

Summer Updates



Student Government Association

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University News

Office Swaps

- Career Management Center -> HH 113
- Student Center for Diversity & Inclusion (formerly OMSS) -> MTCC 218-220
- SGA & Greek Council -> MTCC 215
- MTCC 216 & 217: Student Org offices assigned by application

New posting policy:

- Flyers can now only be posted in the common areas of the residence halls
- Office of Student Life will take 15 copies of your flyer, stamp them, and distribute them as follows:
 - 9 in the residence halls
 - 2 in the MTCC
 - 1 on the Quad bulletin board
 - 1 in Shimer
 - 1 in VanderCook
 - 1 copy on file in OSL
- Business as usual in the academic buildings

Students Speak, Year 3

- Some of the usual departments will be covered again but the theme this year is student life
- Questions will be more specific and address issues like: publicity preferences, programming quality on campus, diversity services, commuter student needs, health & wellness services, etc
- A new section on priorities with questions like "Would you rather have a foreign language program or a new gym?" (that's a bad example but you get the idea)
- We have requested for a section to address student awareness of SGA (even if the majority of the student body hasn't heard of us, just asking the question will change that)

Staffing & Organizational Changes

- Jerry Doyle is now the Vice Provost for Student Access, Success, and Diversity
- Mike Gosz will now oversee Financial Aid and Admissions as well
- Jason Neal & Paul Hubinsky have left IIT, Betsi Pinkus-Huizenga is now the Associate Director for Residential Education (Housing and Residential Services)

Health & Wellness Center

- Student Counseling Services and Student Health Center have merged into the Health & Wellness Center

Office of Student Life has created a Student Organization Handbook, a comprehensive guide through the student org procedures (with all the OSL forms in the back and everything)

SGA: Internal

One year plan <http://bit.ly/sga1year>

- The bulk of summer progress
- Outlines overall goals for SGA as well as branch and committee specific goals
- Lays out all the events for the year
- Breaks down the year's work into weeks so it's manageable

Exec over Summer

- Met 3 times in August to get ready for the pace of the school year
- VP's have worked hard preparing for the new year
- Lots of great project ideas waiting for interested Senators
- Finance Board has already hosted its first hearing of the semester (Special Hearing)

Graduation Cords

- Exploring having special SGA regalia at Graduation for anyone who served in Student Government in their years

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at IIT (Finance Board, Judicial Board, Senate, or Executive Board)

- Will need to come up with some options that we like to present to Sandra LaPorte for approval

JBoard & Finance Board Recruitment

- JBoard appointments are ready
- Next up: filling 3 Finance Board seats + alternates

New Logo

- Hopefully for the last time!
- Each branch (Senate, Finance Board, Judicial Board) has its own logo now but ones that clearly ties back to SGA as a whole

Student Discount Card

- Printed a new design with the financial support of the Office of Student Life
- Also printed 50 window stickers for participating businesses so they're easily identifiable as discount givers

SGA: External

Student Involvement Fair

- Gave out lots of Student Discount Cards
- Many students expressed interest; ranging from just hearing SGA updates, all the way to joining Finance Board or running for Senate

Partnerships

- Union Board: Weekly meeting with Miriam Schmid
- Greek Community: Goal is to visit a different chapter meeting each week and hear concerns

Introduced SGA to new students in speeches at every Orientation session and the Academic convocation

Presentations about SGA to:

- Institutional Advancement Staff
- Marketing & Communications Staff

Projects

Google Apps for Education: Completed!

Class Gift 2012: Water Fountains?

Foreign Language Proposal

- Met with Dean Betts and Humanities Chair Professor Maureen Flanagan
- Professor Margaret Power has been selected as point person for a Spanish Language and Culture Dept that would implement the pilot language program
- Next step: Professors Power and Flanagan will write a proposal for the program as part of new General Ed Specializations and present to the Undergraduate Studies Committee

School Spirit & Athletics

- Brainstorming new initiatives to increase school spirit with the help of Union Board Scarlet Fever, the Athletics Dept, and Dining Services

Galvin 24/5: Approved for Year 2

"I want this to be _____" Campaign

- Ask Kelly about her creative idea for soliciting student feedback

Universal Calendar

- Has seen some good traffic since the start of the new year especially by RA's, UB, OSL, and CMC
- Will continue to promote the "Universal" calendar (not to be mistaken with official University calendar) until Marketing and Communications has time to evaluate options for replacement of the official University Calendar

Meetings: Groups

Public Safety Committee

- Discussed the escort policy and how to set consistent guidelines

Alumni Board

- They're the alumni version of SGA

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- Very interested in the student experience

Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees

- Composed of BOT members along with university representatives that evaluate academic programs and the student experience in general

Bog Committee

- Spread the word: lots of dates available for student orgs interested in programming events in the Bog (especially since they can pull from the Bog Programming Fund)

Meetings: People

Jamie Acton, Director of Alumni Relations

VP Jeannie Hartig, Marketing & Communications

VP Leroy Kennedy, Community Affairs & Outreach

VP Jerry Doyle, formerly of Admissions & Financial aid, soon to be VP of Student Access, Success, and Diversity

VP Betsy Hughes, Institutional Advancement

VP Mike Gosz, Undergraduate Affairs

Director Sandra LaPorte, Office of the President

Dean of Students Katie Murphy-Stetz

Dr. Bruce Fisher, Leadership Academy and leader of the Students Speak initiative

Bruce Mueller, Chief Career Officer