

JULY IN REVIEW

What have we been up to in Temple Student Government?



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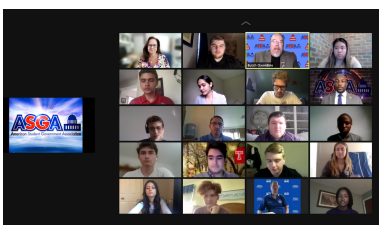
GLOBAL NEST

ACCESSIBILITY RECS.

Brad's Updates

July was a really busy and exciting month for Temple Student Government. On July 13, several members of TSG had the honor of seeing President Joe Biden speak at the National Constitution Center on voting rights, and we even had the unexpected opportunity to meet and talk to him. We also had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with State Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, Attorney General Josh Shapiro, District Attorney Larry Krasner, and State Rep. Joe Hohenstein.

On July 17, several members of TSG attended the American Student Government Association National Conference (held virtually). Here, we learned a lot from other student governments and distinguished lecturers on how we can improve TSG to be a more effective, more representative student government. As a side note, our website was personally toured by Butch Oxendine, ASGA Executive Director and Founder, who said that the TSG website was "better than 99% of websites" he has seen.





Carbon Dividends

I recently joined with student body presidents across the country, from Yale to Georgetown, to sign on to a statement urging leaders to adopt measures to curb the climate crisis, mainly adopting carbon dividends as the best way to merge our environmental and economic interests. Called by many the closest we've ever come to an economic consensus, I'm proud to lend our name toward this.

Open Positions

TSG is currently looking for:

- Elections Commissioner (apply on Owl Connect)
- Members of the Elections Committee (apply on Owl Connect)
- Members of the Allocations Committee (apply on Owl Connect)
- People to join the ADA Taskforce (email Yesh at yesh.khanna@temple.edu)

If you know anybody who is dedicated, judicious, and looking to get involved, please spread the word about getting involved with TSG!

Global Nest

This year, TSG will work with the office of International Student Affairs to pilot the **Global Nest** program. The goal of this program is to foster positive connections between international and domestic students.



It is important to recognize that Temple has a diverse international community and a global presence. TSG has a responsibility to students to help facilitate cultural exchange and awareness to whatever extent we can.

My goal is for the program to stand on its own as an independent org following the end of our administration. We will be helping to build a social media and campus presence for Global Nest while we are in office.

This program will be led this year by Baylee Shultz, Peter He, and Yesh Khanna. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to reach out to them. If you would like to get involved, check in with them to learn about opportunities to take part in this exciting program!

Parliament applications are now **OPEN** until September 7th. Spread the word!

Internal Services

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Peter He

I met with Holly Meng, the Staff Advisor of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association to talk about the 2021 Fall reception for incoming Chinese students. We had a discussion about

how to utilize a short speech (5 minutes) to impress students and make them aware that Temple's various resources are completely open to them.

External Services

Local and Community Affairs - Julia Donohoe

I've solidified plans to include a historical component for the pre-orientation section and will be making and approving content for it by October. Chris Carey and I also discussed the various methods to establish a university-sponsored day of service and a possible collaboration for a food drive during November.

Note: Directors should be sending updates as requested by the heads of their departments. Failure to do so is a violation of a Director's duties and may be addressed via the strike system as appropriate according to the executive branch by-laws.

Accessibility Recommendations to Organizations

On July 21, TSG officially communicated to organizations that we recommend they immediately create or designate an "Accessibility Officer" within their org/club. This person will be trained by DRS Director Andrea Vassar and will do the following:

- Ensures that all events organized by the organization are accessible.
- Ensures that all flyers for events organized by the organization include a disability inclusivity statement.
- Ensures that all flyers for events organized by the organization include the contact information of the Accessibility Officer to consider accessibility requests and modify the event accordingly.
- Create a list of preliminary accessibility measures and include it in the allocation request for the event.

This is an important step in ensuring that Temple University is accessible to all students.



"These new reforms will encourage student organizations to think creatively to make their experiences available and accessible to a broader range of students. I hope that people will be mindful of these policy guidelines in their personal lives and do their part on a microscopic level, making the world more accessible, one person at a time."

Yesh Khanna
TSG Director of Accessibility

Fall 2021 At A Glance

August 2021

8/20 & 8/26: TempleFest tabling

8/20: Convocation, 2:30p-4:00p (Brad co-hosting)

8/24: Welcome Back Commuter, 7:30a

8/30: Town Hall, 4:00p - Brad, Townley, Vince, Bobby

September 2021

9/6-9/12: Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week with Wellness Resource Center

9/13-9/19: Sexual Assault Prevention Week

9/17-9/20: Weekend of Civic Advocacy (Owls on the Hill)

9/13: Town Hall, 4:00p - Zoe Karukas, Director of Health & Wellbeing

9/20-9/26: Wellness Week with Wellness Resource Center

9/27: Town Hall, 4:00p - Kyle Osborne, Director of University Pride & Traditions

9/28: Good Morning Temple (Homecoming Edition), 7:30a

9/27-10/3: Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week & Homecoming Week

October 2021

10/11-10/17: Textbook Affordability Week

10/18-10/24: Mental Health Awareness Week

10/25: Town Hall, 4:00p - Gianni Quattrocchi, Director of Government Affairs

10/26: Good Morning Commuter, 7:30a

November 2021

11/1-11/7: Civic Engagement Week

11/8: Town Hall, 4:00p - Anna Ogar, Director of Basic Needs

11/15-11/21: Campus Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

December 2021

12/6: Town Hall, 4:00p - Emma Read, Director of Sustainability

12/6-12/12: Sustainability Action Week

12/7: Good Luck Temple (Finals Edition), 7:30a

This list is not exhaustive or complete. More information and specifics will be conveyed in further communication and a TSG events calendar.

Please be on the lookout for opportunities to sign up to help table some of our events!