Dear Fellow Blue Jays,

The SGA is proud to send out its first monthly email! Following in years of SGA tradition, we plan to send these updates every month so that we can be more transparent and accountable to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Student Group Budgets

The SGA is working to obtain student group budgets as fast as possible. Due to the recent changes in leadership in the Office of the Dean of Student Life and new financial systems on Hopkins Groups being implemented by Student Leadership Involvement (SLI), student group budget allocations have faced delays.

New SGA Website

Our website has been renovated! Thanks to the efforts of Executive Vice President AJ Tsang and Executive Secretary Aspen Williams over the summer, the site includes more than ever before: SGA contact information, current projects, three years of legislative records, three years of election records, links to digital record repositories for every SGA committee and class council, SGA's institutional committee memberships across the University, SGA's minutes for the year, and infographics that illustrate how the SGA is structured to better serve you!

Food Pantry Donations

Let's end food waste. This October, the Senior Class Giving Campaign is helping to raise $3,000 to support the Office of Sustainability's Food Initiatives. A donation of just $20 could provide a full bag of groceries to a student in need.

The Office of Sustainability works to reduce food waste on campus as well as feed hundreds of Baltimore residents. Together we can easily help the Baltimore community and our peers so they never have to go hungry. Click here to help.

Class of 2022 Elections

SGA's new freshmen class senators were elected! Your new Freshman Class Council consists of President Eunice Namkoong and Senators Mehak Ali, Eric Armstrong, Alexander Forlenza, Nathan Mudrak, Kylie Sharron and Pritika Parmar.

Biweekly Updates

Do you want to learn more about SGA than just through emails with text? Sign-up for SGA's visual, biweekly newsletter, which includes special updates on meetings that

SGA members have held with administrators of the University. Sign up here: http://eepurl.com/dJtJsE

Legislative Milestones:
SGA passed new legislation nearly every single week last month! You can see the full text and introducers and co-sponsors of the legislation in the hyperlinks below.

- JHU-ICE Severance Resolution
    - The SGA called for the dissolution of ties between the Johns Hopkins University and the federal government's Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE).
- FIJI Push Funding Act
    - The SGA funded the FIJI Push for $149.00.
- Hoptoberfest Funding Act
    - The SGA funded the Hoptoberfest Headliner Event for $1,000.00.
- Activism Fair Reimbursement Act
    - The SGA reimbursed the Sophomore Class Council for $10.00 fronted at the first Activism Fair.
- Health Promotion Strategies Resolution
    - The SGA called for the University to form a task force of undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff to examine moving to a designated smoking zone campus.
- Policy Research & Development (PRDC) Confirmation Act
    - The PRDC Confirmation Act created a new SGA executive agency for policy research and analysis about crucial campus issues. Similar to the Congressional Research Service, the PRDC supports SGA's initiatives for university reform with quantitative data.
- Communications & Marketing (CMC) Re-Certification Act
    - The CMC Re-Certification Act codified the SGA's Communications and Marketing Commission into the SGA Bylaws. The CMC functions as SGA's official executive agency for student outreach and marketing, whether it be on SGA's policy initiatives or programmatic offerings.
- Co-Chair Legality Act
    - The CCL Act enhanced opportunities for leadership in SGA by allowing committees to be chaired by more than one SGA member.
- Rules Bill/Act
    - The Rules Bill delineates SGA's Senatorial operatory rules for the semester. Among its many clauses, the bill addresses longstanding conflict of interest concerns by strictly prohibiting any quid pro quo rewards for SGA members.

SGA Milestones

- **Institutional Committee Memberships**
    - The SGA has expanded representation of students onto several institutional bodies, including the Wellbeing Working Group, the Provost's Advisory Team on Healthcare (PATH), the Security Advisory Committee, the Homewood Council on Inclusive Excellence (HCIE) and the Diversity Leadership Council (DLC). You can find a full list of SGA's institutional committee memberships here.
- **Mental Health Student Group Coalition**
    - The SGA recently joined the first mental health student group coalition on campus, consisting of groups ranging from APTT and SAAC to the Peabody General Assembly.
- **Faculty Wellbeing Champions**
    - The SGA is working with the Faculty Assembly, the primary representative of faculty interests on campus (similar to the SGA, but for professors) to enhance faculty understanding of mental health through QPR trainings, as well as through the creation of a "Wellbeing Champion," a faculty advocate for mental health in each department.

Committee Updates:

- **Academic Affairs *(Chair: Matt Taj)***
    - Academic Affairs has appointed students to the Whiting Curriculum Committee, and is currently appointing students to the Krieger Curriculum Committee.
- **Civic Engagement *(Chairs: Sam Schatmeyer and Lauren Paulet)***
    - Civic Engagement is engaged in a voter registration initiative for the midterms alongside the Center for Social Concern (CSC). It recently hosted a Voter Registration Picnic at the CSC, and is planning to hold an Absentee Ballot Send-Off Party later this month!
- **Health, Safety and Sustainability (HSS) *(Chairs: Lauren Paulet and Pavan Patel)***
    - The HSS Committee is working on developing a sustainable tobacco policy, working with the Office of Recycling and Dining to phase out single-use coffee cups in JHU dining-areas and cafes, and working with WINGS to place menstrual products at crucial locations on campus, including the Library and Recreation Center.
- **Finance *(Chairs: Evan Mays and Mi Tu)***
    - The Finance Committee has reviewed 6 funding bills this month.

- **Internal Affairs (*Chairs: Jenn Baron and AJ Tsang*)**
    - The Internal Affairs Committee is in the process of nominating new individuals to the SGA Judiciary, on which there are three vacancies. If you would like to be considered, please email us! You can respond to this email or email ajtsang@jhu.edu and jbaron11@jhu.edu.
- **Student Organizations (*Chairs: Dean Chien and Mohamed Elgendi*)**
    - Student Orgs has begun processing prospective student group applications, which close on October 15th. If you have submitted an application, Student Orgs will soon be reaching out about the interview process!
- **Student Services (*Chairs: Coco Cai and Sam Schatmeyer*)**
    - Student Services has been working on the initiative to build a student center! From chalking near Garland and developing a capital proposal for the University to raise money for a student center, to building a time capsule and hosting a brick fundraiser for the first components of the student center, the Committee is hard at work.

All the best,

Your Student Government Association