



Executive Platform Updates

Student Government Association
2011-2012



 Completed Project

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Improve Student Safety

- Encourage the development of a university committee dedicated to student safety.
 - Met with Provost and CAO, Scott Chadwick, and shared our goals for this initiative (4/7/11)
 - Met with Dean of Students & Co-Chair of Safety Team, Luther Smith, to discuss the future of the current safety team. (5/9/11)
 - Met with Director of Administrative Services, Dan Schloemer, to follow-up on the work of Safety Team I and discuss the re-charging of Safety Team II (5/13/11)
 - Student Government will appoint a student representative to the Safety Communications Team of Administrative Services, which will review the effectiveness of current safety communications, as well as explore additional alternatives.
 - Student Government will provide time at the beginning of meetings to allow for safety updates from Administrative Services.
 - Safety Team II is expected to be charged in the Spring. In addition, SGA received final approval to appoint a Student Representative to the Safety Communications Team of Administrative Services.
- Ensure student safety both on and around campus
 - New shuttle route developed with Campus Police in order to ensure greater route safety both on and off campus. (8/24/11)

Celebrate Diversity

- Expand Study Abroad Opportunities including Academic Service Learning Semesters.
 - Full-Time Study Abroad Coordinator approved by the University Planning and Resourcing Council, the University President, and the Board of Trustees with the Fiscal 2012 University Budget. (February, 2011)
 - Met with Provost and CAO, Scott Chadwick, and shared our goals for this initiative (4/7/11)
 - Met with Executive Director of the Center for International Education, Ismael Betancourt, to discuss implementation of Studio Abroad Application Software for Study Abroad Program Awareness. (5/10/11)
 - Full-Time Study Abroad Coordinator hired, summer of 2011. (8/24/11)
 - Center for International Education invests in and prepares to launch Studio Abroad Software for Study Abroad Registration and Information sharing. (8/24/11)
 - AVP Gerlach assumes lead on this project and will begin discussion with Study Abroad Coordinator (9/19/2011)

- Expand and promote greater student involvement in MOSAIC.
 - Student Director of Diversity, Nia Williams, is appointed as the next chair of MOSAIC. (5/4/11)
 - LVP Martinez and President Alleman begin meeting with Nia to discuss adding more structure to MOSAIC (8/24/11)
 - LVP McMorran assumes lead on this project and has begun conversation with Nia and Robert Clay, Office of Multicultural Affairs (9/19/2011)
 - Nia and Robert Clay are in the discussion and launching phases of MOSAIC for the fall semester (11/17/11)
- Ensure excused absences for religious observances.
 - Met with Provost and CAO, Scott Chadwick, and shared our goals for this initiative (4/7/11)
 - According to the University Handbook, students are afforded this privilege – there is a concern, however that students and faculty are unaware. AVP Gerlach is currently collecting a sample size of syllabi to benchmark current status (9/19/2011)
 - Syllabi were collected and showed little direct reference to excused absences for religious reasons. Will be meeting with Dean of the College of Social Sciences, Health, and Education to determine future courses of action. (11/16/11)
- Provide increased funding support for Alternative Breaks.
 - The Financial Affairs Committee allocates a 37% budget increase for Alternative Breaks, making it the highest funded club on Xavier's campus. (4/17/11)
 - President Alleman has been in communication with AB Leaders, encouraging them to consider restructuring as an SGA Subordinate Body. AB Exec Board is current considering this structure.
 - AB Exec Board is in discussion about becoming a Subordinate Body. (11/17/11)

Improve Student Access to Resources

- Create more intuitive and navigable access to the Xavier website.
 - The Office of Student Involvement and Student Government announce the development of a new website template
 - Student Government endorses the Xavier Newswire's use of College Publisher, to allow for frequent, and easy to access News updates, and expand their access to the student body. (4/19/11)
 - OrgSync implementation allows students to develop club websites and access important student life information (Spring, 2011)
 - Student Government Association and OSI roll-out new websites, summer of 2011 (8/24/11)
 - After further discussion, it was determined that this has become a university priority, which Information Resources has taken on and will continue throughout each office/department. (11/17/11)
- Expand on-campus internship opportunities.
 - Student Government begins exploring a possible LGBTQ Support and Research Intern (see more detail below). (9/19/2011)
 - President Alleman meets with Rick Browne, Director of Career Services to explore how we can work together (9/19/2011)
 - Central issue is that non-WCB students are unaware of opportunities.

- SGA will partner with CSC to develop a campaign encouraging students to attend Fall & Spring Career Fairs as well as seek out Career Counseling at CSC.
 - Student Government established the LGTBQ Training & Support Intern, with an official start date of January 9th. (11/17/11)
 - SGA promoted the Fall Career Fair. Will now focus on promoting the Spring Career Fair with particular emphasis on Liberal Arts majors. (11/17/11).
- Develop greater technical support for students with personal computers and other technology.
 - Administrative Vice President Gerlach reaches out to Discovery Services to begin conversation about increasing Apple technical support (7/6/11)
 - AVP Gerlach meets with Discovery Services to discuss promotion of available support of their services, including Mac/Apple products. (8/24/11)
 - AVP Gerlach continues collaboration with Discovery Services. SGA will assist with various programs for Cyber Security month in October.
- Ensure final implementation of an on-campus convenience store.
 - President Alleman joins Convenience Store Committee (4/1/11)
 - Convenience Store Committee identifies a potential location for an on-campus convenience store. (4/8/11)
 - Convenience Store Committee submits a progress report to the Vice President for Financial Administration and the Associate Provost for Student Life and Leadership, with a project completion target of August 22, 2011. (4/29/11)
 - Convenience Store Committee releases a Request for Information, to seek information from interested vendors. The date of reception for all RFIs is set at May 20, 2011. (5/4/11)
 - RFIs received over summer of 2011. Committee asked by University Administration to resume meeting in the fall, and enter into a formal RFQ process. Target Completion is end of fall semester. (8/24/11)
 - Second round of RFIs received. Auxiliary Services, SGA & the Gallagher Student Center visited convenience stores at the University of Cincinnati to benchmark possible implementation at Xavier. (11/17/11)
- Create students discounts for software packages such as Microsoft Office and Adobe Products.
 - Executive Team begins benchmarking packages available at other universities (8/24/11)
 - LVP McMorran has assumed lead on this initiative (9/19/2011)
 - SGA researched student supported models from other universities. In addition the University Technology committee is exploring ways to lower costs (11/17/11).
- Financially incentivize future education for Xavier Students.
 - Met with Provost and CAO, Scott Chadwick, and shared our goals for this initiative (4/7/11)
 - President Alleman has a conference call with representatives from Loyola University New Orleans in order to learn more about the program that they have designed. (9/19/2011)
 - SGA is consider a model similar to Loyola New Orleans and is currently researching undergrad matriculation rates to graduate school. (11/17/11)
- Establish greater support for LGBTQ Community.
 - SGA advisory committee is formed to explore the viability and structure of such a position. (5/11/11)
 - AVP Gerlach begins to explore possibilities for regular safe zone trainings on campus (8/24/11)

- AVP Gerlach develops job description for an LGBTQ Training and Support Intern – a temporary student internship which will be responsible for institutionalizing a “Safe Zone-like” training program at Xavier. (9/19/2011)
- LTSI receives final approval and will begin work on January 9th. 5 students applied, and interviews are taking place the week of November 14th. (11/17/11)
- Create a student emergency fund for student grants.
 - Met with Provost and CAO, Scott Chadwick, and shared our goals for this initiative (4/7/11)
 - LVP McMorran assumes lead on this project. Begins work with Office of Student Success & Retention to learn more about available resources. (9/19/2011)
 - Office of Student Success & Retention has significant resources that are currently available. LVP McMorran is working with TRIO to find additional ways to support these students. (11/17/11)
 - SGA Executives and Student Senate are beginning a campaign to Save Pell Grants. (11/17/11)
- Develop a student transportation service that effectively meets student needs.
 - President Alleman joins Campus Shuttle Committee. (4/13/11)
 - Campus Shuttle Committee solicits Proposal Request for a point-to-point shuttle service (April, 2011)
 - Campus Shuttle Committee meets with Croswell Representatives to discuss options for making the Shuttle more effective. (4/14/11)
 - President Alleman meets with Croswell Representatives to begin planning of a new shuttle schedule and route. (6/2010)
 - New shuttle route developed, in conjunction with Campus Police, the Dean of Students, Croswell and Xavier students to ensure a safe and more effective campus shuttle. Regular evaluations of the route will continue in the fall. (8/24/11)
 - Xavier Newswire releases shuttle route in their introductory Fall issue (8/24/11)
 - SGA & the Sustainability Committee begin beta work to develop BikeXU on campus (Fall, 2011)
 - BikeXU is implemented in October 2011. SGA Executives have committed additional funding to expand the program in the Fall. (11/17/11)
- Pursue the possibility of having university-subsidized vehicles available to students for short term use.
 - Met with Auxiliary Services Director, Tom Barlow, and discussed possibility of a subsidized rental car program. (3/25/11)
 - Phone conference with Enterprise Rent-A-Car's WeCar program to explore the possibility to bringing the program to campus. (4/21/11)
 - President Alleman begins working with Sustainability Committee to explore their interested in partnering on such a program. (9/19/2011)
 - President Alleman begins reaches out to UC SGA President to learn more about UC's implementation of ZipCar car sharing. More information will be forthcoming (9/19/2011)
 - Alleman and Auxiliary Services have begun RFP process from 3 potential vendors. Target implementation: Spring, 2011. (11/17/11)

Enhance SGA accountability and availability

- Create, across all aspects of Student Government, a more welcoming and supportive atmosphere for the student community.
 - Student Senators elected – Senate will consist of 65% new membership in 2011-2012. (3/24/11)
 - Student Activities Council appointed – SAC will consist of 53% new membership in 2011-2012. (4/4/11)
 - Student Government welcomes a new Jesuit Catholic Identity Representative to the Association. (5/9/11)
 - Student Government welcomes University Committee and Board of Elections Representatives to the Association – 15 of which are completely new to SGA. (5/11/11)
 - Met with Acting Director of the Center for Adult and Part Time Students, Sheila Doran, and the Director of the Weekend Degree Program, Tricia Meyer, to discuss ways that SGA can support Adult and Part-Time students more effectively. (5/13/11)
 - SGA Executive attends Transitions Orientation Fair for Part Time and Adult Students (8/11/11).
 - SGA, the Gallagher Student Center, and the Department of Occupational Therapy team up to fund and implement a computer kiosk that is accessible for students with disabilities. (8/24/11)
 - President Alleman forms ad hoc committee to draft a plan for Academic Vice President Chadwick regarding strategies for better addressing student needs. Committee will be chaired by LVP McMorran. (9/19/2011)
 - SGA Executives will attend CAPS Info Session on Oct. 22nd to share more information about SGA Resources. (9/19/2011)
 - Alleman held information session for CAPS students in November. CAPS are currently exploring the possibility of forming a student club (11/17/11)
 - SGA Executives have developed regular meeting agendas for the Student Senate which are published on a weekly basis (11/17/11).
 - SGA will have further discussion about their responsibility with the Student Activity Fee at their annual workshop (11/17/11)
 - LVP McMorran has begun exploring possible office changes to create a more welcoming atmosphere. (11/17/11)
- Continue to expand SAC's social and educational programming both on and off-campus.
 - SAC restructures committee operations to more effectively meet student needs. New committee structure provides great opportunities for late night and cultural programming. (3/30/11)
 - SAC announces Mike Posner concert in Cintas Center – October 29, 2011 (8/24/11)
 - SGA Executives assist in the funding of several additional Late Night Programming events. (9/19/2011)
 - SGA Executives provided funding for Xavier trip to Ides of March (11/17/11)
- Provide disclosure, transparency, and updates of the SGA Budget.
 - 2011-2012 SGA Budget released to Xavier Newswire. (3/23/11)
 - 2011-2012 SGA Budget posted to SGA website www.xavier.edu/sga (4/5/11)
 - Platform updates issued to the campus community (8/24/11)
 - SGA Advisor begins real-time tracking of individual expenses from SGA Budget (8/24/11)

- President Alleman begins preparations for FY13 SGA Operating Budget Process (9/19/2011)

Expand Club Resources

- Extend printing services from Fed-Ex Kinkos to clubs and organizations at a discounted rate.
 - President Alleman contacts Fed-Ex Kinkos to begin work on allowing Clubs and Organizations to access the Print Online platform. (5/11/11)
 - A club log-in is established to allow Clubs to order print services through Fed-Ex Kinkos. (7/2/2011)
 - Club Relations begins working with Fed-Ex to have representatives available to Club Leaders, for training during Club Workshop (7/2/2011)
 - Representatives from Fed-Ex Kinkos attend Club Workshop and distribute instructions for utilizing Fed-Ex Kinkos services (8/24/11)
- Ensure the successful implementation of OrgSync Club Management Software.
 - Club Reactivation and Budget submission completed entirely through OrgSync (4/7/11)
 - Financial Affairs Committee establishes Special Request Applications through the OrgSync platform. (6/28/2011)
 - OrgSync instructions are made available in Manresa packets to first year students
 - As of beginning of fall semester, 700+ students have registered for OrgSync
 - OrgSync trainings are conducted during first week of regular classes students and club leaders (8/24/11)
 - OrgSync is utilized for naming contest of new Residence Complex. (9/19/2011)
 - OrgSync Ride Share board is created (9/19/2011)
 - PRSSA has begun campaign, supported by SGA, to promote greater student use of OrgSync. Currently more than 2,000 students are registered in the program (11/17/11)
- Create easier access for clubs and organizations to their allocated funding.
 - Financial Affairs Committee establishes Special Request Applications through the OrgSync platform. (6/28/2011)
 - AVP Gerlach begins development of instructional videos for funding access. (8/24/11)
 - LVP McMorran has developed scripts for instructional videos which will be placed on SGA website and OrgSync. Will begin production of videos (11/17/11)

Additional Projects

- Clarify Club and Organization Rollover/Recapture Policy
 - Roll-over/Recapture Policy is published to the SGA and OSI website for easy student access. (8/24/11)
- SGA Resource Assistant Search
 - AVP Gerlach joins the search committee for a new SGA Resources Assistant (5/2011)
 - Candidates for the position are interviewed (6/3/2011)
 - Search committee selects the new SGA Resource Assistant (6/10/2011)
 - The SGA Resource Assistant starts there new position, and begins training (6/27/2011)
- New Residence Complex Naming Contest
 - Senior University Administration charges SGA & CFJ will generating student involvement in Naming New Residence Complex (Spring, 2011)
 - Contest Campaign is announced upon return to school with recommendations begin taken from August 29th to September 2nd. Voting will be held on September 7th and 8th (8/24/11)

- More than 140 recommendations are received with nearly 450 students voting. Finalists are forwarded to Father Graham, with results to be revealed at Founders' Day. (9/19/2011)
- SGA leads a campaign to announce the results to the student body immediately following Founders' Day (9/19/2011)
- SGA Logo Update
 - President Alleman forms an ad hoc committee, charged with bringing the current SGA Logo into compliance with Xavier's Brand Identity. AVP Gerlach chairs this committee with representatives from SAC & Senate.
 - Logo Committee meets throughout the summer, exploring various options for a new SGA Logo.
 - Logo Committee, working with a Graphic Designer, develops several drafts of a new potential logo.
 - Logo Committee reconvenes in the Fall, working with the SGA Resource Assistant to determine how best to visually represent the Association (9/19/2011)
 - Logo Committee will present at SGA Workshop, where final course of action will be determined (11/17/11)
- Spirit Celebration
 - President Alleman joins Spirit Celebration Committee in Spring of 2011
 - SGA provides funding for Spirit Celebration, while also creating new promotional avenues
 - Jesuit, Catholic Identity Representative continues to follow-up with Sprit Celebration Committee to determine structure for 2012-2013 school year. (9/19/2011)
- Association Sustainability
 - LVP McMorran has begun identifying ways in which SGA can be a better steward of its environmental resources, in line with the Campus Sustainability Action Plan and the Goals of Student Life & Leadership. (9/19/2011)
- Student Run Business Recognition
 - LVP McMorran, in conjunction with the Club Relations committee has begun evaluating whether or not it is appropriate for SGA to be recognizing Student Business, while also helping them to access resources. Currently the criteria for becoming a Student Business is being defined and reviewed (9/19/2011)