



Student Government

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An Unprecedented Year

- This was the most engaged team we have had in years
- We innovated and developed completely new ways to support students
- We had the most diverse team SGA has ever had, filled with members from a multitude of backgrounds and perspectives
- Our main goal for this year was to be more present on campus and engage more intentionally with students
- We did just that



Funding Allocations

- Our Senate has allocated over \$187,000 to support students in various ways
 - Senate President Courtney Wheeler and Appropriations & Revenue Chair Bilal Shaikh
 - Organization funding -- \$130,000
 - RSO's apply for funding for events, conferences, etc.
 - Grants
 - Childcare Grants -- \$38,863
 - Graduate Student Travel Grants -- \$7,000
 - Professional Development Grants – \$5,000
 - Scholarships
 - Graduate and Undergraduate Awards -- \$10,000



Funding Allocations

- Facilitated the Student Fee Allocation process
 - Director of Finance Faizan Bhatti
 - Considered two organizations
 - The committee decided to recommend no new fees or increases



Student Voice

- Convened first General Assembly meeting since 2006
 - Addressed student concerns regarding food and housing insecurity
 - Served as a forum for students to share their opinions and stories related to this issue
 - Around 180 students attended



Inclusivity Efforts

- Dine and Dialogue
 - Director of Inclusion and Outreach Hina Iqbal and her Assistant Director Brittany Sawyer
 - A series of lunches inviting conversations about issues facing certain marginalized student groups
 - Pilot semester with eight lunches and over 50 students
 - Plan to incorporate this program next year
- Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion
 - Focused on several initiatives
 - Benchmarking about a potential Women's Center
 - Designed a financial workshop to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds



Inclusivity Efforts

- Minority Professionals Banquet
 - Director of Events Dre Stewart and Director of Inclusion and Outreach Hina Iqbal
 - A panel of Lexington area professionals Q&A
 - Etiquette dinner style
 - Around 100 students attended – SGA alumni came back to visit, too



Services

- Wildcat Wardrobe Grand Opening –
 - AD Services Claire Dzan
 - New location by Big Blue Pantry in Whitehall
 - Expanded operating hours
- Wildcab
 - AD Services Claire-Marie Hall
 - First year with the new app and interface set records
 - Over 10,000 rides given to almost 21,000 students just this year
- SwipeAhead
 - Director of Campus Services Bharath Chithrala
 - ASA Chair Sarah Khandani
 - SSTOP Partner Claire Crosby
 - Allocated more than 4,000 meals with referral program
 - Still allocating on rolling basis



Civic Engagement

- Wildcats at the Capitol
 - Director of Government Relations Kat Speece
 - Allocated more than \$25,000 in grants for participants
- Higher Education Report Card
 - Developed a framework for evaluating government officials on how supportive they are of higher education
- Gubernatorial Debates
 - Partnership with the University and the Women's League of Voters
 - May 15th for primary debate
 - October date TBD for the general election debate



Sustainability Efforts

- Sustainability Fair
 - AD Sustainability Tiana Thé
 - Partnered with the Office of Sustainability and Green Thumb
 - More than 15 organizations tabled about various sustainability initiatives going on across campus
 - Involved both students and faculty
- Water Filling Stations
 - Covered the cost for 13 new filling stations to be placed in locations recommended by students
 - Held a poll on one of our Instagram story takeovers to determine locations



Leadership Development

- Vice President Noor Ali
- Cohort of bright, motivated freshmen
 - Had various workshops and activities throughout the year
- Culture of Conversation – Service Learning Project
 - The Leadership Development Program class was separated into teams to explore a project that addresses a “hidden issue” that students face
 - Each team was paired with a faculty advisor
 - Topics ranged from financial literacy to mental health treatment



Campus Safety

- Virtual Campus Safety Walks
 - Director of Campus Safety Tapas Parikh
 - Transformed this existing initiative by taking it online
 - Resulted in more time for conversation – better use of students’ and administrators’ time
 - Developed a stronger relationship between SGA, the EVPFA’s office, and other campus partners
- This Director kept innovating and developing new ways to make our campus a safer place
 - Rideshare Safety Campaign
 - Title IX policy review
 - Established partnership between safety and wellness initiatives



Wellness Initiatives

- "Self-Care Isn't Selfish" Resource Fair
 - Director of Innovation Olivia Antigua and Director of Events Dre Stewart
 - Hosted this event to provide a space for students to learn about various wellness programs and organizations across campus
 - 13 organizations participated by having an activity related to self-care or information about the work they do
 - More than 200 students attended the fair
 - Follow-up to Mental Health Week in the fall
- QR Code Initiative
 - Director of Innovation and Campus Safety Director Tapas Parikh
 - Seeking to modify the back of student IDs to include a QR code as a quick link to a list of resources students can utilize across campus
 - Completing the official proposal as we speak



Marketing Team

- Director of Marketing and Communications Nicki Cashdollar developed an effective team to better communicate and showcase our work with campus
 - Social media specialist
 - Graphic design team
 - Publications coordinator
 - Marketing team
- This team has been a major factor in elevating our organization



Poster Wall





Questions?