On Sunday, July 12, 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. SGA Event Guidelines
   a. In light of new health and safety guidelines, as well as Georgia Tech’s plan to return to campus, all SGA meetings and events are encouraged to be held virtually for the entirety of the Fall semester.
   b. In the case that a meeting can take place where social distancing is truly possible and upheld, SGA leadership asks that it uphold safe social distancing protocols and abide by Georgia Tech’s mandated mask policy.
   c. The SGA retreat this Fall will be held virtually. More details will be announced at a later time.
   d. SGA is exploring the possibility of limited in-person check-ins for SGA members (using social distancing protocols and requiring masks for all attendees). More information on this will be released once more details can be confirmed.

B. SGA Office Guidelines
   a. The SGA office has been temporarily relocated to the Flag Building (Room 225) during the Student Center renovations currently taking place.
   b. The space is much smaller than the old office and, in an effort to ensure social distancing is being followed, the office will be closed to SGA members and the public until further notice, unless otherwise directed by undergraduate/graduate leadership.
   c. Individuals who are allowed to use the office will be expected to follow social distancing guidelines and wear a mask.
   d. SGA leadership will provide additional guidance on the space’s reopening when more information becomes available.
   e. While the office is closed to the public, SGA leaders still welcome virtual meetings and other communication methods, so please feel free to provide feedback.

Brielle Lonsberry, President

A. Covid-19 Updates
   a. Masks have officially been mandated by the University System of Georgia and now by Mayor Bottoms in the City of Atlanta.
   b. SGA leadership has pushed to get information on a contingency plan threshold so students can know what state of the virus would push operations online. Georgia
Tech administration is following up, but the issue is that the thresholds the state held were no longer applied after the reopening in April. SGA has asked to push USG to restate a standard.

c. Georgia Tech is trying to maintain the on-campus designation for the fall and keep a majority of courses as hybrids so international students can take on-campus courses and don’t lose their eligibility statuses.

d. This is being done with the careful consideration of the requirement of time on campus for those courses under “hybrid” designations. Communications will go out about how the professors/departments/schools are able to ensure health and safety is accommodated within those hybrid course policies.

e. SGA has verbal confirmation that Georgia Tech will start making communications to students, especially the international communications, in a more empathetic format.

f. We should see a comprehensive 12-page FAQ coming out for the international SEVP support go out tomorrow, based on Georgia Tech’s interpretation. The issue is that the exemption letter that came out is still vague.

g. OIE has said that there are some distributed courses across majors being added to the Shenzhen/Loraine campuses as “remote” from Atlanta. These are for international students to take if their visas don’t come through and their courses aren’t available as online courses. As of right now, OIE cannot guarantee all courses are accommodated but they’re expanding those available. Otherwise, students can register at those campuses anyways, but need to look at which transfer credits apply and what is offered at those campuses already. Approximately 70-80 first year students have shown interest in Shenzhen.

h. Georgia Tech Governmental Affairs is working to advocate and push legislators to support the 10+ institutions with legal briefs on the ICE ruling.

i. Another option that is being pushed out to international students is the GRIP program - allows students to do research in their home country but keep their full-time student status.

j. The Student Emergency Fund is still open and will remain open.

k. Course modalities will be released on July 20, 2020.

l. The SGA Undergraduate President and VP of Academic Affairs are currently helping to write the communication policy and expectations around attendance leniency for the Fall. Some highlights include:

i. An individual should not go to class if they are feeling ill and/or under quarantine. This applies to both students and professors.

ii. Professors (as usual) cannot ask for a doctor’s note from the student and the Institute will be much more lenient on not needing a doctor’s note at all.
m. Georgia Tech’s second testing site just got CLIA certification. This site will be for asymptomatic students, faculty, staff and will produce results in 24-36 hours.

n. Georgia Tech will know in the next two weeks if the app that Georgia Tech and Georgia Tech partners have developed for contact tracing will be approved. The Health and Safety Working Group is reviewing an exposure notification app developed by Carnegie Mellon. They are also completing the NDA required so that they can do code review and ensure that it has sufficient privacy and security in place.

o. Georgia Tech has also produced a Covid-19 Symptom app that will be connected to the main Georgia Tech app.

p. Students Return to Class survey results, along with the other 3 faculty, staff, and graduate surveys, will be published by Institute Communications this week. For data privacy, it will be stored behind a Georgia Tech login.

q. The ACC will be making a decision in the next few weeks on when our sports seasons will start. Other conferences have limited or delayed their seasons. Click here to read a useful article on the topic.

r. The Return to Research Phase II (50% capacity) plan starts tomorrow (Monday, July 12th).

s. Students seeking an academic or employment accommodation (including graduate teaching and research assistants) should start by contacting the Office of Disability Services (ODS).

t. The SGA Undergraduate President and JVP of Campus Organizations are working with the Office of Student Engagement to talk about a pledge for student organizations to conduct their organizations in a responsible and safe manner. There has also been talk in the Recovery Task Force on putting out a pledge for the Georgia Tech community as a whole.

u. Training modules are being created for students on their transition back to campus.

B. C2D2 Updates
   a. The Center for Career Discovery and Development has been renamed the Career Center and has a new internal organization.

C. SGA Week of Welcome Update:
   a. SGA will be presenting a session during Week of Welcome.
   b. Title: “Student Government Association at Georgia Tech
   c. Description: Join student leaders and representatives from the Student Government Association to learn about the student advocacy process and channels at Georgia Tech. From sustainability to athletics to academics, discover how you can get involved and focus on what you are passionate about. This
workshop will highlight some of the things that SGA is currently working on and how you can benefit from SGA during your time here at Tech.”

d. More details will be announced at a later time.

D. GTPD Reform Discussions
   a. The Chief of Police for the Georgia Tech Police Department will be hosting reform discussions with SGA this fall.

   Kyle Smith, Executive Vice President

A. SAAB-SGA Updates
   a. SGA met with the Student Athlete Advisory Board to outline areas of partnership for the upcoming year.
   b. Part of this partnership will focus on Election Day and Georgia Tech’s voter engagement project.
   c. The partnership will support game day experiences for students, especially new ones, as well as a student athlete group on social justice and sustainability projects in the context of athletics.

B. Health and Safety Working Group Updates
   a. Georgia Tech is currently developing community training videos for faculty, students, and staff.
   b. SGA has outlined that it would be helpful if the video provided guidance about where to go to get tested, what to do if you test positive, should a student notify their professors, and other important issues.
   c. Georgia Tech is developing a community reporting online portal.

C. Data Ethics Initiative
   a. The goal of the Data Ethics initiative is to improve the ethics curriculum for students in Computer Science and improve data ethics in the College of Computing.
   b. SGA believes ethics should be more holistically integrated into the overall curriculum.

D. Menstrual Product Program (MPP) Updates
   a. The SGA Executive Vice President is currently looking for places on campus to store menstrual products.
   b. SGA will be limiting operations of the Menstrual Product Program this year due to COVID-19 and safety concerns for volunteers.

E. Supporting Graduate Pride
   a. Graduate Pride is a relatively new organizations and is facing challenges typical of graduate student organizations and smaller organizations.
   b. A organization mentorship program idea was proposed to pair newer organizations with more established organizations to get support.
c. The graduate student on-boarding process is different depending on the department, but this area offers an opportunity to support LGBTQ+ students.
d. A discussion was also had on how to support international students in the LGBTQ+ community.
e. SGA believes that GTPD needs to be aware of and show concern for the surrounding community outside of Georgia Tech.

F. International Student Concerns
   a. GTIA sent a letter to SGA leadership outlining international student concerns after the new ICE policy.
   b. In addition, a letter was created by hundreds of international and out-of-state students regarding Covid-19 concerns in the fall. This letter was drafted before the new ICE policy.

G. USG Advocacy
   a. SGA is in the process of drafting a letter to President Cabrera and USG, in addition to creating videos and additional content.

H. OMED - Racial Injustice and Sexual Violence (RISV) Collective
   a. The Racial Injustice and Sexual Violence (RISV) Collective is analyzing current resources provided to students and outlining areas for improvement.
   b. The working group includes students, alumni, administrators, and OMED leadership.

I. Meeting with Administration
   a. The SGA Undergraduate President and Executive Vice President met with Provost Bras and President Cabrera to discuss the following items:
      i. items listed in SGA's July 8th letter
      ii. tuition is frozen this year
      iii. the need for metrics regarding when Georgia Tech will move from one contingency plan to another, impacting in-person vs. online course offerings

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Josh Eastwood, Joint Vice President of Finance

A. Student Activity Fee Financial Standing
   a. Beginning Balances:
      i. Prior Year ~$596,000
      ii. Capital Outlay ~$1,013,000
      iii. JAC ~$354,000
   b. There is currently a resolution to shift ~$254,000 from CO to PY to support organizations better.
   c. Alternative courses of action have been planned if the SAF is impacted for the Fall to mitigate impacts on RSOs
d. The SGA JVP of Finance is looking at FY21 specific policies that can ensure equitable access to funding while prioritizing safety in RSOs.
e. The SGA JVP of Finance is also working with other on-campus funding sources to streamline resources.

B. Other Financial Notes
a. The SGA JVP of Finance should be able to send out and post to the website the state of finances for all RSOs to read by end of week. SGA has been seeing an increasing amount of concerned emails around funding.
b. The SGA JVP of Finance is working with SOFO to provide greater access to agency accounts.

Joyce Karanouh-Schuler, Joint Vice President of Campus Organizations
A. Follow Up on Undergraduate Pride Meeting
   a. The SGA JVP of Campus Organizations, Executive Vice President, VP of Communications, and VP of Campus Services followed-up with Undergraduate Pride.
   b. SGA is looking for ways to continue support of their organization and efforts throughout the year.
B. Presidents’ Summit
   a. The SGA JVP of Organizations is working on themes and focuses
C. Week of Welcome Workshop
   a. Sign-ups are open for Week of Welcome Workshops.
D. Organization Fair
   a. The SGA JVP of Campus Organizations is securing funding for the Organization Fair and related expenses.
E. Mask Distribution
   a. The SGA JVP of Campus Organizations is working with the Center for Student Engagement and the SGA JVP of Finance on a central cache of masks for student organizations.
F. Hosting Virtual Events
   a. The SGA JVP of Campus Organizations is working on tips and tricks for organizations hosting virtual events.

Cy Heffley, Joint Vice President of Information Technology
A. Knack Partnership
   a. The SGA JVP of Information Technology is researching online tutoring service availability and anticipated demand this fall to evaluate if we want to partner with a third-party service.
B. JacketConnect
a. The JacketConnect platform is still recruiting mentors and is preparing for user tests.

C. Data Ethics Initiative
   a. The Data Ethics team is presenting a tentative plan to EDM Tuesday afternoon for feedback.

   **Jackson Caruso, Vice President of Academic Affairs**
   
   A. Student Advisory Boards
      a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs is drafting a proposal document on Student Advisory Boards.
   
   B. Undergraduate Admissions
      a. The SGA VP of Academic Affairs engaged in a productive conversation with the Georgia Tech Admissions Office. This meeting also included Black Student Recruitment Team (BSRT) and National Society for Black Engineers (NSBE) representatives.
         b. Follow up is taking place to continue seeing how Admissions can reform their existing communications (i.e. website), grow their existing services and partnerships (i.e. calls to admitted Black students, APS Scholars partnership), and form new relationships (with SGA and NSBE).

   **Emmett Miskell, Vice President of Campus Services**

   A. CRC
      a. The reopening plan for the Campus Recreation Center was released this past week.
      b. The CRC will be taking over all activity spaces in residential areas over the next few months.

   B. PTS
      a. The SGA VP of Campus Services is advocating for a second, annual permit purchasing time slot from PTS.

   C. Auxiliary Services
      a. The Georgia Tech Bookstore has reopened Monday through Friday.

   D. Student Center
      a. Campus Center construction (Phase II) officially starts this week.
      b. Changes are likely to be made to Exhibition Hall operations in the fall.

   **Grace Swift, Vice President of Communications**

   A. The SGA VP of Communications is collecting student concerns about ICE changes, and is putting out an informational graphic.
B. The SGA VP of Communications is continuing to put out advocacy videos directed at Georgia Tech and USG.

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

A. SGA Fall Retreat/Events
   a. All SGA events are encouraged to be held in an online-only format.
   b. The SGA VP of Internal Affairs is looking into a unique engagement platform to ensure SGA members stay engaged.

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

A. Georgia Tech Polling Place
   a. The SGA VP of External Affairs is working to determine a full list of dates (early voting and general election) for the Georgia Tech polling place and recruit students.

B. Athletics Partnership
   a. The SGA VP of External Affairs is looking at dates this fall to have a voter-themed game with giveaways.

C. Senate Debate
   a. The SGA VP of External is in contact with Senate candidates for an on-campus Senate Debate.

D. WREK Radio Political Interviews
   a. The SGA VP of External Affairs is looking into a partnership with WREK Radio for Government Relations to interview various politicians this Fall.

E. Title IX Letter
   a. The Joint Title IX letter received edits from UGA, and the final touches are being added.
   b. The letter will be sent to all USG SGAs later this week.

**Mykala Sinclair, Vice President of Student Life**

A. Undergraduate Admissions
   a. The SGA VP of Student Life met with Georgia Tech Admissions, BSRT, GTSBE PCI, and the SGA VP of Academic Affairs.
   b. The discussion was focused on Black student recruitment at Tech and how it’s taken place during the last 5 years, as well as how we may move forward in the future.
   c. As a follow-up, the group will be discussing collaboration points amongst student organizations and admissions. A follow-up meeting is being planned to talk more about funding for black student recruitment.

B. Diversity in Mental Health: iGnite Student Panel
The panel was held recently and was very successful.

b. The team behind it hopes to formulate mental health storytelling into a webinar to educate students on diversity in mental health and help destigmatize mental health in various underrepresented communities.

C. Race at Georgia Tech: A Call to Action
   a. This panel will be held on Thursday, July 16th with the SGA VP of Student Life as a featured panelist.

D. BLM
   a. The SGA VP of Student Life is working to coordinate spaces for Black first-year and transfer students to have community and a warm welcome to Tech.

Tolga Ustuner, Speaker of the Undergraduate House of Representatives

A. UHR Procedures in the Fall
   a. House Leadership met and determined a UHR procedure in the Fall.
   b. Hybrid meetings will be held for the first weeks to gauge feasibility.

B. Next UHR Meeting
   a. The next UHR meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 at 6:30pm on BlueJeans.

C. UHR Onboarding
   a. On-boarding emails are continuing to go out to UHR members.
   b. Last week’s email was about the Executive Branch and this week’s features the Judicial Branch.

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. Are there any comments or feedback on SGA’s Covid related communication over the past two weeks (i.e., videos, letter to President Cabrera, etc.)? How can SGA improve?
B. Are there any thoughts about virtual SGA events for the Fall? How many people would attend in-person cabinet meetings? How many would attend virtual check-ins?
C. How can SGA do more to support international students in general and in light of the new ICE policy?