

SGA Executive Reports

Week of October 8th, 2018

PRESIDENT

1. Coalition of Chicago Colleges and Universities (CCCU) Meeting
 - a. University of Chicago Title IX Conference
 - i. November 9th, 8:30AM - 4:30PM
 - ii. Platform for CCCU members (other Student Governments) and other student entities to communicate/ bargain with municipal and state governments, as well as with the Universities themselves
 - iii. RSVPs end November 1st (tentatively)
 - b. Initiatives of shared interest:
 - i. Free expression and political speakers; Student Government reform; voter registration; sustainability; sexual misconduct and safety; mental health; open, accessible, and universal course evaluations
 - c. Action items
 - i. Review and propose to amend/ ratify the CCCU charter
 - ii. Discuss and prioritize potential projects for the CCCU
 1. Early ideas: Metra passes; MAP grants; ADA compliance
 - d. Matthew Chavera has drafted a more comprehensive report
2. Meeting with Provost Kilpatrick
 - a. Discussion of President Provost Forum
 - i. SGA has the full support of the Provost regardless of unorthodoxies
 - ii. Primary concerns include provision of audiovisual equipment (this was resolved) and effective advertising
 - b. Introduction of the Student Organization Accessibility Project
 - i. The Provost was interested in the concept; had questions regarding how comprehensive the project would be (what percentage of the student body would be covered?)
 - ii. Wants to meet with VP of Student Life Lin Abu-Amara to discuss in further detail
 - c. Discussion of Title IX within SGA in relation to University of Chicago Title IX Conference
 - i. Not as big of a problem as other bigger, more social universities
 - ii. Types and frequency of sexual misconduct at IIT
 1. Low-level sexual harassment (e.g. catcalling): slow albeit constant stream of instances
 2. Mid-level sexual harassment (e.g. inappropriate physical contact): a single incident roughly every couple of weeks/ months
 3. High-level sexual misconduct (e.g. sexual assault): roughly one instance every 2 years
 - iii. Sexual misconduct at IIT is a growing problem
 - iv. The provost is supportive of a student-lead effort to improve the situation at IIT in regards to Title IX issue
 1. I am going to get into contact with University specialists in relation to the subject going forward
3. Meeting with President Cramb
 - a. Discussion reaffirming concepts of the President Provost Forum
 - b. Discussion of Title IX within SGA in relation to University of Chicago Title IX Conference
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4. Upcoming President Student Advisory Committee Meeting
 - a. If there are any topics that should be addressed by Administration Leadership, get in contact with me

EXEC VICE PRESIDENT

1. Senate Retreat was a success! Thank you all for coming and enjoying!
2. Robert's Rules Overview:
 - a. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfnBGolKmbM>
 - b. Going forth I will be using some new language to be consistent and efficient
 - i. If I would like to have a motion voiced, instead of awkwardly hearing me say for someone to, I will be saying "The chair would encourage a motion to...". A member would then say "So moved" And another member would say "Second".
 - ii. To move along in discussion: "If there are no objections, we will be moving on..." This allows objections to be clearly heard, and constant vomiting on smaller motions to be bypassed.
 - iii. And finally all of the following can be called by any one attending senate at any time without a raise of hand.
 1. Point of information: A correction, asking for clarity, or just a plain question
 2. Point of Procedure: Order is when someone draws attention to a rules violation in a meeting of a deliberative assembly.
 3. Point of privilege: Request related to the rights and privileges of the assembly or any of its members to be brought up.

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE

1. If you have any ideas or updates on projects, please email labuamara@hawk.iit.edu
2. Updates on Student Life projects will be posted here
3. Tell your graduating upperclassmen about joining Young Alumni Council!

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. Student affairs committee is working on a project to increase the accountability and accessibility of advising issues that students have on campus!
2. Email me with any concerns/ project ideas/ comments!! enelson8@hawk.iit.edu
3. Midterm Evaluations have gone out on blackboard, and been successful! YAY! The professors can now see this feedback and maybe apply it to the classroom.
4. Email CFO transparency report and Co-term language changes. Documents to follow.
5. Vandercook Inclusion on campus and organizations more.
6. Career fair/ Career advancement opportunities in the school!

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Working on increasing organizational engagement by sending out emails offering to help publicizing orgs through SGA's channels
 - a. Jackson Lapp and Cameron Chrest are heading this up so hit them up for more details/if you want to get involved
 - b. We will also use these channels to set up an organizational spotlight to bring more publicity to these organizations
2. Comcom will be reintroducing the SGA radio show as a segment on Jackson Lapp's radio show
3. Executive board will begin to post various updates on the SGA website's blog.

CHIEF JUSTICE

- New Justices!

I have interviewed two students and have recommended that they be appointed to open Associate Justice positions, pending the Senate's questioning period, discussion, and vote. These students will be at Senate Wednesday evening, and I look forward to welcoming them to the Board!

- Constitutional and Bylaws: Review and Concerns

It has been brought to my attention that several members of the Executive Board, Judicial Board, and Senate feel that the interruption of discussions during Senate meetings to call actions or statements into question under our guiding documents is distracting, uses up valuable time, and (in some cases) creates a culture in which students would rather not speak up about their ideas in meetings. To mitigate this issue, but still recognize that these documents serve an important role in legitimizing our actions as SGA officials, my email and Slack will be open during Senate for these concerns so that I can personally review them and decide whether or not it is appropriate to address concerns related to the Constitution and Bylaws during or after a Senate meeting. A recap of any concerns sent will be included in my executive report for the following meeting. If this does not seem to work effectively, or if there is a good amount of opposition to this new practice, I will talk further with my Justices about what can be done to foster educational and respectful conversations in Senate.

- Judicial Board Processes and Hearings

If anyone is ever curious about how Judicial Board settles disputes between student organizations, Finance Board, and individuals, please do not hesitate to ask questions! While our separation from Senate is important for maintaining our impartiality, we are always happy to help explain our philosophy on adjudication, processes, and attempts to create a fair environment for students to voice their concerns.

- Conversations Surrounding Removal from Office

I am very sorry for the way the attempts to remove me from my office were presented to everyone - it was confusing, upsetting, and fairly unproductive in its attempts to increase accountability and transparency in SGA. I would like to apologize for my stumbles along the learning curve that I experienced this summer and in the first few weeks of the semester (particularly those pertaining to document storage), and to promise you that, going forward, I will be an exemplary Student Government Association official working alongside the other Justices to ensure best practices and fair-mindedness in SGA. In the past two weeks, an Administrative Justice has been appointed, all relevant documents have been placed in the SGA office, and I have had many meaningful conversations with Jorge and the other Executive Board members (and some OCL staff and Senators!) I am confident that my leadership in Judicial Board will help improve the trajectory of SGA and ensure we have an amazing year!

FINANCE BOARD CHAIR

- Finance Board Hearing October 13th @ 2:00 PM (Adjusted start time) in MTCC 516
 - All Students are welcomed, if a student walks in the room, a student is only allowed to speak if granted by the Chair
- Still 3 spots left open on Finance Board, if you're interested in becoming a Finance Board advisor, email fbchair@iit.edu for an application.

EVENTS CHAIR

- President Provost Forum: Wednesday, October 24 @ 12:45 PM
 - **Location Pending Approval From OCL- MTCC Ballroom**
 - A Google form will begin circulation once OCL confirms the location. This form asks for questions for the President and Provost in advance. Please fill out this form and share it before the week of the forum, even if you plan on attending the forum in person.
- Other Events Committee Projects
 - Midterm Election Viewing Party: November 6th. Project Leader- Derek Rhea
 - MSV Fire Alarm Events: Project Leader- Jamie Borden
 - Both of these projects are in their early stages, so more information will be available at a later time.
- October 31st Committee Meeting
 - It's Halloween! For some additional fun, come to the meeting in costume!

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Nothing for today.

