



UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL OF STUDENTS

2009 – 2010 Mid-Year Report

UCS Update on Overall Goals for UCS

- 1. Organizational Review** – Appointed over 15 students to organizational review groups to ensure student input and to help minimize the impact of the financial crisis on student life.
- 2. NEASC Report** – Met with the President and Provost to discuss student concerns and priorities regarding the recommendations from the final NEASC report. UCS will submit a formal response to the Office of the Provost that will be reviewed during the next reaccreditation process.
- 3. Providence Tax on Students** – Sponsored a campus-wide forum for students to learn more about the tax, and created a website that serves as a resource for the community. UCS will work with the University to monitor the progress of the legislation and update the student body.
- 4. University Committees** – Created an online database of university committees with student representatives and improved communication with the current representatives to increase efficacy and accountability. The spring appointments will be held in March.

UCS First Semester Accomplishments

- Passed resolution recommending a \$46,000 increase in student activities funding.
- Extended breakfast at the V-Dub until 11:00 AM.
- Created a new Category S designation for student service groups that primarily focus on fundraising.
- Submitted proposals to increase outdoor seating on campus.
- Successfully launched the Matched Advising Program for Sophomores, which will improve peer advising for second-year students.
- Made course syllabi accessible to all students on the Course Preview Pages.
- Researched advising programs and produced an 'Advising Review' report delivered to the Dean of the College.
- Conducted an audit of all student lounge and study spaces.

UCS Goals for Spring 2010

Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee

- Continue working to make an unofficial transcript available on Banner.
- Advertise the revised tutoring program and increase its accessibility.
- Increase the percentage of course syllabi available on the Course Preview Page.
- Expand the capabilities of the 'Advising SideKick' website to better serve students.
- Reintroduce teaching awards for faculty and graduate students given out based on a student vote.

Admissions and Student Services Committee

- Launch a comprehensive new student services web directory to better promote existing student services.
- Post improved student services information sheets in campus restrooms and near CVCs.
- Improve accessibility to financial aid advisors by posting office hours online.
- Contribute to the design of a new study space on Pembroke and prioritize lounge and study space renovations.

Campus Life Committee

- Improve the equipment and hours of satellite gyms.
- Explore the possibility of displaying Brown lamp post banners around campus.
- Post soup menus online for Jo's and the Gate.
- Post nutritional information online for all eateries.
- Encourage SafeRide to run its shuttle in two directions.

Communications Committee

- Hold regular UCS Study Breaks this semester.
- Launch new UCS website and blog.
- Hold regular office hours in the Ratty every Wednesday, 12-1 PM.
- Assist with Brown's homepage redesign project.

Student Activities Committee

- Work with the Advancement Office to create a Student Activities Endowment Fund and raise the first \$100,000.
- Review the student categorization process to make it easier to form new student groups.
- Work to establish permanent monthly student activity forums.

Save the Date:

The State of Brown Address with President Simmons
Thursday, March 18 @ 4:00 PM - Salomon 101

Feedback? E-mail UCS@brown.edu

Join us. 7:30 PM, Every Wednesday, Crystal Room, Alumnae Hall

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