

**SGA Cabinet  
Meeting Summaries  
August 23, 2021**

**General Updates**

- Welcome from Dean Stein

***Cabinet Updates***

**Samuel Ellis, President**

- COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Updates
  - 7100 cases/day
  - Mostly among unvaccinated
    - Impacts everyone bc hospitals are overwhelmed
  - On-campus cases are up but still low
  - Reminder that campus dashboard tracks all our cases
  - About half of GT positives are among vaccinated
  - 60-70 people each day at McCamish clinic
    - Mostly intl students
      - Many are Chinese students who are already vaccinated and were told before leaving China to get an mRNA vaccine when they get to US
- Contact tracing is difficult due to growing size of gatherings
- 4 individuals who are GT housing residents in quarantine
- New Governor's executive orders:
  - local/municipal mandates are an option for businesses
- Mask-wearing ranging from 50-100% in different indoor events/gatherings
- 3rd shot is not a booster - it is the third in a series for the immunocompromised
  - can occur no sooner than 28 days after second dose
  
- 12 housing no-shows, 8/12 were intl students. OIE is working on its 45 students currently in exchange programs at different schools
- SAAB-SGA
  - On-call mentor program - possible home with NSTP
    - Like a YellowPages for student mentorship
  - Engagement guide for student-athletes
  - Possible bussing to UNC game at MBS
  - Collaborating on Waffle House Challenge
- GTPD Community Council
  - Looping in more students and creating subcommittees so the council can be more effective (minimum start of subcommittees for Mental Health and Comfort around & Treatment of Students by officers)
- IWC Appointments
  - Review the [list](#) and confirm that your appointments are appropriate

- **Need a SAC Appointee**

### **Ajanta Choudhury, Executive Vice President**

- ELL: Following-up with CommLab to receive ELL specialist usage data → plan to meet with Provost McLaughlin to discuss important takeaways from the data, notes, and letters of support that we have.
- COVID-19 Q&A: Anika, Mihir, and I preparing FAQ for COVID questions/concerns. Translating to IG ( story format.)
  - include quarantine housing, PPE availability, and testing & vaccine info.
    - Any topics you absolutely want us to mention, please let us know at any time!
      - *Cab asks*: Can faculty be required to have an online option for their classes such as recorded lectures?

### **Tanish Goel, JVP of Finance**

- JFC
  - Onboarded the new JFC membership.
  - Orientation on 26th, and the first bill hearing session is on the 2nd of September, 2021 in person.
- Student Employment System
  - Submitted initial proposal on improvements to the system to GTOHR.
  - Discussions will resume once the Student Employment Advisory Committee convenes in October.
  - Concerns
    - JacketPages related issues that are really throwing a wrench into JFC planning, but Megan is working on it actively to ensure that we have the platform fixed and running ASAP.

### **Megan Dass, JVP of IT**

- Onboarded new ResearchHub team lead
- Reached out to CS orgs for representation on OIT SAC\
- Started recruiting again for IT Board
- Starting to test JacketPages. Should be ready in ~ 2 weeks
- Added website-request channel in slack

### **Allison Vermaak, JVP of Infrastructure and Sustainability**

- Met with Grad SGA:
  - We will have a grad specific sustainability and infrastructure committees

- they want to tackle some issues this year such as waste in research, low power computing & technology, thesis day and capstone presentations
- Green Network Slack Channel: added sustainability-focused orgs leadership
- Officially started interviewing people and have selected a grad sustainability committee chair (who has had over 10 years of experience working in sustainable businesses)
- Tour of the student center scheduled for next Wednesday
  - Discussing where to fit in a dedicated graduate social space
- Tour of campus recycling services scheduled for next week

### **Rohan Sohni, VP of Academic Affairs**

- Faculty Still Continuing Academic Restart Task Force
  - Recording Lectures
  - not forcing Students to come into class sick
- Promoting committee applications

### **Bridgette Davenport, VP of Campus Services**

- W/ Reddit feedback we've been able to fix Coca-Cola freestyle machine in Willage & the new microwaves in the Exhibition Hall
- Working to add a feedback section on the problem reporting form.
- **Auxiliary Services:**
  - Working on an RFP for vending and catering.
- **Dining:**
  - Britain temporarily closed for repairs: Willage, NAV and other new options are open (or opening soon). Options include: Kaldi's, Cluck 'n Moo, Reck Stop, CRC Self-Op, Rising Rolls and Whistle Bistro.
  - Dining Dollars and Meal Swipes will roll over from Summer to Fall to Spring Semester but will expire in the Spring.
  - Allergen Labeling in Dining Halls is current status but working on getting Nutrislice fully functional soon.
- **Housing:**
  - Move-in went well - thank you to everyone who came out and helped!
- **PTS:**
  - Still waiting on response regarding regulation updates. Kasey is going to encourage them to let us help.
- **Student Center:**
  - Hardhat tours starting September 1st - please sign up!
- **CRC:**
  - Updated hours and machines still socially distanced.

### **Anika Gouhl, VP of Communications**

- Pushing 3 major rollouts

- SGA Committee applications
- COVID facts
- Vaccination Encouragement/ Information/ Resources
- Social Media team working on:
  - Post for spotlight in-house dining for the upcoming year (with the SGA involvement angle)
  - SGA Introductory Letter & Sam / Ajanta note of Welcome
  - Organization/ Service Fair x SGA promo
- Special Events working on:
  - Week of Welcome
    - Birthday party theme
    - Awaiting bill's approval (submitted Aug 3rd)
  - Retreat

### **Grace Swift, VP of External Affairs**

- Met with YMCA, they are interested in at the bare minimum having a food pantry, but ideally also having fresh produce
  - Starting a mentorship program at the YMCA: they have a teen program where we are going to take people on tours of GT and host SAT/ACT prep classes
    - Discussing needs that the YMCA has that we can help address?
- WTV coming along, we have dates chosen and places reserved
- Atlanta Mayor in works

### **Zizi Ohamadike, VP of Operations**

- Meetings
  - Met with SAAB leadership along with Sam, Ajanta, Mihir, Derek, and Anika
  - Introduced new student athletes to SGA with Sam (Jumpstart Jackets)
  - Met with committee chairs
- Welcome Email - working with Anika to draft SGA's first email to students
  - plan to include welcome message from Sam and Ajanta, information on COVID-19 vaccines/testing, and summary of our meeting notes
- Fall org fair - August 31 (rain date Sept. 9)
  - 10:15am - 1pm

### **Derek Huell, VP of Student Life**

- New campus organizations chair - Archie Chaudhury
- Campus Movie Fest organizing

- Athletics - Meeting with SAAB/GTAA/GTYJC
  - Actionable Items:
    - Advertise smaller sports schedules (on rambling wreck site) via - QR code/SGA IG
    - Directory for mentors for athletes wishing to pursue STEM
    - Work with URA to identify professors whose research is flexible with busy schedules
    - Post-game mingle for smaller sports (volleyball, tennis)

## **Mihir Kandarpa, VP of Well-Being**

- **Mental Health**
  - Rishi and I are working on coordinating messaging for Suicide Prevention Week
  - Rishi reached out to several org leaders to invite them to the Mental Health Network

## **Public Health**

### **COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign**

- Blasted out emails to orgs sending them updated graphics
- Campus Services, Student Life, and a variety of orgs on campus have publicized the clinics
- Working with GT Sciences Comms & IC to encourage testing (Julia will be sending out a testing guide she made and I have a bag of gift cards to handout to students to encourage them to get tested)
- **MPP**
  - Speaking with Facilities to expand MPP to more buildings
- **STI Testing**
  - Planning how HI and Public Health Committee will publicize STI testing this fall when the free clinics open up
- **Sexual Violence**
  - Riya is working with VOICE on the Red Flag Campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- **Other Updates**
  - ISP Wellbeing Workgroups kicking off.

- Launching social media campaign this week on SGA Wellbeing IG to promote the vaccine clinics and the committees
- Looking to add a new Board Position: Communications Coordinator. Spoke to Anika about it a few weeks ago and she said it can help with our comms efforts
  - Wellbeing Communications Coordinator Description
    - **Description:** A member of the SGA Wellbeing Board tasked with managing communications to the student body. Will oversee the social media accounts and general public engagement. Works closely with all Chairs and the VP Wellbeing to create a uniform and holistic communication standard for the Board. Works with everyone across the SGA Wellbeing Team (VPWB, Chairs, and Members) to share with students infographics, key updates, and other information.
    - **Responsibilities:**
      - Manage the SGA Wellbeing social media accounts
      - Engage with other student organizations through social media and outreach to connect the Wellbeing Board to RSOs
      - Manage the SGA Health + Wellbeing gmail account
      - Lead student engagement events across the Board
      - Assist with cross-committee communication within the Board
      - Work with the VP Communications and VP Wellbeing to establish a holistic Wellbeing communications standard for SGA
- **Other Key Meetings**
  - Rohan R and I met with ISYE Leadership on Wednesday to discuss how we can work together to publicize SGA in the ISYE Community and how to use the Award to promote wellbeing
- **Upcoming Meetings**
  - Rohan's and I are meeting with Dean Beyah tomorrow to discuss mental health in the COE Community

### **Rohan Rege, Speaker of the House**

- Fall introduction emails sent out!!
  - Excited to introduce new reps to UHR

- Schedule
    - August 24th (tomorrow) - no UHR
    - August 31st - UHR onboarding and free speech training
    - September 7th - first official session of UHR
    - September 14th - second official session + data privacy training
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***Important Dates, Deadlines, Announcements***

- **Next Cabinet Meeting:** August 30, 2021