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The SGA has been kept busy with concerns and suggestions brought to us during the first month of the academic year. This report, which is the first of its kind, includes the goals and actions the SGA commits to in working towards solutions. As the semester continues, please share with us your TU experience. The SGA's agenda is only as strong as the undergraduate student body it represents. We encourage you to continue working with us towards making a difference. Go Tigers!

Ben Steinberg, Vice President, Student Government Association



Initiatives in the Works

USA Today Readership Program:

USA Today is teaming up with Towson University to increase newspaper readership across campus, thereby enhancing student awareness of local, national, and international issues. For four weeks, starting October 19, 2009, students will have trial access to USA Today, The New York Times, and The Baltimore Sun. Upon completion of this trial, the SGA will evaluate the effectiveness of this program and present its findings to the Department of Civic Engagement and Student Affairs.

Transportation and Construction:

TU, we need your help! The SGA wants to research specific concerns about the university's transportation system and construction projects. Through the creation of forums and surveys relating to these two issues, the SGA will develop solutions that best accommodate students' prime concerns and suggestions for travels on and around campus!

Smoke Free:

Towson University wants to adopt a smoke-free policy for the entire campus. The SGA will evaluate the pending policy based on student concerns and feedback. Observations will focus on the well-being of the student body and surrounding campus community. There will be in-depth analysis on the policy's enforcement and its feasibility on campus.

Diversity:

Given the recent, condemnable acts in residence halls of expressing racist and homophobic slurs, the SGA is diligently working on a diversity forum. It will be set up like a town hall meeting. At this forum, there will be a panel of about six students and a student moderator. The SGA is also committed to evaluating the effectiveness of the University's institutions regarding diversity. Our goal, "E.R.A.S.E. the Whiteboard: Equal Respect Amongst Students Everywhere."

<p>The <u>Community Outreach Committee</u> has an upcoming meeting for the Town and Gown cleanup. The committee wants to have students and community members help make our community cleaner. This is one step to improving our campus-community relationship!</p>	<p>The <u>Academic Affairs Committee</u> is hard at work on academic issues like advising efficiency, advance notice of next semester's course offerings, library program and service improvements, and aid for students with disabilities for academic guidance. The committee will evaluate progress reports from departments to find the best approach to making the academic experience smooth.</p>	<p>The <u>Communications Committee</u> is staying busy! Currently, it is researching a public posting option, which allows students to post their flyers in different areas on campus. Also in the works: spicing up the campus appearance with hanging flags, banners, etc. The goal is to keep TU connected!</p>	<p>The <u>Student Group Committee</u> hosted in September student group summits. Right now, evaluations from the fall summits are being reviewed by the committee to develop more effective summits for the spring! The committee is publishing monthly student group newsletters so that all organizations can stay on top with tips and important dates. Check it out!</p>
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