The Student Government Association at Georgia State University

91st Administration
End of Year Report
Executive Address

My goal as Student Body President is to put students first.

Which is exactly what student government is all about; however, we have not been putting students first. This year marks my third year in Student Government and, each year, I have watched as we have become more comfortable with the status quo. As the esteemed civil rights leader Benjamin Mays once said, “The tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency.” Members of Student Government, we have become complacent! We have failed to challenge the very ideas of student self-governance. We have failed to find innovative solutions to our most pressing issues. And, perhaps, most tragically we have fallen out of touch with the Student Body.

There are students on every campus whose voices have been forgotten and overlooked. During this administration, we will put an end to that and finally give students a platform to speak about their concerns. There are students who are still struggling to find a place to sleep at night, denied the fundamental right to access menstrual products, who want to get involved on campus but do not have the time nor the resources, who are concerned about sustainability, and those who are worried that parking and transportation are becoming a second thought rather than a first priority. In the midst of a pandemic, those issues are not getting any easier to solve.

“The tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency.” – Benjamin Mays

But keep your heads up because now is no time for despair. When staring down the path of a thousand-mile-journey one has two options: Turn away and reject the daunting task which lies before you, or you can take one step. Just one, single step. That is all a journey is. One step after the other. Senators, members of the 91st administration, I ask you today to take that step with me.

Let us fulfill our duties and responsibilities as representatives chosen by the Student Body. Let us all be knowledgeable about our bylaws and our constitution, learn Robert’s Rules, and be actively involved members of this organization. As Student Government representatives, we are students first and there will be times when we should focus on our academics. However, I have two requests. That is to be ready to devote your time to this organization and to give your undivided attention to the Student Body.

So, let us remember our purpose and let us aim to the future, but let us never forget our past. We are the Student Government Association of Georgia State University and we will put students first because the welfare of the Student Body requires it.

#StudentsFirst

Kaelen Thomas
University-Wide Student Body President
91st Administration
Campaign Promises

While campaigning for SGA President, I ran on the slogan of #StudentsFirst. The slogan embodied the idea that as Student Government representatives, the Student Body should always be at the forefront of our actions. However, #StudentsFirst was also an acronym for the promises I made to the Student Body while visiting all six of Georgia State’s campuses.

Feminine Hygiene Products – During the 90th administration, an idea known as, “the Flower Initiative” was created to gauge the demand for a University-ran service that provided free menstrual products to students on every campus. The initiative was scheduled to launch in the Spring of 2020; however, the Covid-19 pandemic halted its release. It was my goal as SGA President to continue the initiative and see it through to completion. In February 2021, the pilot program was released, and students have been able to access free menstrual products on any campus.

Increasing On-campus Jobs – While campaigning, I heard students talk about the lack of opportunities to find on-campus employment. It was my goal as SGA President to work with the Department for Student Success to ease restrictions on student organizations so that they could provide stipends to their members. In doing so, we can increase student engagement on-campus and provide these opportunities for students. To date, I was unsuccessful in achieving this goal; however, I hope the 92nd Administration of SGA can continue this fight into the next year.

Reducing Student Homelessness – I’ve walked down the streets on the Atlanta campus and have spoken to several students who have no place to rest at night. Students who rely on the services we provide in our libraries and recreation centers to survive. We need to do better. As SGA President, my goal was to work with the EMBARK program run by the Office of the Dean of Students to increase awareness about student homelessness and connect students with the resources that they provide. Additionally, I wanted to examine the possibility of Student Government paying University Housing for rooms that could be used specifically for students experiencing housing insecurity. Not much has been worked on since then and I implore the 92nd Administration of SGA to continue to advocate for GSU’s homeless population.

Sustainability – As the world’s climate continues to change rapidly due to the sheer pace of human development, Georgia State University finds itself at a crossroads. The Atlanta campus, situated in the heart of Downtown Atlanta, is in an area known for some of the highest energy bills in the State of
Georgia. As a University, we should be focused on moving toward more sustainable and green-friendly practices. As SGA President, I pledged to work with the Residence Hall Association to sponsor dorm room energy and water saving competitions to increase student involvement in sustainability. Additionally, work with other on-campus and off-campus partners to switch our University’s default search engine to ‘Ecosia’, determine the affordability of solar panel installations, reduce food waste, and increase recycling in our dormitories. Our efforts to start dorm room energy competitions and other sustainable initiatives were halted because of other ongoing issues regarding the pandemic, racial injustice and sexual misconduct which took precedence. I hope the 92nd Administration of SGA can continue the advancing the goal of a more sustainable GSU into the next year.

Transportation – Georgia State has one of the largest commuter populations in Georgia. They makeup the vast majority of students who are enrolled at our University. Unfortunately, we have not been treating our commuter population with the respect that they deserve. As SGA President, it is my goal to prioritize maintaining free parking for commuter students and reliable shuttle transportation with the University’s Administration. Our efforts to prioritize our commuter students were halted because of other ongoing issues regarding the pandemic, racial injustice and sexual misconduct which took precedence. I hope the 92nd Administration of SGA can continue fighting for our often overlooked population of commuter students at GSU into the next year.

Legislation Passed

Bills

- 91-UWB-01 to Create an Executive Cabinet - referred to Bylaws Committee on 5-07-20

Special Orders

- 91-USO-CL-ATL-01 to Seat Members of the ATL Senate
- 91-USO-CL-02 to seat Bylaw Review Committee
- 91-USO-CL-03 to seat Safety Committee
- 91-USO-FC-01 to create an Ad Hoc Committee to Establish a 5-year Strategic Plan
- 91-USO-FC-02 to Establish Ad-Hoc Student Justice Committee
- 91-UXO-01 to Seat the Newton EVP
Executive Orders

- 91-UXO-01 to Seat the Newton EVP
- 91-UXO-02 to Seat an Alpharetta EVP, Speaker, and Senator
- 91-UXO-03 to seat a Newton Speaker
- 91-UXO-04 to Retain the Role of EVP - referred to Bylaws Committee on 10-29-20

University-Wide Initiatives

1. Our Menstrual Product Initiative, i.e., the Flower Initiative, is a pilot program focused on determining whether there is a substantial need for menstrual products to be provided to Georgia State students on all campuses. We plan on distributing pre-packaged brown paper bags of tampons and pads out of the Student Health Clinics on Atlanta, Clarkston, and Dunwoody. However, since there is no clinic location on the Alpharetta, Decatur, and Newton campus, we will be providing these products through the Dean of Students Office on those campuses for the duration of our pilot program.

When requesting menstrual products from one of our pickup locations on campus, students can request one brown paper bag filled with either (1) 6 tampons, (2) 6 pads, or (3) 3 tampons and 3 pads (if available). Staff members in charge of administering this service should ask students which of the three options they are requesting. Before receiving one of the three options available, students must scan and complete the Flower Initiative Survey using the link or QR code provided on our flyers. After completing the survey, students should show the staff member that they have completed the survey. The staff member will then find the bag marked with for the products the student requested and hand the bag to the student. Students can come as many times as they want but must complete the Flower Initiative Survey every time before receiving the products requested.

This pilot program will end either on February 11 or when supplies run out, whichever comes first. After the conclusion of the pilot program, all the data collected will be used to determine whether continuing a program like this one is viable. Our expected launch date is January 11, 2021.
2. Over the Summer, I met with the Senior Vice President for Student Success Dr. Allison Calhoun-Brown to talk about the feasibility of creating a website like the University of Georgia’s (UGA) student.uga.edu. This website would be a “one stop shop” for information that students need to know. Students would be able to find shortcuts to counseling resources, parking and transportation, meal plans, and all the other student services that we offer.

3. During my campaign, I noted that several students on the Perimeter campuses (PC) felt as though the PC Advisement Center was severely lacking. I took the stories and concerns I had heard to Carol Cohen and her team at the University Advisement Center. During this meeting, we talked about different ways that we can support the academic development of students. I plan on meeting with her team again in the Spring semester so we can begin implementing the focus groups that were suggested.

4. In May, the Atlanta Speaker Pro Tempore, John Le, and I met with University officials representing the GSU EMBARK program. This program focuses on individuals that need financial, academic, or additional assistance within the GSU community. We reached out to them as a part of my campaign promise to tackle the issue of student homelessness. In doing so, we found out that the EMBARK program has been able to provide financial assistance to thousands of students using Georgia State’s Emergency Assistance Fund. Additionally, they were onboard with the idea of paying for rooms to be set aside within University Housing for students experiencing housing insecurity, but there were concerns about where the funding for this idea would come from.

5. This Summer, we saw the rise of #BlackLivesMatter movements across the globe. In response to the increasing demands for racial justice, Student Government created our Student Justice Ad-Hoc committee to work with on-campus groups like the African Diaspora Student Advocacy Coalition (ADSAC) in furthering students’ demands for racial justice. During a meeting with the Administrative Council in July, I gave a speech to more than 60 University Officials reinforcing the importance of striving for racial equality in all aspects of higher education.

**Goals**

1. Completed the Flower Initiative and work with our on-campus partners to support this program’s development.

2. Examined our governing documents and lead the restructuring of SGA.

I am Muskan Virani, an international student pursuing Associates in Biology while contributing this pathway towards Bachelor’s in Nursing. I am currently serving as the executive Vice President at Alpharetta Campus and am humbled to say that I am honored to be a part of SGA. Initially, my goal was to be involved and know where I stand. I truly realized my potential and goal after a month in this position when I was able to talk to students, student leaders, advisors, and committee members. Alpharetta campus lacks many amenities and facilities that other campus’ students fairly enjoy. Our goal is to get equal opportunities, facilities, and proper qualitative representation among all the students at Georgia State University. Our goal this semester, especially during this pandemic was to help students get involved, get to know SGA as a whole, the available opportunities to increase their potential, and ways to be a part of a safe community, all being safe and taking proper precautions. This initiated to change major goals within SGA members at Alpharetta as well such as: Office hour contributions, working methods, individual roles, program hour contributions, recruitment, and proper indulgence in working habits. We will continue to strive and work towards our general and specific goals in the spring 2021 semester.
Campus Initiatives

1. **Student Discounts from Local Business Owners**: Our first and foremost initiative was to have some replacement for lack of cafeteria setting. We were able to discuss many forthcoming ideas and solutions pertaining to the issues concerning monetary aspect, building security, vendor security, etc. We were finally able to get support for having local business owners around 5 - 7 miles radius provide student discounts in exchange for advertisements. The students will be required to show their ID cards. This initiative is in the process with first step of generating a proper student survey (in completion). The best part is that, now this is more than for just a cafeteria. The business search will go far to take in account student’s ease and savings for their necessities & requirements as well.

2. **Getting an Individual chapter for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Alpharetta Campus**: PTK is an international honor society of two-year colleges that is officially recognized by AACC. This is one of the world’s largest honors societies for college students, and it devotes many leadership, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities. PTK is present in all campuses except the Alpharetta campus; thus, in bringing PTK to the Alpharetta campus we will provide students with many opportunities. Unfortunately, we were unable to find an advisor to sponsor the creation of PTK. We will continue to strive and approach advisors for sponsorship in the spring 2021 semester.

3. **Creating a Pre-Med Club at Alpharetta**: The establishment of this club will help students interested in the Healthcare field to navigate their pre-requisites, clinical experience, research opportunities, and much more. This club will create an environment where students can connect and help each. Having the opportunity to create the “Pre-Med” club will be extremely advantageous to students when they transition to the Atlanta campus, as there is a “Pre-Med” club there as well. Unfortunately, we were unable to receive advisership for the Pre-Medicine Club. Again, we will continue to strive and approach advisors for sponsorship in the spring 2021 semester.

Events:

1. **Alpharetta’s Good Morning GSU Breakfast**: This successful event was to enjoy a welcoming chick-fil breakfast with students and let them know that we are here for them. During the ALP Good Morning GSU event, we managed to endorse the existence of SGA and peek student’s interest in being a part of SGA and recruit Committee members. This event helped us get a better understanding of student’s needs and the flow of this semester. We also highlighted the upcoming events throughout the semester and the vacant positions that students would be interested in. This was the first representation of our goal of encouraging involvement.

2. **Mask Up and Grab Lunch event**: In this event, the students were able to chat and have lunch with the student life, Dean of student office, Panther activities council and Student Government association representatives to discuss opportunities like volunteering, campus employment, and getting involved generally. This event also turned out to be successful. In this event we gave out lunch boxes along with face masks to the student body with many giveaways. We also tried recruiting members along with endorsing SGA’s future events and meetings.
3. **Hey Day Event:** This event was to gather and get to know each other. We wanted students to have an on-campus experience while taking precautionary measures. During the event, we made name tags, distributed king of pop popsicles and gave many giveaways. This went hand in hand with our Remind me texting initiative and endorsement. Also, we continued our efforts in recruitment and providing involvement opportunities. We were able to endorse future events as well while estimating the flow of students for upcoming events.

4. **Breast Cancer Awareness event:** This was to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer on patients and to show our support for it. We wanted to openly talk about breast cancer, ways to get checked for it, and educate students regarding important facts & myths. We entertained many questions and provided answers to the best of our knowledge. We had multiple participation gifts and giveaways along with yummy cupcakes, cookies, and pink drink! Celebrating the PINK PARTY!

5. **Drive - In Movie with PAC & Virtual Chat & Chew:** We helped PAC showcase a Drive - IN movie: Jumanji II, in organization & advertisement along with hosting the #LibMovieChat&Chew where we provided prizes to students who were able to answer questions about the movie.

6. **The Great American Smoke Out Turkey:** This event served as a way to send out the message of “Quit smoking” while showing our support and celebrating thanksgiving with a boxed turkey sandwich and many interesting giveaways.

Along with the above events and initiatives, members of SGA were able to contribute their time and efforts volunteering for the following:

1. Campus Safety Walk
2. Library Board Games by Library, PAC, & Student Life
3. Donuts with the Dean by PAC and Student Life
4. Drive - In Movie Organization by PAC, Student Life, and SGA.
5. Virtual Chat & chew on Black Panther Movie Discussion by Library & Student Life.
Legislation

There was no legislation passed.

Goals

Our goals for the spring semester include recruiting members to fill in the vacant positions at SGA – Alpharetta campus. And host the following opportunistic and fun events on campus and virtually throughout the semester. Our goal of getting equal opportunities, facilities, and proper qualitative representation among all the students at Georgia State University continues to stand firm.

The Events planned so far:

For January - A Welcome Back event.

For February - Valentine’s Day event and Teacher Appreciation event.

For March - St. Patrick's Day, and

For April - An Earth Day event.

We intend to serve wholly with continuing our efforts in the initiatives and events presented above. Especially, initiatives representing our goals for the academic year of 2020-2021. Reference 123

(Initiatives)
Atlanta
Executive Vice-President
Takia Tinsley

On the Atlanta Campus, I strive to continue to keep a foundation of inclusive and progressive growth, while we strive to promote a productive and influential atmosphere for our constituents. I aspire to maintain a community culture within Atlanta that any and every individual within our student body can call home, and during my term as Vice-President, there will be no room for any effort less than that. The covid-19 Pandemic had created a space of telecommunication for business that none of us were initially prepared for, nor did we favor it. Social Distancing on and off campus. Though the appropriate and responsible decision to make, had in its own way crippled, or in the very least hindered the full experience of not only Senators within the SGA, but incoming students as a whole. The survival of SGA became our top priority, and I am confident to say we succeeded in not only keeping the organization afloat but still interacting with the student body to a certain capacity. I am beyond proud of the 91st Administration and their effort put forth, and am only optimistic of what is to come next from this upcoming year.

Campus Initiatives

1. Speed Friending/ Voter Registration – During the month of September, the Student Government Association collaborated with the Panther Voter Coalition and Spotlight to host a speed networking event on our campus. This had been our first attempt at an in-person precautionary event during the pandemic. We had a short turnout overall, but as a test-run I would consider it a success; it gave my team experience in planning their own events, as well as lessons to take away for the next time around.

2. Early Voting Location & Lyft Rides – Similar to the early polling location GSU hosted in the Spring semester of 2020, with the help of Fulton County, SGA, PVC, and the Andrew
Goodman Foundation worked the location between October 27-29th. We also obtained grants to go toward Lyft codes students that reside within Fulton, as well as the counties that surround Fulton, could utilize for rides to, and from their local early polling locations; it was a success.

3. Election Night Watch Party – On The evening of Election Night on November 2nd, we collaborated with several orgs on campus to host a socially distant watch party inside of the SCE Ballroom. We had a high turnout, with students sticking around till the very end. It was a success.

4. Constituency Day Events

Legislation

Special Orders

- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-01 Seating of the Senate Clerk
- 91-CSO-ATL-CX-01 Seating of Communications and Finance Directors
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-03 Seating of the Academic Affairs Committee Chair
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-04 Seating of the Government and Community Affairs Committee Chair
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-05 Seating of the Student Engagement Committee Chair
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-06 Seating of the Student Services Committee Chair
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-07 Seating of the Speaker Pro Tempore
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-08 Seating of Senators for Arts & Sciences and Robinson College of Business
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-09 Seating of the Student Services Committee Chair
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-11 Seating of College of Law Senators
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-10 Seating of Various Senators
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-12 Seating Senators of Various Colleges
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-13 Seating Freshman Liaisons
- 91-CSO-ATL-CX-03 Seating Finance Director
- 91-CSO-ATL-CX-04 Seating Communications Director
- 91-CSO-ATL-CX-05 Seating Atlanta Election Commission
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-14 Seating Head Senators
- 91-CSO-ATL-CL-15 Seating of the Student Services Chair
- 91-CSO-ATL-CX-06 An Atlanta Campus Special Order to Confirm Seating of the Atlanta Election Commission Vice Chair for Logistics for Spring 2021 elections

Bills

- 91-CB-ATL-02 Create an RHA Liaison
- 91-CB-ATL-03 Update Vacancy Processes
Goals

1. Filling all vacancies within the administration
2. More productive and interpersonal interactions between senators as well as Executive Board members
3. More collaborations across campuses
4. Accountability from senators taken more serious
5. Encourage setting the standard within SGA for student conduct, both on and off campus.

Lasting Tips

This role is filled with many struggles; it comes with high expectations, limited deadlines, several meetings, sleepless nights, many complaints, and so so many decisions that need to be made on your behalf. It is no walk in the park, but the benefits outweigh the scary responsibilities. The Atlanta campus is the hub of Georgia State, and by operating in the central area of the University, you will have the most potential to have an impact within your community. You have to firstly acknowledge that the gravity within your role can shape the culture of your campus, and secondly acknowledge that it's up to you to set the tone within the Atlanta Senate, and create an atmosphere that fosters production, family, and growth. If it was an easy job, anybody could do it, but everybody can’t do it; you were the right person for this job. Believe in yourself! Regardless of what happens, do NOT give up, because there are too many people that are expecting you to guide them into a great year. Do not attempt to shoulder this burden alone, you are a member of several teams that are placed to assist you as you assist them. Overall, just make your mark, and have fun doing it! The year will go by quicker than you expect.
Clarkston
Former Executive Vice-President
Kyle Kath

Campus Initiatives

1. More collaborated programs - SGA partnered with various departments, including the Dean of Students Office, History and Political Club, Student Health Promotions, and Panther Activities Council, to provide engaging programs for our students, including the first Self Care Week.

2. Clarkston Pool – Due to Covid-19, the reopening of the Clarkston pool will be revisited once public health conditions allow.

Legislation

There was no legislation passed.

Goals

1. The Clarkston campus senate is recruiting for all positions. If you are interested in applying, please visit the SGA portal on pin.gsu.edu.

2. More on-campus programs and events.
Decatur
Executive Vice-President
Jeimy Martinez

I want the Decatur campus to feel included and be involved in all activities related to Georgia State University. We are a diverse body of students, and we are all at different places in our personal life. Some are recent High School graduates, and some are transfer students. We also have adults returning to further their education or parents who are first-time degree seekers. The one unifying theme with such a diverse group is that education is their goal at this time in their lives. Being active on the school social media accounts, participating in events, and collaborating with the other campuses creates a sense of unity and purpose for all the students during their time here.

Campus Initiatives

This year was not without its challenges, and due to Covid-19, SGA held initiatives that were college-wide, taking place virtually and socially distanced.

1. We had the initiative to join SGA, which included flyers around campus and engaging students around campus while wearing out SGA t-shirts.

2. SGA partnered with student life services to host a "Good Morning GSU" table, where we served breakfast and provided giveaways to all students.

3. SGA hosted a Join SGA table, where we engaged students to sign up and answered questions they may have.

4. SGA created a questionnaire for the Decatur campus students. The intention was to understand their needs better when engaging with SGA and student life.
Legislation

Special Orders

- Seating of Student Engagement Chair- Star Harris will focus on broad student engagement and co-sponsorship with other clubs. Including her Spring 2021 initiative to educate the student body on the 46th Presidential Inauguration from Washington D.C. via our social media platforms.

- Seating of Executive Vice President- Jeimy Martinez, she will represent the Decatur campus in all University-wide Senate meetings. Participate in SGA events to get to know students and make herself available to the student body by being up to date with all training and responsibilities.

Goals

Decatur Campus is looking forward to energizing the student body with new initiatives in the Spring.

1. Real Politics- Student Engagement Chair Star Harris will attend the 46th Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. and engage students via our social media platforms to educate students on the process of democracy in the United States of America.

2. Plants and Policy- Making a Kokedama, an opportunity for PAC, Earth Club, and SGA to collaborate in a beneficial project for students' mental health and the importance of reducing plastic in areas we may not have considered before, such as plastic planters.

3. Advocate eliminating plastic straws and bags in Decatur campus- An opportunity for the student body to make a united effort to do their part to reduce plastic use worldwide.

4. Recruit members- We will be using social media platforms, an SGA recruiting table, and flyers.

5. Discussing and implementing the findings from the spring questionnaire that the student body received.
Campus Initiatives

1. **Recruitment Initiative:** Senator Aguirre’s recruitment idea consisted of reaching out to students via email since many students check their school email. She reached out to club advisors on campus via email to spread awareness to students. Dunwoody’s Student Government Association the overall focused on recruitment to have more teamwork towards the improving of campus life.

2. **Extension of Library Office Hours Initiative:** While working on the Flower Initiative as a committee member, Senator Sirajo also worked on extending the library office hours on the Dunwoody Campus. He worked with the library department to discuss extension of library office hours to accommodate students during midterms and finals week. After careful consideration, the Library department advised that due to the pandemic, there are already very few students attending the Library, therefore, it is possible that there were not going to be many students in the library during midterms-finals week.

3. **Student Government Awareness:** Another initiative that is also in the works is awareness of who we are and what we do. We want students to know who they should reach out to whenever they have an idea they want to execute on campus for the benefit of students. We want students to know that we advocate for them. This way students become more passionate about campus involvement and advocacy. We want to extend this to faculty and staff members as well to create a better environment for everyone on campus and improve campus life for everyone.
Legislation

There was no legislation passed.

Goals

1. For the Spring semester, Dunwoody’s Student Government Association will continue to recruit officers and inquire on what could help students during this pandemic to achieve their academic goals. We will focus on how we can help you and improve campus life for students on the Dunwoody campus.

2. Student Government Awareness: The goal is to reach out to as many students, staff, and faculty members as possible to let them know that we are here to advocate for them.
Newton
Executive Vice-President
Gabriel Pelayo

Upon entering into the Spring Semester as EVP, I had the vision of leaving the Newton Campus Student Government better than I had found it for the benefit of the next administration. After a short period of adjustment to my new position, the Newton campus SGA got quick to work on the goals and initiatives planned last semester and recent events for the current semester. Although having only a few members at the start of the semester, I can say for certain that the goals and expectations that were set for this semester were not only accomplished but exceed expectations. Thanks to the hard work the Newton Campus has put in this semester, we have increased our team by two, effectively filling every Executive Board position, and lead by example on what a Perimeter campus is capable of despite excruciating circumstances.

Campus Initiatives

1. One of our planned events was a “Get to Know SGA” event where we advertised to the students on campus directly by means of a table presentation. The duration of this event lasted 2 whole weeks. The two-week duration allowed us to reach the maximum number of students, as some are only on campus every other week. Out of this event, our SGA has already seen an increased interest, and an application for a senator position has already been submitted and approved.

2. Another event is our Newton SGA Winter Retreat, which also featured the PAC on our campus. This retreat provided an opportunity for PAC and SGA to plan our events together for the spring semester, as well as learn to work together. Out of this retreat, we feel that we are prepared to excel in our initiatives for the Spring semester.
Legislation

There was no legislation passed.

Spring Goals

1. Interact with the student body
2. Fill current vacancies
3. Recruit for the 92nd Administration
4. Accomplish the events that were planned in the Fall

Spring Initiatives

During the Spring Semester, the Newton campus held three times more events than what was held in the Fall semester. These events, of course, could not have been done without the organizations that we partnered with to make each one a complete success. I would like to thank the Panther’s Activities Council for their support with our events and for each organization that we partnered with in order to make each event a success. Each event partnered with another club/organization to accomplish the goals set out for this semester.

1. The first event that was accomplished was the “SGA Promotion” event. This event introduced SGA and Student Life to the Newton campus and advertised opportunities to apply to student leadership positions. For this event SGA and PAC distributed breakfast to passing student and having engaging conversations with the student body. This event was successful in introducing Student Government to students and establishing a presence on campus.
2. The second event was the **SGA and Honor Program Collaboration**. This event, headed by Sen. Davis, provided materials to students on the benefits of registering for Honors classes and being an Honors student in the program. This event went on for three days and distributed breakfast while Sen. Davis spoke with the students about his personal time in the Honors Program and how other students can benefit from being in these classes. This event, thanks to Sen. Davis

3. The third event was the **Business Etiquette Dinner**. This event has been in the works since the beginning of the semester. By collaborating with Career Services and the ABLE Club, SGA was able to plan, host, and execute this successful event. This event was to educate students on business etiquette for dinner interviews and employee dinners. Dr. Adams, the presenter, went through the proper manners for eating a five-course dinner by showing real-time examples and demonstrating the exact method of dining professionally. Students were served meals and were given immediate feedback on their performance during the event. After the event, students were given the opportunity to network with each other and establish ties with students from other campuses.