Johns Hopkins SGA Fall Retreat - Detailed Breakdown

Date: Sunday, September 3rd, 2017

Location: Gilman 132

Time: 9 AM to 5 PM

Blue - Icebreakers; Purple - Workshops; Orange - Breaks

1. **9:00 AM: Breakfast and Introductions**
    a. **Breakfast**: Chairs will be arranged in a large circle. SGA members will collect breakfast, agendas and documents, and nametags from the front tables. (9:00 AM)
    b. **Introductions**: We will go around and have everyone introduce themselves with their name, major, position and a fun fact. (9:10 AM)
2. **9:25 AM: Icebreaker on Getting to Know Each Other**
    a. **Organizer(s):** Noh and AJ
    b. Activity: Hobbies Circle (9:25 AM)
        i. SGA members will push up the desks on their chairs and remove empty chairs from the circle. Noh and AJ will pick a random person to be "it" - they will be asked to stand up and remove their chair. Once in the middle, they will say "My name is *[their name]* and I like/love to *[activity, thing, or concept]*. Anyone in the circle who shares a like/love for the activity, think or concept has to get up and find a newly empty seat; this process goes until one person is left standing without a chair. They become a new "it", and the process repeats.
3. **9:50 AM: Workshop on SGA Structure and Expectations**
    a. **Organizer(s)**: Exec, 1 Class President, 1 Class Senator
    b. **Presentation**: SGA Structure (9:50 AM)
        i. AJ will begin by using his infographics to illustrate the overall structure of SGA. Following this, each member of Exec will describe their duties. Rushabh and Mi will also describe the function of their executive agencies - the CMC and SAC. In turn, one class president and one class senator will describe their respective roles. AJ will conclude the

presentation with a description of the committees, and the coequality and interrelation of the branches of SGA.

c. **Activity**: Who's who?! (10:05 AM)
    i. SGA members will be given a blank infographic with Exec and Senate positions, and asked to have everyone sign their name next to their position.
d. **Presentation**: Expectations and Civic Discourse (10:15 AM)
    i. Noh will present on SGA expectations for the year, including attendance requirements, communications expectations, and transparency and accountability.
e. **Activity**: Growing Expectations (10:35 AM)
    i. SGA members will engage in an open brainstorm about additional or specific expectations they have of each other.

4. **10:50 AM: Icebreaker on Communication**
    a. **Organizer(s):** Rushabh and Mi
    b. **Activity:** Telephone
        i. SGA will be split into 3 groups of 7 people. Each group will sit in a line. Upon seating, each Exec member will be assigned to tell the first person in a group a predetermined, 3-4 sentence story about SGA's interactions with academic deans. The story must then be whispered down the line, person by person. The last person in line will be asked to repeat the story to the group. This process will repeat 1-2 more times, depending on time constraints.
    c. Reflection (11:05 AM)
        i. 3-4 SGA members will be asked to reflect on the activity in regards to how important clear communication is to making progress in SGA.
5. **11:15 AM: Workshop on Making a Difference**
    a. **Organizer(s):** AJ & Exec
    b. **Presentation**: Making a Difference (11:15 AM)
        i. AJ will present on policymaking, legislation writing, the process for reaching out to Administrators. The presentation will include modules on the formation of policy, the writing of impactful legislation, and proper channels for different areas that SGA members may encounter in interacting with the Administration and the community. Noh, Rushabh and Mi will jump in to discuss

how they prefer their workflow to their desks (i.e. financial requests and Mi, communications requests and Rushabh)

c. **Activity**: Making a Difference/Policymaking in Action (11:45 AM)
    i. A “crisis” situation will be direly announced to the SGA, and after being provided with a 1-2 page information packet, each group will be asked to approach the situation from various policymaking perspectives. For example, some groups will be responsible for devising the bill and resolutions needed to address the issue, while others might focus on developing a game plan to engage student groups and administrators. The work performed in this activity will then translate to the activity in the parliamentary procedure activity after lunch.

6. **12:15 PM: Lunch**
    a. Class council advisors and councils will dine together, organize meeting times, and organize overarching goals for the year. Class presidents will also be pulled aside with Exec to determine a monthly time to meet with Exec.
7. **1:00 PM: Workshop on Parliamentary Procedure**
    a. **Organizer(s):** AJ
    b. **Presentation:** Parliamentary Procedure (1:00 PM)
        i. AJ will present on the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure, using digital media and props to enrapture the SGA in the learning process.
    c. **Activity**: Let’s Propose our Policies & Pass Our Legislation! (1:30 PM)
        i. SGA members will briefly present their work from the previous activity. Groups writing legislation will go first, followed by groups working on game plans. Upon the completion of presentations, we will simulate a Senate discussion on legislation and game plans using full parliamentary procedure.
8. **2:15 PM: Icebreaker on Bringing it Together**
    a. **Organizer(s)**: Rushabh and Mi
    b. **Activity**: Who We Are
        i. In a test of memory and stamina, SGA members will return to a circle and asked to couple their name with an adjective starting with the same first letter as their name. As we

move around the circle, everyone will be asked to repeat the names and adjectives of those before them. (ex: Adventurous AJ, Never-failing Noh, Mighty Mi, Risky Rushabh, etc.)

c. **Activity**: Working Together
    i. In a test of collaboration and symbolic grassroots development,

9. **2:45 PM: Workshop on SGA's Yearly Goals**
    a. **Organizer(s)**: Noh, AJ, Mi, Rushabh + 1 Class President
    b. **Presentation**: Relationships Between Goals (2:45 PM)
        i. AJ will briefly outline the ability to pursue goals at various levels of SGA, from councils to committees. He will emphasize that while we may have overarching themes, everyone is free to pursue their own projects as they are interested and qualified. He will also show a visual illustrating the collated goals from the summer committee survey and discussions. Mi and Rushabh will outline, as an example, SGA Exec's six overarching pursuits for the year - civic engagement, mental health, diversity and inclusion, school spirit, environmental advocacy, and transparency and accountability. Noh will direct the brainstorming session on overarching themes for the year.
    c. **Activity:** SGA Yearly Goals (3:00 PM)
        i. SGA will brainstorm overarching goals for the year, and SGA members will have the opportunity to talk about their personal goals as well. If time permits, councils will also be able to convene again.

10. **4:00 PM: Announcements and have a wonderful weekend!**
    a. **First SGA Meeting on Tuesday**
    b. **Fall Trainings**
    c. **Title IX Panel on September 9th**
    d. **Summer Contacts/Fall Projects**
        i. **Ban the Box**
        ii. **Asian American Department Petition**

iii. Freshmen Help Guide (Dean Wendland and Schlesinger's Concept)