Undergraduate Student Government Association  
Georgia Institute of Technology

On Sunday, May 17, 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. Executive Branch Transition  
   a. 2020-2021 Executive Committee Chairs have been finalized.  
   b. Three Committee Chair positions remain open. More details on these will be available soon on the SGA website.

B. Master Project List  
   a. The list, posted on the SGA website, will continue to be updated weekly.  
   b. With COVID-19 at the forefront of SGA’s advocacy efforts, some of these projects have been placed on hold.

C. COVID-19 Advocacy Efforts  
   a. A list of students serving on COVID-19 Task Forces and Working Groups has been published to the SGA website.  
   b. Members of SGA and other students have continued to meet with these various groups to provide student feedback and steer the Institute’s response.  
   c. Updates on Georgia Tech’s Response Plan will be made as soon as details are finalized by the Recovery Task Force.  
   d. Surveys will be distributed to Faculty, Staff, Graduate Students, and Undergraduate students to gauge interests/concerns in returning to work and school.

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**Brielle Lonsberry, President**

A. General Updates  
   a. New GT Mission Statement: “The Georgia Institute of Technology is a public research university established by the state of Georgia in Atlanta in 1885 and committed to developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.”  
   b. The search for the new Provost will hopefully be finalized by the end of Fall 2020  
   c. The Georgia Tech Hotel has remained closed for renovations.

B. Emergency Fund  
   a. The emergency fund has provided funds to more than 1,400 Georgia Tech students  
   b. This totals over $1,000,000 in funding thus far.  
   c. Applications for this funding will remain open throughout the summer.
C. Telemedicine Update
   a. Psychologists are not allowed to practice across state lines under federal law. This applies to Psychologists working at the GT Counseling Center
   b. Psychiatrists are exempt from this rule under emergency legislation.
   c. SGA is working with the Office of Institute Relations

**Kyle Smith, Executive Vice President**

A. General Updates
   a. SGA distributed a letter to the student body on the death of Ahmaud Arbery
   b. The Executive Vice President and VP of Student Life assisted with interviewing two new Psychologist candidates for the Counseling Center
   c. The Executive Vice President is serving on the Ivan Allen Jr. Social Courage Prize Nominating Committee.

B. Past Meetings
   a. RHA Leadership
   b. Mental Health Student Coalition (MHSC)

C. Upcoming Meetings
   a. Student Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB)
   b. Georgia Tech Alumni Association
   c. LGBTQIA Resource Center Coordinator
   d. VP of Institute Communications
   e. Georgia Tech Police Department

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

A. Funding Rollover Requests
   a. The form and criteria were sent out through email.
   b. Only bills can be rolled over, not budgets this year.

B. Resource Development for Organizations
   a. The JVP of Finance met with the Georgia Tech Parents Fund on the following topics:
      i. Offering fundraising training for student organizations
      ii. Advocacy from SGA for additional institutional funding
   b. The JVP of Finance has been reviewing fundraising/sponsorship policies across other SGAs.

**Joyce Karanouh-Schuler, Joint Vice President of Campus Organizations**

A. GECH Slack
   a. The new GECH Slack workspace has been rolled out!
   b. Student leaders are invited to join the platform!
c. For more information or to join, contact the JVP of Campus Organizations.  
d. More details will be released via email.  

B. Staff Updates  
a. A second Student Organization Coordinator has been hired (Student Engagement)  
b. The search for an Executive Director is continuing (C2D2)  

C. Organizational Chartering  
a. Organizations cannot charter over the summer.  
b. Chartering dates have not been released for the fall.  
c. For more details, reach out the JVP of Campus Organizations  

Cy Heffley, Joint Vice President of Information Technology  

D. Applications for IT Board  
a. Applications will open next week and will be available on the SGA website  
b. Recruitment will continue over the summer.  

E. Redesign of SGA Resources  
a. JacketPages and Course Critique are in the process of an extensive redesign by the SGA IT Board. More details will be announced closer to the launch date. For feature requests, reach out to the JVP of Information Technology.  
b. The SGA website is undergoing changes to the User Interface, many pages will be redesigned over the next few weeks.  

Jackson Caruso, Vice President of Academic Affairs  

A. APPH Course Revamp  
a. The VP of Academic Affairs is analyzing data from the SGA APPH survey with Academic Professionals in APPH  
b. They will meet again to discuss more creative opportunities to use existing resources to personalize APPH curriculum  

B. Student Advisory Boards  
a. The Academic Affairs Board is coordinating with the Colleges and Schools at Georgia Tech to standardize the format of Student Advisory Boards  

C. GT1000 Mental Health Curriculum Infusion  
a. The Vice President of Academic Affairs is meeting with relevant stakeholders, including the Mental Health Network, the GT1000 Program Director, and the Counseling Center to expand content of the courses.  

D. Assistant Vice Provost for Advocacy and Conflict Resolution  
a. The Vice President of Academic Affairs is meeting with the AVP-ACR to discuss the academic grievance process  

Emmett Miskell, Vice President of Campus Services  

A. Housing
a. An additional 8-9 residence halls are receiving common space upgrades over the summer.
b. The 10 Year Master Plan will be finalized next month.

B. Student Center
   a. The Exhibition Hall and Pavilions are nearing completion.
   b. After completion, Phase 2 will begin, and the existing Student Center will go fully offline.

C. Dining
   a. Spring 2020 refunds should’ve been direct deposited to all students by the middle of last week.
   b. Students who have not received their refunds should contact the Vice President of Campus Services.

Grace Swift, Vice President of Communications

A. Essential Worker Appreciation Initiatives
   a. The VP of Communications is in the process of preparing a thank you video for Georgia Tech’s essential workers. This will be shared with the workers and on social media.
   b. SGA is conducting a letter writing initiative for some of GT’s essential workers. These letters will be delivered after completion.

B. ATLCounts
   a. The VP of Communications is working with ATLCounts to promote the census thru SGA social medias.
   b. There will be a focus on census promotion for students on-campus and back home

C. GT Summer Health Initiatives
   a. A webpage with these initiatives has been created on the SGA website
   b. Graphics have also been published on SGA social media.

Alton Stovall, Vice President of Internal Affairs

A. Nothing to report

Sam Ellis, Vice President of External Affairs

A. Office of Institute Relations
   a. The Vice President of External Affairs met with the Office of Institute Relations to discuss the following items:
      i. Plans for the upcoming academic year
      ii. Issues regarding telehealth (See Update Under President)

B. Integrating Community Service
a. The Vice President of External Affairs has been meeting with graduates of the Industrial Engineering program.
b. The discussions have revolved around integrating community service to capstones and theses.

C. Student Run Polling Place
   a. The Vice President of External Affairs has been meeting with Georgia State’s SGA on the process for establishing a student-run polling place on Georgia Tech’s campus.

   Mykala Sinclair, Vice President of Student Life

   A. Upcoming Meetings
      a. Mental Health Student Coalition (MHSC)
      b. Mental Health Network (MHN)
      c. Heard
      d. Georgia Tech Police Department

   Tolga Ustuner, Speaker of the Undergraduate House of Representatives

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