Undergraduate Student Government Association
Georgia Institute of Technology

On Tuesday, April 28, 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 and Discussion**

A. Cabinet Transition
   a. The Undergraduate Executive Cabinet is currently in the process of transitioning from the 2019-2020 Administration to the 2020-2021 Administration.

B. SGA Office
   a. As part of Phase II of the Campus Center plan, the existing Student Center will be extensively renovated over the next two years.
   b. During this period, many student organizations will be temporarily relocated to other places on campus.
   c. SGA will be relocating to an office on the 2nd floor of the Smithgall Student Services Building (Flag Building)
   d. More details, including office hours and location will be announced soon.

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**Brielle Lonsberry, President**

A. COVID-19 Recovery Task Force
   a. The President of SGA is the only student member of the task force.
   b. Athletic Subgroups of the Task Force
      i. Subgroup One: the student-athlete experience
      ii. Subgroup Two: athletic events
   c. Academic Subgroup
      i. More information: “Jackson Caruso, Vice President of Academic Affairs”
   d. Research Subgroup
   e. Student Life Subgroups
      i. Health and Wellbeing
      ii. New Student Orientation
      iii. Family Weekend
      iv. Student Engagement
      v. Populations (Women, LGBTQIA, Veterans)
      vi. Grand Challenges
      vii. Administration

B. Emergency Fund
   a. The emergency fund has received more than 1,000 student applications with over $550,000 funded so far.
b. Applications for this funding will remain open throughout the summer.

**Kyle Smith, Executive Vice President**

A. Committee Chair Appointments
   a. Committee chair applications were due on Monday, April 27, 2020.
   b. Vice Presidents are in the process of interviewing candidates for these positions.
   c. Committee member applications will open in the fall.

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

A. Joint Finance Committee
   a. The Joint Vice President of Finance is currently in the process of evaluating the composition for the Joint Finance Committee.
   b. The committee will utilize “Subject Matter Experts” (SMEs) to assist with the process of deciding on finance bills.
   c. The committee will open applications later this year.
   d. Student organizations will be contacted to help find SMEs for different areas.

B. Initial Engagement with Student Organizations
   a. The Joint Vice President of Finance will be reaching out to student organizations to introduce himself and request student feedback on the existing funding process.

C. Meeting with Administration
   a. The Joint Vice President of Finance met with members of the Georgia Tech Administration to discuss the following topics:
      i. Overview of student fees how they impact Georgia Tech’s financial picture
      ii. The background and history of the Special Institution Fee
      iii. CARES Act
         1. Georgia Tech was allocated $10.4 Million as part of the CARES act.
         2. $5.2 million is being put toward financial aid
         3. $5.2 going toward institutional expenses (details announced later)

**Cy Heffley, Joint Vice President of Information Technology**

A. Student Technology Survey
   a. The Joint Vice President of Information Technology is assisting the Office of Information Technology in planning a survey to evaluate student satisfaction with current technology resources (BlueJeans, Canvas, Kaltura, etc).
   b. This survey will be released at a later date by OIT.

**Jackson Caruso, Vice President of Academic Affairs**
A. Academic Restart Task Force
   a. The Vice President of Academic Affairs is serving on the Academic Restart Subgroup of the COVID-19 Response Task Force.
   b. More information about the taskforce and its work will be released once details have been finalized.

   Emmett Miskell, Vice President of Campus Services
A. Housing and Residence Life Assignment Issues
   a. Issues have been reported with the assignment procedure for second year communities.
   b. These issues have been resolved but an investigation is underway to determine the cause, as well as identify prevention features.

B. New HRL Executive Director Announced
   a. The Department of Housing and Residence Life has announced that Dr. Jenny Cotton will serve as the new Executive Director.
   b. She officially begins work on May 1, 2020.
   c. The Vice President of Campus Services has already begun preparing to establish a connection with Dr. Cotton and advocate for the needs of students.

C. Providing Student Input
   a. With COVID-19 disrupting the schedule of improvement projects across the Campus Services Community, the Vice President of Campus Services has begun to reach out to campus administrators and provide student input on these projects and their updated timeline.

   Grace Swift, Vice President of Communications
A. IT Community Thank You Video
   a. The Vice President of Communications has collected videos from students and sent them to the Communications Officer for the Office of Information Technology. These videos will be used to prepare a thank you video for OIT staff.

   Alton Stovall, Vice President of Internal Affairs
A. Nothing to report

   Sam Ellis, Vice President of External Affairs
A. Nothing to report

   Mykala Sinclair, Vice President of Student Life
A. Nothing to report
Tolga Ustuner, Speaker of the Undergraduate House of Representatives

A. Transitioning UHR Members
   a. The Speaker of the Undergraduate House of Representatives has begun transitioning members of UHR to prepare for next year.