

Student Government Updates

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Center for Student Involvement

- Transitioned over the summer
- Great space for collaboration
- More cohesive as a team and a department
 - Easily move between offices
 - More inviting members want to be in the office
- Engaging more with students
- Senate Chamber
 - State-of-the-art



- Student Governments from all 14 South Eastern Conference Universities were represented
- Over 115 participants
- Showcased both Gatton facilities, Patterson Hall, and Kroger Field















Changes to Wildcab

- Student Government Association Late Night Transportation Service
- Free for students
- New Wildcab App
- Record numbers since its adoption
 - 368 rides this past weekend
 - 899 students served





Swipe Forward Initiative

- Meal swipe bank for food insecure students
- Collaboration with Sustainable Solutions to Overcome Poverty or SSTOP
- Developed using data from the University of Kentucky Food Access Survey
- Secured a donation of 1,000 meals from Aramark to pilot the program
 - Huge thanks to Vigg and his team
- Meals to be allocated by SGA Academic and Student Affairs Committee within the next month



Wildcat Wardrobe Relocation

- New space will be in the basement of Whitehall beside the Big Blue Pantry
- Construction is underway
 - 5 weeks
- Project cost -- \$13,000
 - Total renovation





Civic Engagement Week

- Partnership with the President's office
- Chief of Staff Susie Smith and Director of Government Relations Kat Speece
- Next week September $17^{th} 19^{th}$
- Intended to educate students about the greater Lexington area and encourage them to engage with their community



New Website

- Complete ground-up build by our Director of Technology Pat Conrey
- More secure and user friendly
- Accessible User Experience
 - Color palette visible for color blind individuals
 - Web layout optimized for visually impaired users
 - Streamlined audio assistance
- Emphasis on getting students involved
- Will help with transparency and compliance with Open Records Act
 - Space to house all meeting dates and records



Passed 2018-2019 Budget

- Total \$676,000
 - Student fee of \$12/semester
- Implementing Graduate Student Travel Grants in our Senate Allocations
- Increased funding for Childcare Grants
- Added a Professional Development Grant under our Director of Finance
- Each Director will craft their own "Departmental Budgets" for transparency purposes



Questions?