

WPI SGA C Term Newsletter

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Made by the Internal Affairs Team

Introduction

Happy end of C term! The end of C term marks the end of the first term of SGA's 31st Senate! After one term of each of the project groups working on their projects, this newsletter serves as an update for what each of the teams has accomplished in the first term of working on projects. Hoping for a safe and warm return to classes in D term after the quick break!



Student Services

Student Life Improvements

Weekly Announcements - The Weekly Announcements team is working with the SAO to update the Weekly Events email to be more eye-catching and informative.

Go Green Initiative - The Go Green Initiative team is looking into reusing old superfans to create masks, looking into reducing dining hall waste by eliminating plastic bags and encouraging reusable bags, and looking into composting/recycling events.

Pandemic Student Life - The Pandemic Student Life team created a town hall for club leaders about student engagement, and a community survey about modifying COVID-restrictions. They are also working on creating a town hall with WPI's CERT team.

Academic Improvements

Job Bulletin Board - The Job Bulletin Board team is working with IT to create an online website containing on campus and off campus employment opportunities.

Printing Stipend - The printing stipend team is looking into an alternative printing payment system.

Faculty Meet & Greet - The Faculty Meet & Greet team is working to plan an event and is currently focusing on ideas for the event.

Community Outreach

Senator/Club Event Collaboration - The Senator/Club Event Collab team is creating events with the Math club, Student Rock Organization, Cheese Club, Ballroom Dancing Club, Society of Asian Engineers, Rotaract club, and Green Club.

Prelim Relay for Life/Pep Rally Planning - SGA will have a table at the Relay for Life to distribute pre-packaged food and superfans. The team is also planning ideas for an in person and virtual pep rally.

Town Halls/Superfan Distribution - There is a tentative SGA town hall on March 31st or April 1st. The team has also started weekly events for superfan distribution.



Internal Services

Continuous Improvements

SGA Senate Surveys - The team is conducting surveys after every meeting to determine how SGA should be improved, including ways to increase transparency with the student body.

Internal Audit - The team worked to set goals for SGA, including goals to increase collaboration with clubs, increase knowledge about SGA, raising awareness on inclusivity, and establishing better connections between members of senate.

Internal Affairs

Resource/Bylaws - The team is working to put together an SGA cheat sheet to be available on the SGA website to clarify and condense all the information in our Bylaws and Constitution to be easier to understand for members of SGA and people outside SGA.

Project Newsletter - The team put together this project newsletter and is planning to put together more regular newsletters to keep the student body updated on the projects being worked on. Let us know if you have any feedback!

Communications

Social Media - The Social Media team has been posting SGA-related announcements and has established a Senator Spotlight on the SGA Instagram (@wpi_sga) to highlight members of senate. There are plans to use the Instagram in more ways to interact with the student body.

Website - The Website is being updated to match the new Senate year and include project descriptions. There are plans to redesign it and update the information on the home page.



Financials

Fiscal Responsibility and Assistance

Individual Club Audits - The team has asked club treasurers about their experiences in order to refine the process. They have also searched through the financials documents to find pertinent information to include. This has allowed them to create a form based on this research that will be sent out to club treasurers during the beginning of D term.

Financials 101-101 - The Financials 101-101 project team has manually gone through all of SGA's financial documents and plans to synthesize the information into an infographic consolidating this data into a much more readable format. We will be updating this information every year.

Appropriations

Financials Canvas - The financials canvas project was created to supplement treasurer training and create a centralized location for budgeting material, and treasurer information. Over the past term, the team has worked to make the resources more comprehensible for club leaders. Currently, there are basic budgeting training/quizzes and there are plans to expand these resources.