

SGA expresses frustrations to clubs

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At the Student Government Association's meeting, the Executive Board raised several concerns and proposals that they would want to discuss in the future. Among their primary concerns were the participation of club representatives, and the lack of student senators. The Board also came up with a short-term solution to keep the weight room open until a viable long-term solution could be voted and acted upon.

SGA President Elise Labus voiced the Executive Board's problem with the student clubs. She said, "Clubs do not have all of their paperwork in. We are stressing to have all club paperwork by the next big club meeting second week of November Club Meeting. At this point if we do not have all of your

paperwork we will decrease funding effective immediately."

Not all Clubs were being problematic for the SGA, and Labus acknowledged that. She addressed other clubs, "Thank you to those who are on top of things. We really appreciate it." Many clubs participated in making Homecoming Banners, and SGA noted their gratitude for their participation.

One of SGA's primary functions is to work with student clubs and organizations. Frustrations have mounted among the Executive Board who have tried to cooperate with Clubs who are not engaged with SGA operations.

SGA Advisor Alessandra Tavoloni said, "People are not replying to their emails, and that's a huge problem."

Labus argued that many organizations would not react unless they were being

crunched for action. She had also stated that there would be broad deadlines, but they would be strictly acted on in the future.

Labus said "For paperwork, clubs and organizations are going to have two weeks from now on. At the end of the two weeks, if we have nothing, we're going to take them off our rosters."

The paperwork Labus refers to includes: the Club's Constitution, a list of their President, officers and faculty advisor, and the organization's desired budget. The paperwork is not all that has concerned SGA however.

Speaker of the Clubs Rory Northam stated, "There are clubs and organizations who I have emailed for information who have not replied to me at all. I received some of their paperwork but they don't respond to any of my emails. I have even asked people to reply, just with simple information. Information that wouldn't have taken 40 seconds to type out; it's not much to ask. It is very frustrating."

SGA is also offering more opportunities for students to have a voice in SGA activities and changes on campuses by reopening the door to students who want to become Student Senators. In our next publication the Clarion will provide more Senatorial Applications. Those who are interested should speak to SGA Vice President Chantel Azevedo.

Prospective Senators should turn in complete information and applications by the second week of November.

The current Senators have been getting signatures for petitions for non-scheduled weight room accessibility for the past two weeks. Currently SGA has recorded around 200 signatures from students who feel the weight room should be accessible. As such, the Executive Board has decided to volunteer to oversee the Weight Room in shifts with voluntary support from the community. They intend to staff the Weight Room Monday through Thursday, from 8 to 11 p.m.

The next SGA meeting will be focused on the Clubs and Organizations and their budget proposals. On November 1, SGA will be holding an Open Forum for all students and members of the community. It is the best opportunity for students to voice their concerns and ideas in an environment where they can be heard and acted upon.



Dr. Joyce was officially installed as the 13th president in the College's 159-year history during a special Inauguration Ceremony Oct. 12 in the Porter Center for Performing Arts. The ceremony included student, faculty, staff, alumni and trustee representatives as well past presidents and institutional delegates from more than 40 colleges and universities from across the country.