The Executive Cabinet of the Undergraduate Student Government Association is excited to update you on our branch’s progress midway through the 2016-2017 school year. This report details the projects completed or underway by the executive branch. You will find the report organized into sections based upon each board of the executive branch. The goals and ideas detailed in each section were developed by each Executive Cabinet member with the input of his or her Committee Chairs, the President, and Executive Vice President.
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President

Student Body President: Nagela Nukuna

Sexual Violence Advisory Board Chair: Anna Harrison
Elections Chair: Sarah Bartel

The Fall semester has been exciting for SGA, highlighting some great success areas for the organization, and also providing some areas for opportunity. As President, I oversee the operation of Georgia Tech’s Student Government to make sure the goals we campaigned with are researched and implemented, and accountability is maintained with the student body at Georgia Tech by delivering on those promises. Beyond that, I stay informed on state and national issues and communicate them to student body as needed. Finally, I represent Georgia Tech students externally on various regional and national organizations, presenting student ideas and concerns. In terms of allocation of time and resources, 50% of my time is spent managing daily operations, 40% is spent representing the Institute externally at conferences, events, meetings, and speaking engagements, and the remaining 10% is spent executing new initiatives.

Fall 2016 Projects

- General Internal SGA Improvements
  - Increased Communication with Executive Branch
    - Utilizing social media sites to increase communication within the executive branch, from Cabinet to committee members
  - Effectiveness of SGA
    - Reorganization of IT and Campus Services boards
    - Reorganization of the Elections Committee and moving to Judiciary Branch jurisdiction
    - Began planning and reorganization of general SGA committees to match their role and to increase efficiency

- New Initiatives
  - Coordinated SGA Goals & Expectations Meeting to communicate goals to President Peterson and his Cabinet
  - With planning from Sexual Violence Advisory Board, led an SGA Policies Update Town Hall to increase communication between Title IX Directors, Office of Student Integrity, and students on the two new student policies
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- Resolutions for student deaths on campus
- Coordinated feedback of University System of Georgia Schools on Sexual Misconduct White Paper
- Continuation of Hammock Garden implementation

**Elections**
- Freshman elections: 21 applicants and 11 candidates that ran for positions
- Organized a welcome meetup between new freshman representatives and the President
- Working to move Spring elections earlier to increase transition time

**Increase in Voter Participation of Students**
- Increased Georgia Tech students voting through viral information dissemination
- Coordinated calls with GA Presidents on implementation and best practices of voting procedures across the state
- In coordination with College Democrats, African American Student Union, and National Society of Black Engineers, hosted and introduced Cory Booker and Jesse Jackson on campus

**Connecting with Campus Community**
- Working with Student Athletic Advisory Board (SAAB) to push forward their events and increase communication between the general campus community and student athletes
- Regular meetings with Technique Editor in Chief to hear objective student opinions and include them in decision-making processes

**External Responsibilities**
- National Campus Leadership Council (NCLC)
  - Conferences Attended:
    - President’s Leadership Summit: SGA President’s across the nation
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- Georgia Leadership Summit: SGA President’s across Georgia, both public and private
- White House Diversity & Inclusion in Higher Education Summit
  - University System of Georgia (USG)
    - Conferences Attended:
      - Fall Student Activities Council (SAC) Conference
      - Board of Regents (BOR) Meetings
    - Projects:
      - SGA Visioning 2020: Working to develop imminent SGA issues, and best practices and research in tackling them as SGA leaders
      - Research Universities Recommendations to BOR proposal
  - Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC)
    - Conferences Attended:
      - ACC President’s Summit

- A sampling of meetings attended and/or boards I sit on:
  - Faculty Executive Board
  - Student Center Governing Board
  - Black Student Experience Implementation Team
  - Georgia Tech Advisory Board
  - Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Committee
  - Undergraduate Education Student Advisory Board

- Examples of Panels, Presentations, and Speaking Engagements
  - Diversity Symposium: Gender Equity initiatives
  - FASET Introductions to Tech
  - New Student Convocation
  - Industrial Engineering Board Meeting

Spring 2017 Goals

- Make SGA a Leaner Organization: Set sustainable policy to ensure consistency in application process and expectations of each executive branch member
- Transparency
  - SGA Traveling Office Hours
  - Monthly SGA Newsletters to entire student body
- LiveSafe Updates: Continue work from last year to make the app more efficient, interfacing with GTPD, students, and the LiveSafe App Development team
- Present proposal to increase transparency of CIOS survey comments to Faculty Executive Board, for the improvement of the learning environment
- Implement Black Student Experience Implementation Force Recommendations that relate to students
Executive Vice President

Executive Vice President: Shane Mudrinich

This Fall term has been an exciting one for both SGA and Georgia Tech as a whole. Our Executive Cabinet and their boards have been working diligently on projects to improve the student experience across many facets of this school. As Executive Vice President, I lead our weekly Cabinet meetings, conduct 1-on-1 meetings with six of our nine Vice Presidents to aid them in their efforts, and work to ensure that our Cabinet has a collaborative, positive dynamic. I hope the projects and updates provided by each Vice President are a reflection of the culture we have fostered as a team. As President Nukuna’s right-hand man, I help her make many executive decisions for the wellbeing of the organization and the student body. I’ve also had the opportunity to interface with many administrators and departments on campus to represent student opinion.

Fall 2016 Projects

- At the end of the Spring, President Nukuna and I selected a diverse set of highly-qualified Cabinet and Committee Chairs to helm SGA Projects
- We restructured the Communications and Information Technology boards to increase organizational efficiency
- Over the summer, I restructured FreShGA along with their advisors to bring the organization firmly underneath the SGA umbrella and create a better pathway for present and future involvement with SGA
- Assigned student representatives to the Institute Wide Committees that help guide Georgia Tech initiatives
- Worked with our Committee Chairs to welcome our first EXCEL program student to our committees, furthering our goal of an inclusive internal culture
- Along with Chief of Staff Nickel and Speaker Wang, I developed a social media campaign to promote the Counseling Center’s Tech Ends Suicide Together initiative
- Promoted QPR suicide prevention training for all SGA members through the Counseling Center
- A sampling of meetings attended:
  - Tech Ends Suicide Together core implementation team meetings
  - Instructional Center (IC) renovation and furniture meeting
  - Clough Digital Signage meeting
  - Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee
  - Alumni Association Board of Trustees
  - Athletic Association Finance Committee
  - Creating the Next in Education focus groups
- Started a Tiny Doors GT project in conjunction with Arts Ambassadors that we aim to bring to fruition in the Spring
- Initiated Bylaws reviews to examine the structure of SGA

Spring 2017 Goals

- Tiny Doors GT project completion
- Proposal for revised SGA structure
Chief of Staff

Chief of Staff: Ben Nickel

The role of the Chief of Staff is largely defined by the needs of the organization for the given year. Most importantly, my role is to represent the interests of the President and Executive Vice President both within Student Government and outside of it. This happens through various meetings, projects, and conversations I take part in with people all across campus. In addition, I help create and take on special projects that may not necessarily fall in the mission of other positions. I work in the space between other Cabinet members, often connecting people and projects with the resources they need to be successful. This semester, I have served on a number of different Institute Wide Committees (IWCs) dealing with everything from mental health to policy review and creation. I've championed ideas that span across committees and even across organizations such as Senior Week and Home for the Holidays. This semester started and ended strong, and I look forward to what we can do in the Spring!

Fall 2016 Projects

- Events Planned
  - ACC Presidents Summit
    - 9 out of 15 SGA ACC Presidents travelled to Georgia Tech for a conference addressing issues we all face on campus
  - Home for the Holidays
    - Event pairing international students with local members of the Georgia Tech community for Thanksgiving
    - Paired 117 students with 79 hosts
• **Projects in Motion/Completed**
  ○ **Senior Week Branding**
    ■ Bringing a more visible presence to events focused on graduating seniors
    ■ Graphic and website creation
    ■ Working on event ideas with other organizations
  ○ **T-Square Survey Question**
    ■ Pitched idea to OIT to put a one question survey on the homepage of T-Square to more quickly gauge student opinion on a variety of issues
    ■ Currently identifying a project lead
  ○ **Sexual Misconduct White Paper**
    ■ Helped create and begin a paper summarizing our viewpoint of the University System of Georgia Sexual Misconduct Policy in collaboration with our Sexual Violence Advisory Board Chair, Anna Harrison
    ■ Paper currently in review by other USG schools in preparation to present to Board of Regents
  ○ **Student Government MailChimp Newsletter**
    ■ Changed structure of weekly internal all SGA email to track metrics and communicate more relevant information
  ○ **SGA Directory**
    ■ Created and maintained the current directory of name, position, email, and phone number for every one of our 250+ members

• **Institute Wide Committees/Other Meetings**
  ○ **Greek Life Task Force**
    ■ Member of task force commissioned by Dean Stein to ensure the continued prosperity and well-being of the Greek system
    ■ Provide recommendations directly to Dean Stein
  ○ **Tech Ends Suicide Together Implementation Team**
    ■ Attended focus groups with students and administrators to help drive the creation of the initiative
    ■ Helped create the “zero suicide” social media campaign
    ■ SGA is continuing to support and develop the initiative
  ○ **Well-being Ambassador Focus Group**
Attended a focus group to help create ambassadors for wellness on campus
- Mental Health Student Coalition Summit
  - Attended day long summit focused on building campus wide awareness and programs focused on Mental Health and specifically suicide prevention
- Student Regulations Committee
  - Discuss and vote on policies governing all aspects of student life
- Summer SAC (Student Advisory Council) Retreat
  - Attended Summer retreat of all University System of Georgia SGA Presidents for President Nukuna

**Spring 2017 Goals**
- “Never Dine Alone”
  - Exploring the idea of a program designed for students, faculty, and staff to meet up with members of the Georgia Tech community outside of their normal circle
- Senior Week
  - Finalizing graphics, website, and event plan
- T-Square Survey Question
  - Pilot and implement survey question
- Revamp of Resources and Mailchimp
  - Continue to develop internal communications platform to increase member efficiency
- Planning of Travelling Office Hours
  - Planning days where President Nukuna, Executive Vice President Mudrinich, and I go to organizational meetings to discuss progress of SGA and allow for more direct student feedback
- Get Out & Move Day
  - Planning day on Tech Green promoting being active with various student organizations
Academic Affairs Board

Vice President of Academic Affairs: Lindsey Eidson

Academic Support: Cally Decherd
Curriculum & Institute Policies: Jessica Stelzel
Educational Enhancement: Celeste Runnels
Student-Faculty Development: Patricia Ray

The Academic Affairs team has been hard at work this semester developing a plan of action that both encompasses Nagela and Shane’s platform as well as other areas for improvement on campus. One of the main driving forces behind the Academic Affairs Board’s work this semester is the idea of accessibility/transparency between resources, faculty, staff, and students. We have been listening to the students to see where they need support in the area of academics. Because we know that at Georgia Tech, academics is so closely tied to mental health, we have been striving to create programs that boost mental health by fostering a sense of community among faculty/staff and students. We want to alleviate the “us vs them” mentality that is exists in academics and let our students know that they are valued and respected in the realm of academics.

Fall 2016 Projects

- The idea of a Research Career Fair was drafted and presented to administration partners in order to gain support for implementation in the coming semester(s).
- SGA “Helluva ___ Engineer” Day
  - During SGA Week, the Academic Affairs team set-up tables on Skiles Walkway and 5th Street bridge to collect pictures of students holding white boards describing what type of engineer they are. The goal was to let all of campus know that engineering is a mindset and way of approaching problem solving rather than a major. No matter what your major is at Georgia Tech, you are still one helluva engineer. A video is set to be released on December 5th right before finals.
● **SGA Tree of Academic Wishes**
  ○ During SGA Week, a poster of a tree was set-up on Skiles walkway. Students passing by were encouraged to fill out an apple sticky note with something they wish their professor/SGA knew about them. The sticky notes were used to drive our discussions and goal setting for this semester and next semester.

● **Monthly Faculty Shoutouts on OrgSync/Facebook**
  ○ Students can submit shoutouts to professors via a Google form. These shoutouts are then drafted into a blurb that is posted on Orgsync/Facebook each month. The Google form also encourages students to fill out the Thank-A-Teacher form on CETL’s website.

● **Finals Week/Reading Period graphic out on Facebook**
  ○ An infographic was released via Facebook to remind/inform the student body about our new final exam/reading period policies. This information will also be sent out in the December Student Body Email.
Resolutions for CIOS Comments/Metrics
- One resolution was created to request that CIOS free-form text comments be released to Deans and School Chairs.
- Another resolution was created to request that certain numerical data be released to the student body so that SGA can publish the data on Course Critique to aid students during registration.
- Both resolutions were signed by President Nukuna

Thank-A-Teacher
- The Faculty/Student Enrichment Committee encouraged students to fill out the Thank-A-Teacher form on Skiles Walkway during the week of Thanksgiving.

Meetings Attended:
- Office of Undergraduate Education Student Advisory Board Meetings
- Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Meetings
- Clough Academic Partners Meeting
  - Think tank for ways in which we can enhance programming in Clough to better meet the needs of the students as the Library and Student Center Renovations start
- Task Force on Academic and Classroom Scheduling Meetings
  - Provide feedback for the new recommendations for Academic and Classroom Scheduling to be put into effect Fall 2017
- Academic Integrity Meetings
  - Review of the Honor Code and the current problem areas on campus

Spring 2017 Goals
- GT1000 Survey and Revamp
  - We want to gauge the need/desire for a revamp of GT1000. We want to make sure this course is still meeting the needs of the students and if not, identify areas for improvement.
- Academic Support Buzzfeed article
  - This will be a Buzzfeed Quiz that will point students to the right academic resources on campus based upon individual needs.
- Dean Griffin Day
  - This will be a day during I <3 SGA week where students can recognize outstanding faculty.
● Research Career Fair Implementation
  ○ The Research Career Fair is designed as a standardized way for students to get involved and find research both in their discipline and outside of their discipline. It will have the same structure as the career fair, allowing students to network with different research labs on campus and learn soft skills along the way. This falls in line with Georgia Tech’s strategic plan.
● Career Fair Testing Policy Updates
  ○ We will design a policy that keeps professors from planning tests during All-Major Career Fair days, to allow students to focus on both their studies as well as finding a job.
● Mental Health Syllabus Policy
  ○ SGA will suggest that CETL include a mandatory section of Institute-wide syllabi that reminds students of the importance of mental health and the resources we offer here on campus.
● Academic Resources Syllabus Policy
  ○ SGA will suggest that CETL include a mandatory section of Institute-wide syllabi that reminds of the academic resources provided throughout the year.
● Advising Overhaul
  ○ SGA will explore areas of improvement with advising, including the possibility of an online advising tool to allow for more meaningful in-person meetings with advisors
Campus Organizations Board

Joint Vice President of Campus Organizations: Leanne Francis

Joint Campus Organizations Committee: Rachel Chau & Jared Metzger

The Campus Organizations Board has been working this semester to connect with our approximately 450 student organizations alongside Student Engagement. Together we have worked on developing our presence on our new organization platform, OrgSync. OrgSync has 34,800+ users and organizations have posted over 3,284 events. We are looking forward to the continued implementation of OrgSync to assist student organizations with their needs and future desires.

Fall 2016 Projects

- Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC)
  - This semester, JCOC, has continued their monthly newsletters to Presidents of student organizations. Each month the newsletter consists of a theme. November’s theme was “Mental Health”. All articles are available to the Georgia Tech community on OrgSync’s News tab for the Student Government Association. Next month, the newsletter will be sent to student organizations’ Presidents and Treasurers.
  - JCOC policy has been updated and approved by both the Graduate Student Senate and Undergraduate House of Representatives. The updated document can be found on our website.
  - This committee is also in charge of handling Multidisciplinary Status. Please look in the January edition of the JCOC newsletter and on our website for the updated timeline.

- Meetings attended:
  - Event Logistics Committee
    - Attending this committee has allowed for JCOC to begin working on our resource archive to assist organizations when planning large events. Look forward to more guiding documents to assist with managing the logistics of large events.
  - Student Activities Committee
    - This semester 35 organizations have begun the chartering process to become official student organizations with Student Engagement. 13 organizations have been newly chartered this Fall! Together with Student Engagement, we are looking to increase our assistance for these organizations and outlining general first steps.
Spring 2017 Goals

- Resource Archive
  - JCOC is looking to increase the amount of resources for student organizations and centralize the current resources together. We are looking to update our website in the Spring with the centralized hub of various resources.
  - Additionally, we will be providing a feedback feature to request additional resources if you would like to see something new added to the archive.

- Donation Portal
  - This has been an ongoing project with the goal of being finished by May 2017. This website has been designed as a fundraising website for student organizations in order to harness the impact of donations from various individuals and groups.

- Organization Town Halls and Feedback Forums
  - Student organizations are the heart of the experience at Georgia Tech and we want to reach out to our organizations.
  - Presidents will be contacted with invites to feedback forums. Town Halls will be advertised to the entire student body with focuses on a particular topic.
  - We are seeking your feedback in order to best represent you.
The Campus Services Board serves to provide student input in various campus departments including dining, campus infrastructure, sustainability, parking and transportation, and Georgia Tech Retail in general.

**Fall 2016 Projects**
- Hammock Garden
  - The Hammock Garden will be built next to the Student Center as well as around Skiles Walkway. There are two main goals of the hammock garden. The first goal is to provide more social space for students to relax and wind down. The second goal ties into adding more interactive infrastructure on campus.
  - The funding for the Hammock Garden was approved at the end of Fall semester.
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- **Tech Square Express**
  - Established the Tech Square Express that runs from Tech Square to the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center and back continuously throughout the day
  - Approximately 4,000 students get on and off the service every day

- **Parking and Transportation Town Hall**
  - Hosted a Parking and Transportation Town Hall for students to ask and voice their concerns in regards to transportation issues on campus
  - The event was live streamed and advertised through Facebook and Reddit
  - Over 500 students watched the event
  - A Parking and Transportation FAQ was also generated from the questions asked during the event and was sent out to the student body as well

- **Gameday Sign**
  - A new Parking sign was created for game days to give students a more accurate idea of where and where not to park during game days

- **Campus Safety Walk**
  - An event where SGA partners with the local GTPD and walk around campus to point out any areas of campus or the surrounding region that may not be safe

- **Greenovation**
  - Hosted the first Greenovation competition on campus where teams with different sustainability ideas competed for $11,000 in cash prizes to implement their ideas
  - Over 500 people came to the event and voted for their favorite project
  - We are currently working with the winning teams to help them budget and make their project a reality
• Student Organization Storage Space
  ○ Started a conversation to create more storage space areas for student organizations
  ○ Potential ideas include discounted PODs services as well as providing space in the Georgia Tech storage unit off campus

**Spring 2017 Goals**

• Hammock Garden
  ○ Finish implementing and installing the hammock garden by the designated project deadline of February 1st, 2017

• Parking and Transportation
  ○ Increase accessibility ramps throughout campus to help provide safer pathways for motorized vehicles, wheelchairs, etc.
  ○ Provide a map for students who need to move their vehicle during game days
  ○ Increased communication and advertising of the Parking and Transportation Facebook page

• Orange Route
  ○ A new route to decrease time lost when buses are stuck in various locations

• Storage Spaces
  ○ Work on increasing storage spaces for student organizations on campus.
Communications Board

Vice President of Communications: Tim Park

Photographer: Drew Humphrey
Public Relations: Maithili Appalwar
Graphic Design: Rishabh Datta
Special Events: Emma Pitts & Hannah Pryor
Website Manager: Nathan Dass

The Communications Board has been hard at work this year to give SGA a new look and a new name with which students would be much more familiar and pleased. We spent the semester working to improve internal communication among our 13 member cabinet, 22 committees, and 250+ members to ensure that we as an organization are internally prepared to tackle all of our external initiatives. We have also been working to increase our presence on campus through social media and other methods in order to best reach out to the very students who we are representing.

Fall 2016 Projects

- Created a new, more concrete look for SGA by maintaining a consistent brand image in all of our marketing and promotional efforts which include social media graphics, flyers, a new SGA banner, a new SGA tablecloth, and new SGA t-shirts (coming soon).

- Created easily accessible and navigable forms to facilitate graphics, photography, and event planning requests so that all members can receive assistance for any events or initiatives they are working on.
- Executed successful SGA Week in which we as SGA were able to promote who we are and what we do for the campus while engaging students in meaningful activities that included, but were not limited to, elimination of major discrimination, promotion of our sports teams, and promotion of mental health.
● Improved committee member application process to decrease turnaround time of acceptance/rejection notifications to applicants and decrease waiting time for committees so that they could begin their semester’s work as soon as possible.
● Revamped the SGA website with the IT Board by populating it with more meaningful and helpful information for the student body.

Spring 2017 Goals
● Working to obtain more promotional materials that are consistent with our new image to make our organization a household name on campus.
● Aiming to solidify committee member application process so that the same, sustainable process can be followed year after year.
● Planning annual I <3 GT Week to celebrate our Institute and its students through various activities throughout the week.
● Transitioning next VP Communications to ensure smooth transition between Fall and Spring semester.
External Affairs Board

Vice President of External Affairs: Sara Dada

Government Relations: Renee Dodson & Victoria Doris
Community Relations: Noah Schaich & Priyanka Juneja

This semester has been pretty busy for the External Affairs Board! With the Presidential elections this year, our Government Relations team’s main priority was informing students about the election, educating them on how to register to vote, and encouraging voter turnout. The External Affairs Board used social media, branding and graphics created by the Communications board, and OrgSync.

Fall 2016 Projects

- Voter Registration Information Session
  - Brought in Fulton County Voter Registration & Information department to learn about the process students should follow to register to vote and to clear up any misconceptions from the past
- Voter POLL-Looza/#WreckTheVote campaign
  - Essentially a voter registration festival
  - Handed out information about registering to vote in Georgia or in other states
  - Distributed stickers, Chickfila, and Blue Donkey
  - Worked with students to help them register to vote at the tables
  - Over 300 students checked into the event and received follow up emails reminding them to register to vote up through the deadline as well as go vote on Election Day
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- Voter Turnout Video
  - Released a video encouraging students to vote
  - Reached over 19k people and had almost 10k views

- "Table Talk"
  - A discussion forum between different political groups on campus where we discussed immigration, voting, healthcare, international affairs, and more!
  - Connected students from all sides of the aisle to respectfully express their opinions and seek to understand each other as we laid everything out on the table

- Buzz Around Atlanta
  - Community Relations committee compiles relevant events and Atlanta attractions that students can participate in to experience everything the vibrant city has to offer
Spring 2017 Goals

- Goals:
  - Continue to “break the campus bubble” by holding events and making information available to students about local news and state and federal policy issues that could impact them
  - Increase attendance at events by partnering with relevant campus organizations to pool resource and publicize programs; for example, working with SCPC for Day/Night @ ____ Programs

- Events & Programs:
  - Research Institute Day at the Capitol (formerly known as GT Day at the Capitol)
  - Veterans’ Appreciation Dinner
  - GT Legislator Networking Event & Reception
  - GT Night @ the Fox
  - GT Day @ the Beltline
  - Good Faith Women’s Basketball Tailgate with GTPD, APD, & Minority Student Organizations (joint project with Cultural and Diversity Affairs Committee)
Finance

Joint Vice President of Finance: Decker Onken

This semester, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and I have focused on increasing clarity of information to simplify some of our policies and procedures to make it easier for student organizations to request funding and ensure their requests follow SGA policies. Meanwhile, we’ve continued with our regular business of reviewing all financial requests (bills and budgets) and ensuring that all fiscal responsibility is maintained. Finally, on the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee (MSFAC), we are working to break out the Student Activity Fee into three separate fees to increase transparency on where student fees go and create a sustainable solution for budget changes over time.

Fall 2016 Projects

- **Bill Guide**: Created a detailed walkthrough of the process of submitting a bill to request funding including tips and tricks for success and specifics on each step of the process
- **Outreach**: Presented on how to receive funding from SGA at President’s Summit and to individual organizations to encourage new organizations to request funding
- **Website**: Developed a new SGA Finance website with important dates, documents, guides, FAQs, a travel subsidy calculator, and a contact form to create a “one stop shop” for student organization treasurers and officers who request SGA funding
- **Budgets**
  - Held five Budget Orientation Sessions to explain the SGA budget process and introduce new organizations to ways to receive funding, with a total attendance of more than 100 organizations and 170 organization officers
  - Received 87 completed budget requests, totalling $1,827,040.63, a 5.23% increase from last year
- **Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee (MSFAC)**
  - Currently reviewing two proposed fee increases from Health and Transportation
  - Submitted a proposal to break out the Student Activity fee into three separate fees by creating a new CRC Operations Fee, creating a new Student Center Operations Fee, and reducing the Student Activity Fee, maintaining the same overall fee amount
- **SGA Process Feedback**: Developed a feedback form to distribute to organizations, starting in Spring 2017, that request funding from SGA to help determine weaknesses, inefficiencies, and loopholes in our processes
- **Post Event Reports**: Created a post event summary form to streamline submission of required information after SGA-funded events have been completed
- **Capital Outlay**: Brainstormed uses for our Capital Outlay account, surveyed representatives on their favorites, and began work on projects with their associated campus partners
- **Bills**
  - Reviewed more than 90 financial request bills
  - Created a detailed financial allocation report which will be released soon on the SGA Finance website
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- **JFC Policy Updates**
  - Added a provision for a minimum expected attendance of 300 students to receive funding for the Ferst Theater
  - Expanded definition of capital expenditure to better utilize our Capital Outlay account
  - Clarified wording to make the policy easier for non-SGA members to read
  - Increased percentage of yes votes needed to pass bills that do not meet policy
  - Updated definition of giveaways to allow interpretation by the JFC
  - Increased caps on some event costs such as decorations
  - Decreased the per person cap on conference/tournament registration fees
  - Added an allowance to fund cultural food for cultural organizations

- **Tier Assignment**: Reviewed and recommended a request to reassign the Invention Studio from Tier III to Tier II

**Spring 2017 Goals**

- **Website**: Expand SGA Finance website to include live updates of financial allocations and analytics
- **Attendance Tracking**: Work with Student Engagement to increase usage of Buzzcard attendance tracking through OrgSync for SGA-funded events
- **Budget Review**: Meet with each of the 87 organizations that requested budgets, amend their budget requests to meet policy, and reduce the overall budget request to meet our budget target
- **Stipend Review**: Take a fresh look at stipend allocations for Tier II organization officers by reviewing our peer institutions, discussing the need/reasoning for these stipends, and setting new stipend amounts (if any)
- **JacketPages**: Work with IT to implement updates to JacketPages, removing old information now replaced with OrgSync and adding new features to increase ease of use by student organizations and SGA such as bill voting built into JacketPages
The Information Technology Board has been working this semester to re-examine SGA’s web presence and suite of online tools. The projects were broken down in two sections, Research and Renewal. As a part of the Renewal effort, we have revamped the SGA website and added one click access to all our services. Our Research team has been working hard to launch the TellBurdell platform as well as strategize additions to Course Critique. The overarching goal this semester was to eliminate redundancy and streamline our tools and web services. Next semester, we hope to build on this platform to enhance existing services and launch new tools to improve student life.

Fall 2016 Projects
- Web Presence Renewal (To be Launched in January 2017)
  - One Click Access to All SGA Web Services
  - Compliant with Georgia Tech Accessibility Standards
  - Standardized SGA Branding Across Tools
  - Developed on Drupal, Georgia Tech’s most commonly used content management system (CMS)
Streamline Publishing and Event Process

- Facebook and Orgsync jointly used as publishing platforms for events and posts
- Website stores static content and pulls data dynamically from OrgSync and Facebook via their API’s

Note: Screenshots provide a glimpse of the website as is, and consist of filler content at the moment. The website and its contents are subject to change, screenshots provided for illustration purposes only.

Research Projects

- TellBurdell (To be Launched in January 2017)
  - Provides a system for students to send feedback and inquiries to administrators of campus departments and receive responses
○ Course Critique (Ongoing)
  ■ Establishment of Data Link for Automatic Updating of Course Data

● Administrative Projects
  ○ Wellness Resources Link added to BuzzPort
  ○ Prospecting the ability to survey student body via simple questions on T-Square (collaborative project with Chief of Staff)
  ○ Providing input on the Learning Management System (LMS) replacement project (T-Square replacement)
    ■ Project is currently undergoing final stages of platform selection
    ■ Expected launch of new platform mid-2017
  ○ Meeting with Georgia Tech Interim CIO Mark Hoeting to discuss student priorities and administrative goals for Spring 2017

Spring 2017 Goals
● Development Projects
  ○ Web Presence
    ■ Ensure smooth launch in January 2017
    ■ Move toward tighter integration among web platforms
    ■ Incorporate JacketPages into current platform and emphasize use of OrgSync
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- Rebrand JacketPages to only manage SGA bills and budgets and bring visual structure in line with the new web presence
  - TellBurdell
    - Phase 1 Launch in January 2017
    - Get administrative buy in from more departments
    - Track statistics on responses
    - Move towards mobile/app based platform
- Course Critique
  - Complete automatic data refresh link
  - Add CIOS numerical data to class information
  - Implement search by class name feature

- Administrative Projects
  - Re-establish OIT Student Advisory Board
  - Examine OIT’s Student Relations and Student Employment Program to better align work culture as well as services/tools offered with student needs
  - Perform campus wide survey to gauge student needs with respect to digital tools, services, and software licenses
  - Start discussion on improving network connectivity on Tech Green
  - Work with the Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN) and OIT to prospect a complimentary Digital Media Streaming Platform (e.g. Netflix, Amazon, Philo, etc) for students and examine current GTCN usage.
  - Provide input on the LMS replacement as the project comes to fruition
  - Look at solutions to improve Virtual EMS (room reservation system) usability for students
Internal Affairs Board

Vice President of Internal Affairs: D’Andre Waller

Leadership Development: Shanice Saunders
Alumni Relations: Sean Mihm
FreShGA Head Advisor: Lynette To
FreShGA Assistant Head Advisor: Kenan James

This semester, we have been focusing on developing our members and focusing on the status of how we perform as an organization. To start the year, we collected data on members perception and understanding of SGA, vision and goals, and leadership skills. Insights from this data have helped to identify areas of improvement for our organization. Additionally, the Leadership Development and Alumni Relations committees, along with the FreShGA program, have introduced programming to further improve the experience of all members as they progress through the SGA pipeline.

Fall 2016 Projects

● Officer Training: Orientation session for incoming officers giving an overview of SGA structure, goals, and processes.
● Retreat: Held annual leadership retreat at FFA Camp in Covington, GA with members from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to facilitate cohesion and promote leadership development. Workshops and content included:
  ○ Team & bond building exercises
  ○ StrengthsQuest Training
  ○ Training on new OrgSync platform
  ○ Alumni panel
  ○ Branch specific breakout sessions
  ○ Forum with Dean of Students
  ○ Inclusion and Diversity Training
● Leveraging OrgSync Platform
  ○ Empower SGA members to use and promote the OrgSync platform
  ○ Actively communicate with student body
  ○ Manage organization forms and data
  ○ Coordinate organization calendar
  ○ Track to-dos and project status
● Develop Standardized Transition Documentation System: Promote yearly sustainability as the student administration transitions yearly
● Leadership Development
  ○ Mentorship Initiatives: Pair younger and newer SGA members with more experienced mentors to aid in leadership development
    ■ FreShGA member-to-SGA member
    ■ SGA wide program
    ■ Held kick-off social
● Alumni Relations
  ○ Develop Sustained Alumni Relationships
    ■ Grow alumni contact database
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- Establish more opportunities for SGA alumni to connect with undergraduate organization
  - Alumni Newsletter: periodic newsletter sent via email to connect with alumni
    - First newsletter sent out at the end of November
- FreShGA - Freshman Leadership Organization
  - FreShGA Restructure: Assessed FreShGA status and role within SGA and redeveloped the program to strategically align with SGA while connecting the students with the campus community and larger campus issues. Program elements involve first year students participating by:
    - Attending weekly meetings
    - Attending fall and spring retreats
    - Attending all FreShGA events
    - Engaging with other SGA members through group hangouts, coffee dates, and/or dinners
    - Attending FLO Social
    - Serving on an SGA committee
    - Attending at least 2 UHR meetings per semester
    - Connecting with your SGA Mentor
    - Choosing a campus issue to investigate and collect data on and propose a resolution to UHR and the Executive Cabinet
  - The Final Stand (formerly One Night Stand) is an all-campus event that takes place in early December. This night is a sporting event in which students can come to the CRC at night and compete among their peers and get active. The purpose of this event is for Georgia Tech students to destress before finals. Leading up to the event, members of FreShGA reach out to local vendors and businesses to fundraise and acquire merchandise and items for students who attend the event. Using these funds, FreShGA provides t-shirts and free food as well as concert tickets, iPads, and other prizes. This project serves the students of Georgia Tech to engage in fun-filled competition to relieve stress while getting exercise and a study break!

Spring 2017 Goals

- Metrics: Continue development of system of performance metrics reporting to accurately track goals and status of the organization
- Banquet: End of the year banquet to reflect on the year, honor award recipients, and inaugurate the incoming executive officers
- Diversity Assessment: Work with the Division of Student Life Office of Assessment to develop unbiased diversity assessment of SGA members
- Leadership Development
  - Leadership Mini-course: Develop programmatic series that allows members to access training in leadership skills
  - Financial Literacy Series: Partner with Graduate SGA to introduce financial literacy as a life skill to members
- Alumni Relations
  - Sustain Alumni connections by planning events and soliciting feedback
○ Alumni Newsletter: Send two newsletters per semester
○ Fundraising: Establish ten paid sponsor relationships
● FreShGA
○ Campus Issue Investigation: the FreShGA members will investigate a relevant and recent campus issue and work to propose solutions to that issue, culminating with presenting the findings to the Undergraduate House of Representatives and the Executive Cabinet
For the Student Life Board, this semester has been one of building relationships and trust among students, faculty, staff, and administration. From attending the Mental Health Summit, Diversity Symposium, and meetings with Coach Pastner and the Athletics Association, we have gained an understanding and appreciation for the many factors that can affect a student’s life at Georgia Tech. The goal of our board is to listen to the collective student voice, but recognize and support the unique and individual experiences of each student. The Student Life Board is excited to see our planning efforts from this fall come to fruition in the Spring with the many programs and initiatives described below.

Fall 2016 Projects

● The Cultural and Diversity Affairs Committee (CDAC) hit the ground running this semester with tabling events to help advocate for the inclusion and greater attention placed on the issues and everyday struggles of marginalized groups.
  ○ Coming Out Week: As part of an annual project to allow students to write encouraging notes for others who might be in the process of embracing their true sexual or gender identity, CDAC ran a booth on Tech Walkway to collect notes from students. The notes were put in an aesthetically welcoming Mason Jar and given to the LGBTQIA+ Resource Center on campus.
  ○ World Events Map: CDAC created an informational display to showcase major events throughout the world that might not have been given equal attention by the Western media to help students get a better idea of what is going on in many of their international friends’ homes. Students walking by were invited to put a thumbtack on the map on their home country.
  ○ Chalking for Unity: As part of ongoing campaign, student organizations are encouraged to write messages of encouragement and support for students to create a unity among them.

● The Athletics Committee spent much of the first half the semester discussing football block seating and ways to improve the assignment process internally and how to better explain the work we do to students.
  ○ Addition of an Indication of Preference: Prior to making assignments, block leaders were asked to indicate their preferred seating areas instead of the committee.
  ○ Block Seating Website: To provide clarity to students, a webpage was created that explained the formula used to rank blocks, displayed the current seat assignments, and published updated rankings throughout the season. The final list of block ranking for the 2016 can be found on our website.
The Wellness Committee has worked closely with Dr. Harrington this semester in the Center for Health and Well-Being in discussion of the “Smart & Happy” Strategy Model at Georgia Tech. Through tabling on Tech Walkway, each of the five spheres of health were demonstrated through small activities such as popping balloons and writing notes.

Spring 2017 Goals

- Continuing with planning efforts from this Fall, the Cultural and Diversity Affairs committee is excited to host the following major events in the Spring:
  - Basketball Tailgate - Working alongside the Community Relations committee, we are planning a tailgate and basketball experience in February for both students and police officers to promote camaraderie and show our support of the Georgia Tech Police Department.
  - Human Library - In conjunction with International Week in March, the human library experience will be an opportunity for students to share their unique life experiences and culture through performance or spoken word.
  - Spring Diversity Conference - Our annual Spring Diversity Conference will serve as an opportunity to bring students together to discuss diversity at Georgia Tech and focus on how to address these topics within individual student organizations.
- The Athletics Committee is planning to host SGA’s 4th International Football Clinic as a way to connect our International student population to one of Georgia Tech’s favorite traditions.
- Additionally, the Athletics committee is excited to see the Atlanta United Soccer Team playing in Bobby Dodd Stadium this Spring and hope to capitalize on that opportunity to bring more enthusiasm to sports in the Atlanta area.
- With concerns brought up this Fall regarding student football ticketing practices, we plan to explore new options for pre-game ticket distribution and options for next Fall.
- The Wellness Committee will continue work with Dr. Harrington to implement the Well-being Advocate program, spearheaded by the Mental Health Student Coalition.
- First seen at a Health and Wellness Conference in Texas this Fall, we plan to create a “nap map” of Georgia tech to identify the best places to both nap and relax on campus during the daytime.
This semester, members of the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) focused on their constituents and serving them through representation. As a House, we have allocated around $200k to over 55 organizations through joint financial bills. We have heard dozens of presentations from faculty and administration and assisted them with their initiatives. Meanwhile, UHR has represented student opinion and campus concern through office hours and through open forum discussion. We have focused on transparency by informing the student body on projects from both the legislative and executive branches of SGA.

**Fall 2016 Projects**

- **Centralized Office Hours to the SGA Office**
  - New system where office hours are held daily in the SGA Office from 10 AM to 3 PM
  - Goal was to allow Georgia Tech students to easily connect with a member of SGA
- **UHR Orientation**
  - Conducted an orientation before the first meeting of the year so students were transitioned to representatives as quickly and effectively as possible
  - Reaffirmed this training throughout the semester through additional powerpoint presentations
  - Validated knowledge base through examinations during office hours
- **Sit Down with The Speaker**
  - Informal discussion with representatives on improving the House and the overall Georgia Tech student experience
  - Synthesized data after discussions and made available to Cabinet
- **SGA Day**
  - Tabling through campus so students can meet their representative and discuss what they hope to see SGA accomplish
- **Social Media Push**
  - Individualized headshot of every representative and shared throughout social media so students can easily connect with their representative
  - Promote the duties of a representative, office hours, and SGA as a whole
- **Develop Community within the House**
  - Bonding activities, small group discussions, and specialized house sessions (Breast Cancer Awareness, Halloween at UHR)
Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Student Stipends
  o Consists of members both within and outside of the House examining the purpose of Student Stipends

Spring 2017 Goals
  ● Increased utilization of Open Forum by non-SGA members
  ● Conduct a Spring UHR Retreat
  ● Create a condensed, simpler version of Robert’s Rules that the House will abide by during meetings
  ● Further promote SGA through increased tabling and campus presence
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