or early next week
- On-campus dining will offer the following discounts 12/6 through 12/8
  - Unlimited Starbucks drip coffee at Whistle Bistro with the purchase of any other product
  - 50% off smoothies at The Dive (CRC)
  - 50% off acai bowls at Wreck Stop (West Village)
  - From 12/9 through 12/16 (except weekends)
- December 9 – December 16th, EXCEPT WEEKENDS which are closed (so 12/9-12/10; 12/13-12/16):
  - Kaldi’s: Open until Midnight (12:00am)
  - Whistle Bistro: Open until 10:00pm
- Have been able to hire more staff but still don't think hours will be normal next semester

Housing:
- Housing Allocation updates reducing number of beds for upperclassman and grads to accommodate for 1st years
- Housing will be working with off-campus apts to try and get students guaranteed housing and no waitlists (changes will start Fall 2022)

Other:
- Maria Cimilluca will start as the new VP of Infrastructure & Sustainability starting January 17th
- Should be now allowing online appointment scheduling for Women's Health Clinic

Anika Gouhl, VP of Communications
- Pushed back PTS insta live
- cab photos being sent over
- Mirror messaging to students sent out
- promoting PTS white paper
- Still working on fixing newsletter platform

Grace Swift, VP of External Affairs
- Very successful Hawks night!
- Ajanta/Rupkatha and I meeting later this week to move telehealth advocacy forward
- Runoff election tomorrow, gov relations did a week of promo about it
  - Go out and vote!

Zizi Ohamadike, VP of Operations
- Committee Member Apps are officially closed
  - working on making sure chairs have been added to all applications
- Sent out Stoles reservation form
• Submitted Exec Review to library archives
• What is SGA
  o Currently sorting through list of campus orgs
• 100 years of SGA
  o Putting together a collection of past SGA info/memorabilia to commemorate 100 years of SGA
• Met with Rohan Rege, Mihir, Ajanta, and Suvan to discuss IR recommendations for SGA
• Mental Health First Aid Training took place Nov. 20th and it was very successful - planning for another training session sometime in the spring semester.
• Attending the BCC Planning Committee Retreat (12/3/2021)

Derek Huell, VP of Student Life

• Annual Registration for Student Orgs
  o Opens January 24th at 8:00 AM
• RSO Annual Registration Information Session
  o 12/2/21 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  o Clough 127

Mihir Kandarpa, VP of Well-Being

Mental Health:
• I have received a lot of complaints from students via reddit, text, email, phone, slack, etc. mentioning that they can't make an appointment with CARE or a long wait time to speak to a counselor.
  o Directing students to ChristieCampus Health, but the underlying issue is the inability for Tech to handle influx of demand from students.
  o 2 Potential solutions:
    ■ 1) Better messaging early in the semester encouraging students to seek CARE/GTCC even if they feel that they don't need it.
    ■ 2) Hiring more CMs in CARE and counselors to handle the need from students
• Emailed Dr. Hughes-Troutman, Dr. Bradley, Joi Alexander, and Dean Stein to discuss this issue & setup a meeting to prep for the Spring.
• Final Mental Health Network of the semester this Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30pm
• Meeting with an RA this week to learn what challenges they've seen around mental health this semester and in years past with their residents

Public Health:
• Meeting b/w Mike Shannon and GT EMS this Thursday to discuss how the EMT Corps may be supported and implemented. Will follow-up with Chief after the meeting
• Emailing Dr. Holton to see if they will implement Women's Health clinic changes proposed by Kasey
• Walk-in flu clinic on Dec. 1st at 3-7p at Stamps
• Following up with Dining Chair and members about Spring collaboration on nutrition & public health initiatives

Sexual Violence:
• Last Monday, JSVAC Chair met with Dr. Holton to discuss the intake process for survivors
• JSVAC members will send finalized resource survey to #polls in the next 2 weeks

Other Updates:
• Well-being Board
  ○ Last Committee Meetings, last Board meeting, and last one-on-ones this week
  ○ Developing a roadmap for Well-being Comms in SGA this week
• JED
  ○ Last JED SP&C meeting of the semester this Thursday
• Institute Strategic Plan: Cultivate Well-being
  ○ Submitting Fall 2021 Report to the President by mid-December after last workgroup meeting of the semester next Tuesday
  ○ Waiting on budget requests to see how many will be approved
• Federal Involvement and Advocacy
  ○ Working with Troy on a White Paper related to students being involved in federal opportunities.
  ○ Also working on putting together a federal advocacy one-pager with federal priorities for well-being advocacy (i.e., reauthorizing the VAWA, grant expansions, greater workplace and school protections for survivors, Nat'l Strategy for Improving Well-being in Colleges from Dept. of Ed.)

Rohan Rege, Speaker of the House

• UHR Meeting tomorrow
• Still need one more appointment for JFC.
• Select Committees
  ○ Reach out to me if you want to talk to anyone on select committees, they would love some exec guidance
• Recruitment
  ○ keep spreading the word!! Woohoo
  ○ big push over winter break when students aren't hyperfocused on finals, more accustomed to campus, and wanting to get more involved in student orgs

Important Dates, Deadlines, or Announcements

Next Cabinet Meeting: Jan 10, 2022
• Anne Clough Celebration of Life at Academy of Medicine at 2pm Dec. 8
• Keep up with Cab office hours!
Shoutouts!!
Grace cause she's just amazing

Meeting Adjourned