Monthly Report
SGA Cabinet

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Chief of Staff: William Weightman

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Successfully designed the SGA Financial Aid Survey to be implemented in November
- Met with Kim Downs-Burns (Associate VP for Student Financial Services), Jackie Davies (Student Services Director), and Adela Langrock (Director of Assessment and Institutional Research) to discuss implementation of Financial Aid Survey
- Updated SGA website with new Resolutions and SGA Senate minutes
- Attended SGA Cabinet luncheon with President Laurie Patton

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Working with Karina to see the feasibility of getting J-Term workshop financial aid for this J-term. If not, planning how to get funds established for next year

Goals for the month of November:
- Preparing the SGA Student Life Survey

Challenges faced in October:
- Making sure the Financial Aid Survey gets the questions we want to ask on it

Co-Deputy Chief of Staffs: James Callison and Hiruy Ephrem

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Slack engagement has gone up
- IPE Department had a successful lunch social
- Designed SGA Swag
- Re-designed the "wave thank you signs"
- Began initial planning of Town and Gown Day
- Successfully completed all tasks for the SGA
- Prepared all-school email about WeTheMiddKids

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Beginning to look into the SOAN department for social events
- Further help the IP&E Program
- SGA Swag
- Wave thank you signs
- Look into feasibility of a bar in Crossroads area
- Get further in the process of Town and Gown Day planning, working with external affairs and Dave Donahue

Goals for the month of November:
- Finalize SGA swag
- Finalize Thank you signs
- Partner with the SOAN department to create an event for SOAN majors

Challenges faced in October:
- Lack of time to fully discuss initiatives in Cabinet meetings

Director of Membership: Andrew Smith

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- No elections so council was inactive
- Formed first-year committee
- Created list of nominees for Constitutional Reform Committee
- Confirmed Constitutional Reform Committee in the Senate
List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Make plan for constitutional reform

Goals for the month of November:
- Make schedule and goals for constitutional reform committee

Challenges faced in October:
- None

Director of Student Organizations: Nick Delehanty
Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Approved UR STEM
- In talks with 7+ orgs to propose to committee
- Dealing (still) w/ MIDD IVCF constitution issues
- In talks w/ Chess Club to become active again

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Appoint new members.
- Committee is smaller than I'd like due to resignation of one member / occasionally absent members

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Director of Publicity: Yiyi Jin
Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Publicized events: SGA Election through posters, 10 O'clock Ross on facebook event page, and Middcourse on SGA facebook page
- Boosted the SGA facebook page to almost 1000 likes (996 now!)
- Updated the SGA website, put up cabinet's and senate's bios and updated the committee pages
- Weekly update of the meeting agenda, and Colin's report

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Working with Maddy to publicize the Zimride on campus

Goals for the month of November:
- Continue to publicize events on the facebook page and get more people to like it, I'm setting at 1500 likes!
- Group photo of SGA Senate and Cabinet
- Work with directors of committee to put up more information on the SGA website

Challenges faced in October:
- Collecting bios from everyone in the senate and cabinet was a bit difficult, I did spend a lot of time asking for bios, formatting and printing them several times. Next time if I need to collect information I could probably use slack as a medium for more efficient & direct communication.
Co-Directors of Academic Affairs: Jiya Pandya and Maya Woser

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Met with Andi Lloyd, Suzanne Gurland, Jim Ralph to discuss textbook funding, mid-term assessments and advising
- Met with faculty EAC to share our projects and get their feedback
- Working on resources for international students with ISSS and CCI on jobs and visa
- Began drafting advising guidelines for students
- Began drafting budget for textbook fund
- Scheduled meeting with Jim Ralph to organizing a co-sponsored event on mid-term assessments
- Working with JJ Moser about ThinkingBuddies

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Advising resources
- Textbook Fund
- ThinkingBuddies
- Supporting Student Advisory Forum
- Co-sponsored event on mid term assessments with CTLR
- Working with CCI and ISSS on job resources

Goals for the month of November:
- Concrete plans for session with CTLR
- Concrete budget for Textbook Fund
- Finalize advising resources with the EAC
- Continue supporting ongoing projects (thinking buddies, student advisory forum)

Challenges faced in October:
- Coordinating with a lot of different faculty/administration is always challenging
- Finding time as well as waiting on them for responses etc.

Director of Institutional Affairs: Taylor Banaszewski

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Hired and trained a new 10 o'clock Ross monitor
- Signed contract with the Women's Rugby Team in regards to newspaper delivery for the Fall 2016 semester.
- Assembled new newspaper stands
- Notified student body about online New York Times subscription
- Continue to work actively with employees to solve any in the moment problems

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Making sure 10 o’clock Ross is on par with the expectations with Ross dining staff
- Delivery the newspapers on a timely manner

Goals for the month of November:
- Impress Ross dining staff with the monitoring for 10 o’clock Ross, so we can work towards expanding options at the event

Challenges faced in October:
- During late night Ross students have been tugging on soft serve handles, and this creates a mess for the dining staff in the morning.
- I’ve been working with Doug Adams to get all student employees time sheets
• Newspaper delivery is not done promptly everyday, so I'm working to make sure that it
done very timely each day

**Director of Environmental Affairs:** Michael Shrader

**Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:**
- Joint Environmental Affairs/EatReal campaign to reduce animal products in the dining
  hall found success in an agreement with dining services to reduce meat purchasing by 10
  percent annually over the next three years.
- Set a date/structure of Carbon Neutrality Forum with the Office of Sustainability
  Integration.
- Began planning process with the Middlebury Mountain Club around joint SGA-AFC-
  MMC inclusivity events.

**List of on-going tasks and projects:**
- Ongoing education campaign on animal product/meat consumption reduction.
- Continued planning of Carbon Neutrality Forum and Outdoors Inclusivity events.
- Research/feasibility studies on landscaping-related project and laundry detergent-related
  project (TBD).

**Goals for the month of November:**
- Iron out details for Carbon Neutrality forum and other events.
- Begin a dialogue in SGA around meat campaign. EatReal is hoping to present to the SGA
  at the request of Dan Detora on this goal/announcement. Can talk about it more. They are
  hoping to have a senator propose a resolution in support of this goal.

**Challenges faced in October:**
- Everything has fallen into place nicely in October.

**Co-Directors of External Affairs:** Amirah Fauzi and Jack Petrillo

**Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:**
- Established connections regarding a bike safety event.
- Achieved closure on possibility of relationship between kitchen appliances store and
  ResLife (not going to happen)

**List of on-going tasks and projects:**
- Working with James on the Town-Gown event.
- Planning Bike Safety event!

**Goals for the month of November:**
- Picking a date from the 3 possibilities we were given by Laura Asermily.
- Reaching out to different boards on Town-Gown and gauging interest, following up with
  Laurie Patton, general next steps...

**Challenges faced in October:**
- Determining our role with the SelectBoard - their meetings are very formal and it might
  be difficult to get on the agenda for something that cannot be voted on (such as gauging
  interest for an event). A lot of what their meetings consist of is voting on zoning and
  budgetary matters. The only benefits I have noticed so far have come from interacting
  with the townspeople in the audience!
Co-Directors of Institutional Diversity: Brianna Arroyo and Geovany Martinez

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- We planned and executed the Student Leadership Retreat

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- We will begin right away planning for next semester's retreat
- We are currently planning a panel for the post-election result

Goals for the month of November:
- To have the panel for the election

Challenges faced in October:
- The retreat. Not many people showed up.

Co-Directors of Athletic Affairs: Annie Cowan and Kate Reinmuth

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Organized who and how we will be interviewing team captains
- Written out our interview summary for said interviews
- Looked further into the ice skate issue (yet continue to run into a wall with mixed opinions on whether the skate were actually donated/purchased)
- Began discussing how to generate fan interest for sports events

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Continue to conduct the 52 team interviews.

Goals for the month of November:
- We decided to have all of our team captain interviews completed by the end of November so that we can compile the answers into a document by the end of the semester.

Challenges faced in October:
- Every single person we have talked to regarding the ice skates has had a different idea of where they may have gone or if they had been purchased in the first place. No one in the athletics department seems confident on the issue either.

Director of Transportation: Maddy Sanchez

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- SGA buses for Fall break has no problems.

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Working with Doug and ACTR to find new routes and ways to publicize the ACTR buses.
- Looking to publicize Zimride (a ride share program)
- Continue with the SGA break buses

Goals for the month of November:
- Publicize Zimride
- Continue working with ACTR

Challenges faced in October:
- An unsuccessful attempt to connect with another ride share program.

Director of Technology: Aayam Poudel

Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Put up posters around campus (especially dining halls, first year dorms) for middcourses
- Updated the database because of vulnerability issues
- Yiyi and I made a facebook post promoting middcourses
List of on-going tasks and projects:
- I'm updating the new classes and professors
- I'm designing stickers for Middcoruses

Goals for the month of November:
- To get the stickers out and have people use them

Challenges faced in October:
- Was pretty simple

Co-Directors of Student Health and Wellness: Michelle Yang
Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- World Mental Health Day, October 10th. Raised awareness by tabling in Proctor. Took pictures of people with a sign that says "I stand with Mental Health" and chatted with people about the benefits of self-care. Pamphlets about self-care and the importance of mental health from Parton and MiddSafe were available.

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- Nothing -- was going to work on something with Megan, but she needed support and ultimately left for the semester.

Goals for the month of November:
- I would like to work with the committee to bring dogs on campus. That being said, I would like a co director before I embark on any initiatives because I feel very spread thin right now.

Challenges faced in October:
- Megan's departure has put an enormous stress on me.

Co-Directors of Social Affairs: Michael Brady and Alden Cowap
Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Met with Katy Smith Abbot about social life
- We have our first meeting with the social life consultant on Oct. 27th.

List of on-going tasks and projects:
- (Hopefully) ongoing meetings with the social life consultant
- Monthly emails to public safety

Goals for the month of November:
- Continue working with the social life consultant to get a better sense of what it is the student body wants and how to achieve it

Challenges faced in October:
- Worked extensively at the beginning of the month to plan Oktoberfest, realized given our timeline and budget it was not going to be possible
- It's very difficult and expensive to plan an outdoor event

Co-Directors of Sexual and Relationship Respect: Kyra Gray and Meireily Amaral
Accomplishments and successes for you have had in the month of November:
- Met with the heads of MiddSafe to increase support and transparency
- Met with head of consent project Amelia Marren Baden and SGA Treasurer Kevin to discuss possibility of bringing to speakers that are big in the consent world to campus
- Attended a consent talk

List of on-going tasks and projects:
• Working with Amelia to drive forward bringing the speakers to campus (hopefully in Jterm)

Goals for the month of November:
• Plan a meeting with Barbara McCall to get plan for SGA green dot training

Challenges faced in October:
• Not being able to find a time to meet with Barbara (see above)