



Annual Report

Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte

2013

This report is a culmination of student surveys, club visits, events, personal interviews with students and individual committee resolutions gathered from and around campus. This is a representation of the student body's primary concerns and wishes.



Recognition

The Student Government Association of Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte Campus would like to thank the administration, faculty, staff, and students for all of its support of this organization. We have thoroughly enjoyed working to make student's experiences more pleasurable for current students, and students to come.

"When we come together for a single cause, the outside world witnesses a true university unite. They hear one voice." – Leo Carelle S.P. Garcia, former Student Body President



The Executive Cabinet would like to acknowledge:

- **Matt Sharp** - for standing by our decisions and guiding us through our mistakes, you are the backbone of our organization.
- **Mark Norman** - for allowing Student Government to be a part of the Operations Council, diligently offering valuable advice, and being a constant supporter of our organization.
- **Tanaya Walters** - for guidance and direction in all aspects of student life and Student Government.
- **Melinda Law** - for helping us promote Student Government and inform students throughout the Johnson & Wales University network.
- **Chess Black** – for offering feedback and support after our Mid-Year Report
- **SGA Senate** – for working so hard this school year.

2012 – 2013 Accomplishments

■ Regenerating awareness of our sustainability efforts through the PepsiCo Dream Machine

Be it resolved that: an event was held in the Academic Center Courtyard to promote the use of the PepsiCo Dream Machine for recycling.

■ Increase visibility and awareness of the Student Government Association among the student body

Be it resolved that: through the distribution of candy canes before the Holiday Break and Easter eggs before Easter Weekend, over 1200 students were reached and given information about SGA. Each item was distributed with a note that detailed several SGA accomplishments. The note also contained space for suggestions and concerns that could be submitted to our Suggestion Box.

■ Longer Dining Hours

Be it resolved that: As requested by the students through various mediums, including the student survey, we petitioned the dining center to extend their hours to better serve student needs.

■ Sanitizer pumps & first aid kits

Be it resolved that: SGA with help from the Residential Life department along with facilities placed hand sanitizer pumps (1) on every floor near the elevators in both Cedar Hall North & South. Also we helped replenish the first aid kits that are at the front desks of Cedar Hall North, Cedar Hall South, and City View Towers.

■ Community service and involvement

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association raised \$289.85 for the Salvation Army through bell ringing during the holiday season. We had senators and cabinet members out ringing bells for donations outside a local Harris Teeter.

■ Greek Life

Be it resolved that: The Greek Life ad-hoc committee continued to conduct further research on the possibility of having Greek life on campus. They worked very closely with Matt Sharp in putting together his feasibility report.

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Introduction

During the 2012-2013 academic year the Executive Cabinet of the Student Government Association of Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte Campus has comprised this document to reflect the data collected through the student survey and recommendations made by our Senate.

Vision and Communication

As the official governing body and a reflection of the student voice, we aspire to represent our constituents as efficiently as possible. Our mission bestows us with the responsibility of “building trust and support for students, encouraging student involvement, fostering a sense of community on campus, and facilitating effective communication between students and university administration.”



Results

The following results are a summary of SGA Senate and Executive Cabinet proposals. These proposals have been created and developed through the data received in the annual Student Survey, multiple individual department meetings, and other student feedback. This information has allowed for Student Government to break down specific recommendations for each area of external and internal concerns.

Our external resolutions directly affect the student body; whereas the internal concerns are improvements of the Student Government Association itself.

Administrative Committee

As previously stated, our internal committees work hard to continuously improve our organization as a whole. These following committee resolutions will segue into next year's goals inside Student Government.

■ Retention among Student Government Association members

Be it resolved that: effective next school year, the senators will sign a contract explaining what their duties as SGA Senators will be.

■ Revamping the Constitution

Be it resolved that: SGA will be revamping our constitution and adding in process that we did not have until recently. The appeals process for both Appropriations and S.O.O.C. will hopefully be added.

Appropriations Committee

The Appropriations Committee is headed by the SGA Treasurer of the Student Government Association; the committee had four seated senators and had 14 committee meetings this year. Appropriations had \$12,000 for University Club Events, \$13,600 for Club Travel, and \$6,000 for Advisor Travel.

■ Funding for Student Activities Approved Events

29 University approved events that totaled \$14,203.15 and approved funding for eight club travels totaling \$10,425.00. The committee also denied funding for 4 University approved events and denied funding for 3 club travels.

■ Appeals process

Also during this academic year the Appropriations Committee devised an appeals process, in which clubs may appeal the decision made by the committee.

Campus Committee

Academics Sub-committee

The main focus for the academics committee was working on each of the Retention Committee Charters. We the Student Government Association of Johnson & Wales University Charlotte Campus recommend the following:

■ Creating an easier process to interact and become familiar with departments on campus

Be it resolved that: a smartphone application should be created. Students would then have one more outlet to communicate with different departments. The application could be introduced at New Student Orientation and then reinforced in the First Year Experience programs.

Dining Services Sub-committee

A trend found in this year's student survey is the demand for a "late night" option so that students can have food later in the night when they would usually eat. In Dining Services committee conversations with students, and members of the administration, we the Student Government Association of Johnson & Wales University Charlotte Campus recommend the following:

- **Provide a late night option for students**

Be it resolved that: Should it be seen in the trail run that a late night option is not only feasible but also a successful program idea, we continue it into next academic year.

Residential Life Sub-committee

The main focus for the Residential life committee is to enhance the quality of life for students who live on campus. This year we did lots of great things for the students at Johnson & Wales. Through student recommendation we the Student Government Association of Johnson & Wales University Charlotte Campus recommend the following

- **Install Ice Makers and Filtered Water Fountains**

Be it resolved that: Ice makers be installed in Cedar Hall North & Cedar Hall South, along with filtered water fountains like the ones in the Student Center.

Safety & Security Sub-committee

Students expressed their concerns on various security issues around campus, the overall attitude was that students that live at City View Towers wanted the doors back open so that they could enter through the doors around the building instead of just the one. Most students still agreed that an increase of awareness and visibility of the Department of Safety & Security would provide a strong benefit. The focal point in this sub-committee was assessed in the student survey, in conversations with students, and members of the administration with the safety and security committee, we the Student Government Association of Johnson & Wales University Charlotte recommend the following:

- **Reinforce security guards concern for student safety**

Be it resolved that: as our new Director of Campus Safety & Security takes office, he make student safety the primary goal of his team.

- **Implement Safety Programs**

Be it resolved that: The Safety & Security department in collaboration with other university departments put on more safety awareness programs for students.

Special Projects Committee

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■ Increase visibility among the student body

Be it resolved that: the Special Projects committee held at least one SGA awareness event per term next school year. The Dream Machine Promo in the fall Term, passing out candy canes in the winter term, and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the spring term. We did all these promotions along with many community service projects during this academic year.

Student Organization Oversight Committee

The Student Organization Oversight Committee, SOOC, has been put in charge by Student Activities to represent the student body voice in the process of approving new clubs to the petitioning status. This is a new committee for this academic school year.

■ Opened the lines of communication.

Be it resolved that: The members of the Student Organization Oversight Committee have reached out to student leaders from each organization to see how clubs felt about issues here on campus

■ Approval of new clubs to petitioning status

Be it resolved that: SOOC has approved various clubs this year including: The Slow Food Club, Charcuterie, Wildcats United, Ultimate Frisbee, Beauty & Natural Transitioners United, Aca-Awesome Wildcats, and helped with the reintroduction of the Fashion Society.

2013 - 2014 Agenda

- Summer 2013 Student Government Association Executive Cabinet Retreat

- September 2013 Senate Applications due
- October 2013 Senate Elections
- October 2013 Student Government Association Senate Retreat
- February – April 2014 Create and develop resolutions for the following academic year



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