On Sunday, June 14, 2020, the Executive Cabinet of the Undergraduate Student Government Association convened for a cabinet meeting. Please see below for details on items discussed during the meeting and updates provided by members of the cabinet. If you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Caleb.Torres@gatech.edu.

General Updates

A. No Updates to Report

Brielle Lonsberry, President

A. Black Student Advocacy
   a. The SGA President and Executive Vice President have met with President Cabrera twice last week to discuss what SGA has heard in terms of demands and the response from Georgia Tech.
   b. The SGA Chief of Staff is putting together an executive report of the “what would make you feel safer as a member of the GT community” Qualtrics survey.

B. Title IX Updates
   a. The SGA VP of External Affairs, JSVAC Chair, and President have been learning about how the new policy changes will affect Georgia Tech.
   b. SGA is waiting for USG to finalize how their schools will be responding. SGA is also getting in contact with other USG SGA Presidents to try to send a letter to USG about what students would like to see.
   c. What SGA is focusing on:
      i. Advocate for the decision of which evidentiary standard is to be employed at Tech to be one that is decided on not just by administration but also students and faculty.
      ii. Work with VOICE, our Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators, and appropriate administrators to inform students of the changes to Title IX and their effects on Tech’s policies, procedures, and operations by the end of the summer term.
      iii. Ensure that all Student Life faculty are trained on the changes to Title IX.
      iv. Ensure that RAs receive adequate training on Title IX changes and are informed of protections for students.
      v. Work with VOICE and Health Initiatives to increase the number of bystander intervention trainings and risk reduction trainings that are offered in the fall semester
      vi. Where feasible and legally permissible, advocate for Tech to adopt stronger protections for survivors of sexual harassment and stricter definitions of sexual harassment than are provided for by the updated Title IX.
d. Tech’s online Sexual Assault Prevention course will be updated with new information about Title IX when details have been decided. This is run by an outside company.

e. OMED has put together a working group to focus on:
   i. Creating a culturally relevant Racial Inequality and Sexual Violence Education and Awareness Action Plan
   ii. Establishing accountability metrics for the execution and evaluation of these education and awareness protocols at Georgia Tech

C. Covid-19
   a. Georgia Tech Communications released the Students Return to Classes survey, which has received over 3,800 responses.

**Kyle Smith, Executive Vice President**

A. SGA-BSO Support
   a. SGA met with Black Student Organizations on June 12, 2020.
   b. SGA will be working with BSOs on the Black Student Experience Showcase, as well as to develop a list of action items to advocate for.

B. Knack at GT
   a. The Executive Vice President is currently evaluating whether Knack tutoring services could be utilized and expanded at GT

C. Internal Restructuring
   a. The SGA Internal Restructuring team has outlined priorities and a timeline for this year’s projects and goals related to restructuring.
   b. All restructuring suggestions should be sent to the Executive Vice President

D. Pride Month
   a. The SGA Executive Vice President is working with the SGA JVP of Campus Organizations to set up a meeting with undergrad and grad LGBTQ organizations to begin what will be a recurring discussion around SGA’s support for LGBTQ students.

**Josh Eastwood, Joint Vice President of Finance**

A. Student Activity Fee Financial Standing
   a. The final total for the Student Activity Fee was approximately $600,000 under projections/expected.
   b. The annual budgets set for Fiscal Year 2021 will remain unchanged at this time.
   c. The bill process will be set to operate normally with minimal strain.
   d. A rebalance of Prior Year and Capital Outlay accounts will need to occur with more funds allocated to the PY account.

B. Other Financial Notes
a. JFC applications are live with special attention sought for candidates with experience in club sports, arts, competitive engineering, service, social/events, and development.
b. The rollover deadline was moved preemptively from June 19th to 26th after discussions with student organizations.
c. The Fiscal Year is ending June 30th so most payment streams have shut down and all will be fully closed on June 18th.
d. The SGA JVP of Finance is creating financial resources for student organizations (spreadsheet templates, bill/budget examples, etc.).

Joyce Karanouh-Schuler, Joint Vice President of Campus Organizations

A. Organized Monthly
   a. The Organized Monthly newsletter goes out this week.
   b. Any information to be sent out to student organizations should be sent to the SGA JVP of Campus Organizations before June 16th.

B. Pride Advocacy
   a. The SGA JVP of Campus Organizations is working with the Graduate and Undergraduate Pride Alliances to support Georgia Tech’s LGBTQIA+ community.

Cy Heffley, Joint Vice President of Information Technology

A. Recruitment
   a. The new SGA course registration platform project (Team Lead: Ed Chen) is currently seeking students for assistance.
   b. The SGA JVP of Information Technology is getting in touch with departments to send out IT Board application forms via email.
   c. The Information Technology Board is drafting a new recruitment letter.

B. JacketConnect
   a. The JacketConnect team is looking for volunteers for the platform.
   b. The opportunity will be very low commitment and just requires a willingness to answer the occasional question that gets forwarded (questions will be from students looking to learn about student organizations or majors/minors).
   c. To apply, contact the SGA JVP of Information Technology.

C. Data Oversight Board
   a. The SGA JVP of Information Technology is meeting faculty/students from Stanford’s Ethics in Tech program.
   b. The SGA JVP of Information Technology is working on outreach to student organizations working directly with data (HackGT, The Agency, Grey Hat), in addition to all CoC organizations for support.
c. The SGA JVP of Information Technology, JVP of Campus Organizations, and VP of Communications are currently drafting a proposal for a data oversight board.

D. Course Critique
a. The SGA Information Technology Board deployed a new AWS ELK instance to production for Course Critique.

Jackson Caruso, Vice President of Academic Affairs

A. RHA Collaboration
a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs is working with the RHA Director of Programming on a Digital Book Club.
b. More information will be released in July.
c. RHA will work on the programming side of things, and SGA will help connect administration to gain greater traction and support, including facilitating a potential partnership with the Library.

B. Student Advisory Boards
a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs has an upcoming meeting with the CoE Dean McLaughlin on CoE Student Advisory Boards.

C. SLS Capstones & Service Curriculum
a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs and VP of External Affairs will continue to meet with Serve-Learn-Sustain throughout the summer on a project they are implementing. SLS received a recent grant that has to do with senior capstones.

D. Undergraduate Admissions
a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs and VP of Student Life are currently connecting with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions on ways to increase Black student recruitment, as well as grow and form a strengthened partnership with Atlanta Public Schools.

E. Faculty-Student Responsibilities Committee
a. The Faculty-Student Responsibilities Committee will determine responsibilities, requirements, guidelines, and expectations for students, faculty, and instructors going into the Fall for academic purposes.
b. The committee will be asking the large questions (i.e. masks in the classroom, requiring Canvas page for instructors, minimum requirements for remote instruction).
c. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs is still searching for someone non-SGA related to serve on this committee.

F. Personal Finance Course Expansion
a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs is holding conversations with Dr. Jonathan Clarke (Scheller College of Business) and Dr. Girardot (AVP for Undergraduate
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Education) about creating a permanent personal finance course. Currently, it is a special topics course.

G. ENGL 1101/1102
   a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs will be connecting with the Director of ENGL 1101/1102 to discuss ways to better infuse work (i.e. novels, Netflix series, films, poetry) by Black content creators into course sections
   b. The current Director is retiring.

Emmett Miskell, Vice President of Campus Services
A. Auxiliary Services
   a. Dining
      i. For the Fall semester, all dining payment locations will likely be cashless.
      ii. Outside seating is being expanded across campus dining locations.
      iii. The new Pavilion Food Hall options are being finalized. More information on these will be released soon.
   b. Buzzcard Center
      i. The Buzzcard Center now has a remote photo upload option available for all students.

B. Housing
   a. Housing has made communication to students a top priority now.
   b. The Department of Housing has made community space improvements across its residence halls. These are focused on first-year residence halls with safety improvements coming to Area 2.

C. Student Center
   a. The Student Center is seeking feedback on new Post Office situation.
   b. The new process involves removing all individual mailboxes, with mail being treated like packages now - “high density mail.”
   c. Burdell’s will be available in the Pavilion area.

Grace Swift, Vice President of Communications
A. Meeting with Institute Communications
   a. The SGA VP of Communications is working with the Office of Institute Communications to try to figure out how to get students to wear masks and social distance.
   b. Please submit any suggestions to the SGA VP of Communications.

B. Meeting with Pride Alliance
   a. The SGA VP of Communications met with the Georgia Tech Pride Alliance to figure out how best to support them during Pride month and going forward.

C. Black Lives Matter
The SGA VP of Communications is working to disseminate information, resources, and guides on social media.

The SGA VP of Communications is compiling a list of classes on race/Black experiences that Georgia Tech offers.

The SGA VP of Communications met with the winners of the Create-X Covid-19 Hackathon. They are creating a sensor to put in buildings that live counts the number of individuals in a space and updates a website.

The SGA VP of Communications is working on a Title IX resources guide.

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**Alton Stovall, Vice President of Internal Affairs**

- **Joint Director of Sustainability**
  - The SGA VP of Internal Affairs met with the SGA Joint Director of Sustainability to discuss ways to increase SGA sustainability.
  - One potential concept that was explored was zero waste SGA events.
  - Please send all sustainability suggestions to the SGA Joint Director of Sustainability.

- **Committee Chairs Meeting Follow Up**
  - The SGA VP of Internal Affairs completed a follow up for the committee chair meeting completed earlier this month.

- **BSO Leadership Meeting**
  - The SGA VP of Internal Affairs participated in a meeting with the leadership of several black student organizations to discuss concerns they had.

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**Sam Ellis, Vice President of External Affairs**

- **Election Day as a Campus Holiday**
  - The SGA VP of External Affairs contacted the Office of Institute Relations in regard to turning Election Day into a campus holiday.
  - The issue currently lies with a USG limit on 12 faculty/staff holidays per year.
  - The SGA VP of External Affairs is currently drafting a letter to Provost Bras in conjunction with the Student Body President.

- **Title IX Updates**
  - The SGA VP of External Affairs met with Title IX Coordinators in regards to policy changes. Residence Hall Association was looped into these conversations.
  - For more information, please see the update under the Undergraduate President section.

- **GTAA Voter Campaign**
a. The SGA VP of External Affairs is meeting with the Georgia Tech Athletic Association regarding supporting voter turnout.

D. GT Polling Place
a. The SGA VP of External Affairs met with Fulton County elections officials as preliminary work for hosting a student-run polling place on Georgia Tech’s campus.

Mykala Sinclair, Vice President of Student Life

A. SGA + BSO
a. The SGA VP of Student Life was involved in a meeting with BSO leaders in order to take steps in the right direction for a better and continuous relationship with the BGT.
b. The meeting provided insight to how SGA may better support the black community at Tech in the short and long-term.

B. CARE Support
a. The SGA VP of Student Life met with CARE to discuss strengthened branding and marketing.
b. Work is being done within CARE for a CARE Student Ambassador program.

C. Addressing Diversity in Mental Health
a. The SGA VP of Student Life met with the Health Initiatives Director, SGA Health and Well-Being Chair, and Mental Health Network Chair to discuss diversity in health and well-being including stigmas in minority communities and marketing of resources.
b. The SGA VP of Student Life is working to create a student panel for iGnite students to discuss diversity in mental health.

D. Arts Committee Chair
a. Please email the SGA VP of Student Life with any suggestions for an Arts Committee chair.

Tolga Ustuner, Speaker of the Undergraduate House of Representatives

A. House Leadership
a. The Speaker of UHR conducted a House Leadership meeting and set goals for the year. The other officers are the Treasurer of UHR (Mason Favro) and the Secretary of UHR (Angad Joshi).

B. UHR Onboarding
a. Onboarding has been completed for the new UHR Representatives.

C. First UHR Meeting
a. The tentative date for the first UHR meeting is Tuesday June 16, 2020.

D. UHR Resources
a. The Speaker of UHR reformed the UHR resources drive and added a JFC guide and procedure cheat sheet.

**Past and Upcoming Meetings**
A. A full list of past and upcoming meetings is available upon request.
B. To learn more about SGA’s advocacy efforts or to get involved, email sga@gatech.edu.

**Discussion Items**
A. How does the cabinet feel about the creation of a new Joint Campus Safety Committee?
B. What were the concerns raised during the BSO Leadership meeting?
C. How do we feel about updating our cabinet platform given the recent events?