

Charter



Advocacy and Outreach Committee Charter

Overview

Mission Statement

The Advocacy and Outreach Committee works to increase RHA involvement in the GW community and beyond through events, service projects, and advocacy initiatives. Members should join if they have a passion for community service, advocacy for residents, and/or networking with GW student organizations.

Time Commitment

- Monthly Meetings:
 - In-person meetings will take place every last week of the month
 - (If the date conflicts with a break and/or holiday on GW's academic calendar, we will reschedule)
- Check-in form:
 - Sent out the second week of the month, to be due by Wednesday of the following week.
 - The goal of this form is to maintain clear and consistent communication throughout our committee. It is also made to ensure full support of all our members in between meetings!
- Additional Work:
 - 1-2 hours of outside meetings per month (dependent on your sub-committee and special projects)
 - For example, members of the Community and Campus Partnerships subcommittee will attend a monthly, one hour long, town hall with senior leaders of GW Dining
 - 1-1.5 hours of outside prep work per month (TBD based on our projects)
 - Depending on what initiatives we are working on, we may ask you to conduct a small amount of research so that everyone can bring ideas to discuss at our meetings!
 - This allotted time includes filling out the monthly check-in form
 - Volunteer Days

- The number of hours will vary based on the event/opportunity, but the number of events/opportunities has not been finalized yet (once our committee is formed, we want your input to drive our projects)!
 - These days will include RHA events (i.e. Culture Day on the Vern) that can be divided into shifts
 - These days might include volunteer work on or off-campus (most likely on the weekends) 1-3 days per semester
 - *Note you will not be required to attend every event each semester
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Membership

Leadership

- Committee Co-Chairs:
 - Bolu Ogundimu
 - Cassidy Corey
- Committee Vice Chair:
 - Sophia Wegmann-Gatarz

Members

- Number of Committee Corps Members: 7-10
- Number of Hall Council Members: 3-5

Sub-Committees

- Community & Campus Partnerships:
 - Through this sub-committee, you will join in partnerships with other campus organizations, senior leaders of GW, and/or local organizations to promote service, advocacy, and leadership in our GW community and beyond.
 - Partnerships may include:
 - GW Dining
 - Eco-Reps
 - Other partnerships and/or projects may be considered and added based on the interest of committee members and the needs of our community
- Housing & Campus Development
 - This committee will focus on RHA-centered projects that will mainly be driven by our committee, rather than through partnerships
 - These projects will encompass larger projects on campus and across all 24 residence halls (this is different than the Hall Council Presidents' projects that will focus on one hall)
 - Areas of focus may include:

- Facilities
 - Campus safety
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Scope

Projects

Fall Semester:

- Culture Day on the Vern
 - Date: November 16th, 2025
 - Time: 12:00 pm-4:00 pm
 - Description: Culture Day on the Vern is a celebration of the diverse traditions, identities, and communities that make up our campus. This event brings together student organizations, cultural performances, and interactive activities to highlight the richness of global cultures while fostering connection and understanding among students.
- Conduct building walk-throughs in all of our residence halls to determine areas in need of attention (to be continued in the spring)
 - We will have sub-groups tour each of the residence halls to determine and record areas that need to be addressed, such as:
 - Any issues with facilities, equipment, or vandalism
 - Missing or misused RHA-provided kitchen appliances
 - Etc.
- Based on building walk-throughs, compile a report to be presented to senior leaders of GW Housing.

Spring Semester:

- Name of project: [Wellness and Resource Fair](#)
 - Collab with CLRE
 - Description: CAPS leads a mental wellness group talk/ maybe therapy session, yoga session (contact Lerner), career and academic support (Wellbeing @ GW and writing center, sex ed, and a financial wellness booth.
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Year-long:

- [GW Dining Student Advisory Panel](#)
 - Collect feedback on dining from the GW student population (especially within RHA) to be shared with senior leaders of GW Dining. These responses may be used to inform GW Dining's future projects and initiatives, which you will have an opportunity to provide feedback on and give suggestions as a panel member. It will be our responsibility to find a way to effectively communicate these changes to RHA and residential communities.
- Creating feedback surveys, collecting responses from all residence halls, and advocating for those needs across campus
 - May either be done within a sub-committee, or as a whole committee

Potential Projects

Volunteer/service events:

- In order to create a mission that is unique from the work of other campus organizations, maybe we could aim to work on issues related to urban housing, such as:
 - [Habitat for Humanity Team Build](#)
- However, all areas of service are welcome!
- Potential collaborations with [NRHH](#) (National Residence Hall Honorary)

Collaboration with other student organizations:

- [GW Dance Marathon](#) has already expressed interest
 - However, as an organization they strictly raise money for donations, so a collab would have to be a money drive of some sort.