

**SGA Cabinet
Meeting Summaries
September 13, 2021**

Cabinet Updates

Samuel Ellis, President

COVID-19 Recovery Task Force

- Deaths in GA approaching peak
- FulCo 12% positivity
- 44% vaccinated in GA
- 144 cases by Sept. 3
- 170 Vaccines on Sept. 7
- 89 students in quarantine
- 10,113 tests last week

Faculty Senate Meeting

- http://facultygovernance.gatech.edu/090921_FS_SpecialMeeting_Agenda.pdf
- All three resolutions passed
- Going into edits - Secretary of the Faculty Dr. Rhett Mayor will be working with me to include student input

COVID-19 Letter

- Add into letter that students neither want virtual classes nor to go home

Mayor's Forum

- Partnering with WSBTV for mayor's forum
- 13/14 candidates at Kendeda building Oct. 2

Ajanta Choudhury, Executive Vice President

MPP:

- Stock we ordered over the summer (2000 pads, 2000 tampons, & 4 dispensers) has been stored and distributed
 - GT Facilities will give us weekly/biweekly updates on how they're doing with inventory

Campus Accessibility:

- Meeting with Dean Ray later this week, Thursday or Friday
- Also reached out to ABLE Alliance, waiting to hear back

John Graves, JVP of Finance

- JFC member recruitment/confirmation
 - Standing roles outlined
- Budget orientation dates
 - Smithgall 117, Tuesday Sept 21st - 6:00PM
 - Smithgall 117, Monday September 27th - 6:00PM
 - [BlueJeans](#), Wednesday September 29th - 6:00PM
 - [BlueJeans](#), Saturday October 2nd - 10:00AM
 - Additional sessions as needed - TBD
- RSO Finance Orientations
- Sport club competition funding cap issues

Megan Dass, JVP of IT

- **Elections**
 - Set up first-year elections form on engage
 - Elections site moved over to a new server!! This means that the site will hopefully be a bit faster. Real test will be the freshmen election
 - Working with SCPC to set up mr. and ms. georgia tech elections

Allison Vermaak, JVP of Infrastructure and Sustainability

Updates:

- Meeting next week with Chief Connolly for a **Campus Safety Walk**
- Started **Textbook Lending Program**: connect students to free textbooks & lab materials that can be checked out through the library. Launching later this semester
- First **Green Network Meeting** will be on September 30th
- Met with Emma Brodzik: **Campus Recycling**
 - find a way to incentivize different Tech departments to adopt composting because it has to be factored into the individual budget
 - rebates earned from recycled material amount to ~40-60K but that all goes directly to OSWMR and not individual departments that collected it

Rohan Sohani, VP of Academic Affairs

Inside Classroom

- COVID 19 Recovery
 - Provost going to each college
 - sharing stories/issues in academic restart
- Honorlock

- survey created
 - to be sent out Wednesday (i think)
- emailed Kantwon on why his classes use it

Outside Classroom

- OSI
 - Process Improvement
 - need to find time with @Samuel Ellis
 - Flowchart
 - need help from the OSI director
- ELL
 - statement ready
 - meeting with girardot friday
- Conflict Resolution
 - kaavya working on detailing flowchart
- Career Center
 - Ajanta/Aanjan/I working on developing a framework
- Registration
 - talking with girardot
 - @Megan Dass, can we compare/contrast Purdue's system?
- Research
 - kaavya looking to unpaid researchers
 - research for student-athletes

Bridgette Davenport, VP of Campus Services

PTS: Dealing with infrastructure & admin issues

- Increased demand for additional busses & bus routes - GT is currently using all temp workers so looking to get new bids for more workers
 - More buses were on campus last week, but still a concern for students
- Looking into additional times for the grocery route and may switch up existing routes to meet student wants
- Waiting to hear about admin's updated rules & regs

Dining:

- Insta-live got a decent number of views, addressed some of the issues and promoted some good news:
 - Slutty Vegan food truck now on campus and be on the look-out for Tech Dining food truck (also doing a Procurement RFP to get additional bids)
 - Kosher & halal options offered at all 3 major dining halls
 - Supply chain issues & labor shortage creating issues with materials
 - Student job postings are live - looking for ways to increase marketing
 - Text N Tell (live feedback) is formally rolling out across campus this week

- Addressing the raw chicken & bug complaints from the weekend

Housing:

- Brown Residents have been moved to WDF but still going to meet with admin regarding infrastructure concerns across campus

Other:

- Looking to increase hours for surveillance testing
- Exhibition Hall will open in November through February for booster shots
- Pushing for all admin to be active on Reddit & social media to respond to students so its not just us
- Finalizing the Catalyst student requests and sending to Kasey soon (laundry, parking and meals)

Anika Gouhl, VP of Communications

- Planning the Days for SGA Week, aiming for mid-October
 - Submitting bills ASAP (goal Friday)
 - Events:
 - Birthday Party Kickoff
 - Featuring each branch throughout the week- handing out swag/food each day we feature a branch + IG day in the life of branch leadership
- Working on push for Oct 2 Mayors forum @ Kendeda
- Gathering topics for OSI IG live w/ Kyla Ross (@Rohan S)
- Tentative end of month Bluejeans town hall with Dr. Hong (@Mihir)
- Designing SGA tees (goal Friday)
- promoting freshman elections (this week)
- Drafting Aug + Sept Newsletter
 - Spotlight community fridge
 - Promote SGA week dates

Grace Swift, VP of External Affairs

- Meeting with YMCA this week re: fridge
- Putting together committee meetings so we can host a fridge painting/installment meeting as our kickoff
- Wreck the Vote coming up soon (putting together political org debate)
- Kendeda livestream capability
- Ajanta and I meeting w/Institute Relations hopefully

Zizi Ohamadike, VP of Operations

- Committee Chair resources —> working to put some resources together for committee chairs (focusing on recruitment and engagement) - let me know if there is anything you would like to add!
- Committees - applications are rolling in! Let me know if any chairs (or if you) have any questions about the process!

Derek Huell, VP of Student Life

- BSO Block at football games - attendance increasing
 - Roughly 20 in attendance for GT vs. Northern Illinois
 - Roughly 30 in attendance for GT vs. KSU
- Working with URA and Rohan S. to identify flexible research opportunities for athletes and those with convoluted schedules
 - URA will ask for description of research project to gauge flexibility
 - Will also work to identify remote research opportunities.
- Interactive Art Installation in CULC
 - Another upcoming meeting
- Campus Mural
 - A mural to “translate” a difficult STEM topic into a painting
 - Goal is for group of interested students to paint the mural

Mihir Kandarpa, VP of Well-Being

- Mental Health
 - World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept. 10th)
 - Mental Health Network
 - Reached out to the current list of MHN members to setup a meeting for next week (week of 20th)
 - Please share [this form](#) to get more people to join MHN!
 - JED
 - Held the Strategic Planning and Communications Subcommittee meeting last Thursday. They have anonymous drug disposals at GTPD HQ but you have to scan your buzzcard to enter the GTPD building (so is it really anonymous?).
 - Counseling Center reports
 - Reviewed reports from the Counseling Center. Looking to use the data to inform the Mental Health Communications project
- Public Health
 - Menstrual Product Program (MPP)

- Took the 4k menstrual products from SGA Office and is working with facilities to place around
 - AEDs on campus
 - Met with a freshman who brought up a concern that there are an insufficient number of AEDs in residence halls
 - Working to expedite the installations of AEDs
 - AMA with Dr. Holton on Thursday at 3:30-4pm
 - COVID
 - Emailing orgs from Vaccine campaign list on Wednesday with information about testing and the need to promote it
- Sexual Violence
 - Met with VOICE to discuss the state of Greeks Against Violence.
 - Incentivizing Greek orgs to go to more VOICE training
 - Idea: JSVAC Chair would put together an accreditation system for Greek orgs to make sure they go to trainings. Will be posted on SGA website. Arbitrary tests for Greek orgs
- Meetings & Project Updates
 - COVID Testing → need to give out the rest of the coozies and coupons ASAP
 - ISP Workgroup Kickoff Meeting tomorrow → will be getting official set of updates on state of Wellbeing ISP
 - Presenting to 2 ISyE GT 1000 classes on Friday about SGA
- Other Updates
 - SGA Strategic Planning process is currently underway; Mason has prepared all the forms to send out to orgs
 - Applications are rolling in for Wellbeing Communications Coordinator. Will be presenting a bill to UHR tomorrow to make the position official.

Rohan Rege, Speaker of the House

- UHR Meeting tomorrow
 - [Agenda](#) has no bills, but special topics will be used for nominating JFC members and Members at Large.
- Select committees
 - Looking for intersections of different committees (covid - academic, hwb, cs)
 - Rolling release of select committees
- Freshman elections
 - Application is live! There was some interest at org fair
 - Advertising on SGA social media

Important Dates, Deadlines, Announcements

Next Cabinet Meeting: Sept 20, 2021