

SGA Cabinet
Meeting Summaries
January 31, 2022

Cabinet Updates
Samuel Ellis, President

- Association for Sustainable Investment
  - Working on letting them present to FEB
    - Meeting with Rhett Mayor to integrate sustainability to syllabi as well as syllabi standardization
- Meeting with Al Trujillo on student involvement with GT Foundation
- SAT/ACT advocacy
  - USG is focused on legislature right now - little oxygen until April
  - Recruiting signatures from other USG schools
- ACC Advocacy Days
  - Virtual ongoing
  - Working with Jeff Cullen on representative meetings
- Namings
  - Finalizing list of potential honorees
  - Setting up meetings to determine if individuals are interested in being honored
- Student Needs Committee
  - Drafting charter, aiming to have at UHR in two weeks

Ajanta Choudhury, Executive Vice President

- MPP: Received 4 months of usage data regarding Ford ES&T’s pilot menstrual initiative
  - For Oct 2021, Nov 2021, and Jan 2022 they stocked free menstrual products on 2 levels of ES&T. For Dec 2021, they stocked free products on all 4 levels.
  - They collected data on product usage, monthly cost for each type of product, and total monthly cost

- Well-being Comms: Had a really great 1-on-1 with one of our members about what she wants to see improved in GT’s approach to well-being comms, & wanted to share some takeaways from that convo:
  - As an international student, she felt like she experienced an information overload even before college started
  - When she started feeling stressed, she didn’t know where to go, and while the websites have lots of options, she wasn’t sure what the “right” option was and ended up not seeking out help because she didn’t want to make the wrong choice and block access
    - Hearing personal anecdotes would be a helpful way to break stigma around going to GTCC, GT Care, seeking out campus mental health resources
● A super quick visual breakdown (decision tree with attached links) would be more helpful than the blocks of text that students currently go through when learning about their resources

● Medicaid/Medicare: Rupkatha will prob have more on this in her updates, but looking into how UGA’s campus health centers are able to accept Medicaid and Medicare to help inform our proposal for how & why STAMPS should begin accepting Medicare and Medicaid.

● Campus Accessibility: Bridgette, Annika, and I are meeting with David Crites this week to discuss ODS vehicles.

**John Graves, JVP of Finance**

● Joint Finance Committee
  ○ Allocations
    ■ Last week: $64,995.55

● FY23 Budget
  ○ Chasing down last pieces of documentation this week

● Policy/Procedure Issues
  ○ Me/Srija/Shirk working to draft charter for committee to review allocation policy

**Megan Dass, JVP of IT**

● Starting to re-recruit for IT Board

● Website updates
  ○ Added Rupkatha
  ○ Vigil form
  ○ Helping MHJAC chair update their page
    ■ Message #website-requests if you need anything updated!

● Brainstormed new projects for Infrasec

● Processing 2 new polls

**Allison Vermaak, JVP of Sustainability & Infrastructure**

● First committee meeting:
  ○ Each member sent meetings to sustainability-related orgs to ask to attend their general body meetings

● Brainstorming session results
  ○ What do we need to do to advocate for busses to run on the weekend and to a grocery store that is not Publix? (PTS issue)
  ○ Can we look into TerraCycle funding?

● Mercedes Benz is giving us a free tour of their facilities for Zero Waste Game Days

● Meeting with OCS
  ○ @Sunday Gotvald will be involved in the interview process to find a replacement for Sarah
○ Sustainability NEXT Goals were submitted last semester to the Institute for approval in the campus master planning process
○ Earth Week themes and events are still being planned
● Meeting with New VP Infrastructure & Sustainability THIS Friday (rescheduled)

○ We have a list of asks that we will be asking:
○ We want to have access to campus construction timelines (student center, culc rooftop, etc)
○ We want to be fully looped into the campus master plan planning process and intend to include at LEAST 2 student representatives in this for sustainability purposes
○ A biweekly meeting/check-in
○ What is the housing master plan?

Pending:
● ETA on the first Zero Waste Game Days meeting. Slightly off schedule, but hoping to squeeze in two meetings this month to make up for lost time
● Club orgs meetings and feedback: ASI, EWB, ASCE

Rohan Sohani, VP of Academic Affairs

● Student Advisory Board
  ○ Dr. Ross spoke
● Reached out to Dr. Ferri reg CIOS comments
● Committee Chairs
  ○ Met with Kaavya and her team
    ■ working to update SGA website with academic greivance flowchart
      ● @Anika Gouhl helping to make it fancy
    ■ working on similar flow chart with OSI
      ● Need to Meet with Aanjan and his team
● Need to look into Tech Fee for hardware purchases
● Need update from Provost reg Budget redo

Bridgette Davenport, VP of Campus Services

PTS
● Working with Marketing team to reschedule Instagram Live and do a promotional campaign for helpful tools like weekend guest pass
● Also reaching out to Comms team to update map of where students can park with or without a permit
● By Fall 2022 planning to have some readily available maps relating to event parking (specifically looking at football, basketball and dive/swim)
● Interviewing for the Director of Parking position next week and the following
• Messaging sent out to faculty and some students to encourage and individualize access to transit options like Marta - as of 1/27 about 30 members had signed up for more info so likely to see a push away from parking permits

Dining
• Dining Halls transitioning back to full operational service this week
• Finalized contracts with 5 - 10 service operations for new Student Center and on May 2nd Tech Dining will be able to begin customizing and finalizing all the dining concepts
• 4-5 students hired to only work on Nutrislice updates - trying to see if there is another option to include nutrition information for students with dietary restrictions to the website but slow progress on both fronts
• Working to standardize the way nutritional info is shown at every TD location
• SGA projects to get more specifics on what students on campus need/want from a dietary restriction point - looking into putting a survey out soon
• Potential to add food trucks to former PTS building lot in tech square, but need to get more information on if the trucks would be static or event-based

Aux Services
• Bookstore Advisory Committee meeting either 2/24 or 3/3 - lmk if interested in joining!

Other
• Got more logistic info on why Stamps doesn't accept Medicare/Medicaid from Kasey - she wants us to get more info on if students truly want this bc to do we would need to bill EVERY student & private insurance
• Setting up a meeting with a bunch of teams interested in promoting sustainable culture on campus - Kasey brought up the idea that CS is trying to hire a position just for the connection between the different departments

Anika Gouhl, VP of Communications
• Discussed outreach initiatives with UHR
• Planning for I <3 GT Week
• Designing Academic Grievance Flowchart, est. done Friday
• Meeting w/ Bailey to talk recruitment

Rupkatha Banerjee, VP of External Affairs
• Medicare/Medicaid
  ○ Spoke to VP External at UGA to figure out how/why UGA accepts Medicare & Medicaid; going to include this information in our own proposal
  ○ Heard back from Office of General Counsel and Dr. Hong; want a proposal to discuss and quantify the coverage gap
    ■ Medicare/Medicaid poll should be going out shortly!
• Telehealth
Meeting with Morgan McCombs to discuss legislative advocacy for telehealth
Spoke to VP External at UGA about developing partnerships across USG & gauging issues regarding discontinuity of mental health services at different universities

- Hawks Night
  - Bill approved for March 13th!
  - Figuring out transportation with Bridgette

- Speaker Series
  - Submitted request for Senator Warnock to be a part of speaker series

- ACT/SAT Advocacy
  - Scheduling meeting with Rick Clark and revisiting SAT/ACT advocacy letter to include new biases introduced in revised SAT plan
  - Planning to develop a dedicated mentorship day at Tech
  - Heard back from Outreach Director at YMCA to develop mentorship program

- Other legislative advocacy
  - Resuming advocacy for undocumented students who are unable to enroll at GT

Zizi Ohamadike, VP of Operations

- What is SGA
  - reached out to student orgs for an opportunity to join their meetings and talk about what SGA is working on

- 100 years of SGA
  - To celebrate 100 years of SGA at Georgia Tech, I am creating an interactive timeline that includes highlights of the past 100 years.

- Winter Org Fair
  - Feb 9 (11am-1pm)
    - let me know if you want to table with me!

Derek Huell, VP of Student Life

- Artist in Residence Workshop Series
  - January 24th - February 4th
    - This is the last week, definitely stop by and make a collage if you haven’t!

- Through GT Library
  - Room 2222, Price Gilbert Memorial Library

- Asynchronous drop-in workshop
  - Examples are on back wall
  - “Make and take” a collage kit or stay and create collage in the space
  - Digitally photograph the work for manipulation into a master collage

- Bolstering Student Attendance at GT Baseball Games
  - Official GT Student Section
    - Benefits of signing up:
Georgia Tech Adidas team gear, signed memorabilia, member-only events alongside GT baseball coaches/student-athletes, priority tailgating privileges, preference for UGA bus trip, in-game contest priority, updated newsletters
  ● Includes 2 optional survey questions asking what you would like to see from GT Baseball and what has been good/bad in the past
  ● Pre-Matriculation Anti-Bias Training
    ○ Discussing with Dr. Ervin the viability of a mandated online training for all student prior to matriculation.
  ■ Would work similarly to AlcoholEdu course that is currently required

Mihir Kandarpa, VP of Well-Being

Mental Health
  ● MH Committee working on an infographic for mental health resources
  ● JED Strategic Planning & Communications Subcommittee met last week —› discussed multiple objectives related to websites, data collection, and anonymous drug disposals
  ● JED Academic & Campus Culture Subcommittee met last week —› setup 3 subcommittees focused on different parts of academic affairs and campus culture.
  ● Finished reaching out to students for Well-being Comms project

Public Health
  ● COVID-19
  ● PPE Distribution - 450 PPE kits distributed today (big shoutout to my PH chairs and volunteers from AMSA & SHC!)
  ● Tuberculosis
  ● Created a summary of the TB townhall held last week
  ● PHC created task-forces for 4 major initiatives: 1) Health Emergency & AEDs; 2) Health Literacy, Resources, and ; 3) Alcohol and Other Drugs; 4) Health Fair (for March 2022)

Sexual Violence
  ● Assistant Title IX Search has continued - final interviews being conducted this week (2/1, 2/3)
  ● JSVAC Resource survey being released this week
  ● JSVAC continuing work on the Sexual Misconduct Manual
  ● Sexual Violence resources post going out soon!

Other Updates
  ● USG SHIP Advisory Committee met last week - preparing a document with recommended changes to USG’s SHIP policies
  ● Prepared survey to undergrads for Federal Involvement (part of work with Grad VP Government Affairs)
  ● Met with 2 members of AASA Exec Board to discuss AAPI advocacy - discussed increasing counselors, removing GTPD police officers from mental health crisis response, and an AAPI-specific resource center
• Met with President of Stamps Health Services Ambassadors (SHSA) to discuss collaboration between committees including SHSA Mental Health Committee. Setting up a meeting between with SHSA Chairs in the next 2 weeks
• Meeting this week with Kasey/Dr. Holton to see if Medicaid/Medicare can be accepted at Stamps
• Meeting this week with Student Cancer Coalition (SCC) to discuss how SGA can support them in promoting cancer awareness on campus
• Meeting this week with Mike Shannon in A&F to discuss EMS & other well-being program updates

Rohan Rege, Speaker of the Houses

• UHR Meeting tomorrow
• MHJAC Nominations
• Bylaws Review
  ○ tasked house rules committee with getting started looking over bylaws
  ○ let me know if you want me to ask them about any specific portions

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Important Dates, Deadlines, or Announcements

Next Cab Meeting: **Feb. 8, 2022**
What is SGA: Sign up to speak to an org!

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Shoutouts!!

committee chairs for coming out and sharing!!
sam’s tie killing the game
Amogh and Julia for leading PPE distribution
Riya for Assistant Title IX search!
mihir for being an absolute king

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Meeting Adjourned