



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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Annual Report

Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte

2014

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.



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Introduction

During the 2013-2014 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.”



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2013 – 2014 Accomplishments

Below are the 2013-2014 accomplishments. This is a section to acknowledge the hard work and dedication the Student Government Association has put forth this year. These are not all of our accomplishments just a select handful we are excited to highlight.

Green Week

Be it resolved that: The Academic Sub-Committee hosted a week of different initiatives to increase awareness and develop better environmentally friendly habits. Throughout the week SGA gave out water bottles, recycling bins, informative handouts, and stickers to people who joined in on our events. With this event we saw a spike in the use of our PepsiCo Dream Machine.

Print Stations

Be it resolved that: The Residential Life Department took the recommendation to add a station for 24 hour printing into consideration and have installed a print release station in Cedar Hall South and are looking into getting one at CityView Towers.

Fraternity & Sorority Life

Be it resolved that: The SGA alongside Student Activities has been working together on the development of Fraternity & Sorority Life here on campus and has announced the launch of it starting next academic year.

“Activate the Lawn”

Be it resolved that: SGA helped with the assembly of 40 Adirondack chairs to be placed in the Academic Center Courtyard. SGA believes the chairs are giving the Courtyard a more welcoming feel and are providing students and faculty a place to work or relax.

Pizza Delivery Night

Be it resolved that: The Campus Dining Center along with the Campus Dining Sub-Committee created an option for students that for one weekend SGA would come in and deliver pizza to students, this initiative provided visibility for SGA & the Campus Dining Center. For the weekend we delivered 160 pizzas during the 2 nights.

SGA 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Be it resolved that: For the third year in a row the Student Government Association has hosted a campus wide Easter Egg Hunt. Over the past three years, the Easter Egg Hunt has grown in size and recognition. This year SGA put out 720 colored eggs, 30 of those were golden eggs which allowed the recipient to come to the SGA office and win a hand packed prize basket.

Resolutions & Proposals

Below are the resolutions passed by SGA during this academic school year. Resolutions have become a vital part of our organization in better clarifying what we would like to see on our campus; and how along with other departments, through support and teamwork, we can achieve those goals.

Resolution No: 801.001 (*Classroom Chairs & Desks*)

Status: *Approved*

Summary: The Student Government Association was tasked by Executive Director Mark Norman to find a suitable replacement for the chairs and desks that are in the Academic Center classrooms. After voting the Senate decided that the chairs and desks that are in AC 535 are the best suitable for our students.

Next Steps: After meeting with Dir. Norman we have decided to go with the chairs in AC 535 and the desks that are in the Innovation Center. The next steps will be finding out if the desks that were selected can fit 40 to a classroom and if they can how many we can purchase.

Resolution No: 801.002 (*Campus Dress Code*)

Status: *Approved*

Summary: The Student Government Association was asked to take a look at the current campus dress. After considerations from students and the Senate we have passed this resolution with various changes to the campus dress code. The changes have now been sent to Vice President Malik for his considerations.

Next Steps: The next steps for this resolution are for it to be considered and changed for the new campus dress code that will take effect next school year.

Resolution No: 801.003 (*Student Organizations House of Representatives*)

Status: *Approved*

Summary: The Student Government Association created a House of Representatives for the clubs and organizations on campus. "The House of Representatives consists of official student clubs and organizations. Each official Johnson & Wales University club or student organization will elect one member to act as a representative in the House of Representatives."

Next Steps: The resolution was given to Matt Sharp and Student Activities for their considerations while helping the SGA form the Student Organizations House of Representatives.

Resolution No: 801.004 (*Honor Code Appropriations Proposal*)

Status: *Pending*

Summary: The Student Government Association has looked into the cost of marketing the new University wide honor code across campus. We are currently looking at pricing and how much money we have left at the end of the year to spend.

Next Steps: The SGA Senate will vote on whether or not to appropriate money on May, 6th

Resolution No: 801.005 (*Charging Stations Appropriations Proposal*)

Status: *Pending*

Summary: Over the past two years the Student Government Association has been looking into charging stations to put around the campus for our students to use to charge their electronic devices

Next Steps: The SGA Senate will vote on whether or not to appropriate money on May, 6th.

Committee Reports

In the below section you will read a more detailed report on what SGA has done over the past academic year. As you may or may not know, SGA consists of many committees which specifically work on projects for their area. Below are the yearly reports from those committees.

Administrative Committee

- **Development of The House of Representatives**

Be it resolved that: The Administrative Committee began working on writing a new part of our constitution for the House of Representatives. Along with the House of Representatives, they created The Speaker of the House position to oversee the House of Representatives. The Administrative committee has passed a resolution through the Senate for the House of Representatives; this is to lay framework for the House but to still allow Student Activities and the House itself to be a deciding factor. With this foundation, Student Activates will write what they deem necessary into the Student Organizations Handbook. The House of Representatives will be in effect during 2014-2015 academic school year.

- **Adjustment to Spring Elections**

Be it resolved that: The Administrative Committee has changed spring elections to include electing up to 15 Senators. This will ensure that SGA can start the year off strong with a seated Senate. The remaining open senate positions will be voted on in the fall.

Appropriations Committee

The Appropriations Committee had 18 committee meetings this year. Appropriations had \$15,000 for University Club Events, \$11,000 for University Approved Club Travel, and \$5,000 for Advisor Club Travel.

- **Funding for Student Activities Approved Events**

Funding was allotted for 23 University approved events totaling \$11,389.11. Funding was also approved for 11 club trips totaling \$13,758.06 (including a portion of University required advisor travel funds). The committee also denied funding for four University approved events and denied funding for three club travel trips.

University Approved Club Events	2012-2013	2013-2014
Funding Available	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 15,000.00
Total Funds Approved	\$ 14,222.42	\$ 11,389.11
Number of Total Event Funding Requests	37	29
Number of Total Approved Event Funding Requests	33	23

University Approved Club Travel (including Advisor expenses)	2012-2013	2013-2014
Funding Available	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,000.00
Total Funds Approved	\$ 16,663.00	\$ 13,758.06
Number of Total Club Travel Requests	11	14
Number of Approved Club Travel Requests	8	11
Number of Total Approved Travelers	88	71

- **Remaining Funds Allocation**

Be it resolved that: The Appropriations Committee has decided that remaining funds from the Student Government Association Appropriations account will be allocated to different initiatives that the SGA Senate sees fit to benefit the campus and the student body. We have taken these initiatives from various recommendations that were made to SGA.

Student Life Committee

The Student Life Committee is comprised of five Sub-Committees; the Academic Services, Campus Dining, Campus Safety & Security, Commuter and Residential Life.

Academic Services Sub-Committee

- **Earlier Computer Lab Hours**

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association understand the need for earlier computer lab hours for students in morning labs and 7:30 a.m. classes. After meeting with Linda Lambert the Academic Service Sub-committee believes that the computer labs should be open at 6:30 a.m. on days in which classes are in session.

- **Finals Prep**

Be it resolved that: The Academic Services Sub-committee is looking into more ways to help students prepare for finals with the help of Center for Academic Support

Campus Dining Sub-Committee

- **SGA Pizza Delivery Night**

Be it resolved that: The Campus Dining Committee arranged pizza delivery night with a free desert to students dorm rooms (Cedar Halls and CityView). Students called in to the Campus Dining Center and placed their order using their dinner swipe over the phone. There were 160 pizzas delivered for those two nights. To help with the promotion of our Campus Dining Twitter Town Hall there were flyers placed on the pizza boxes.

- **SGA Campus Dining Twitter Town Hall**

Be it resolved that: This was done to engage students in an effort to address their concerns and comments about the Campus Dining Center. We gained roughly 50 valuable responses that were giving to the Campus Dining Center.

Campus Safety & Security Sub-Committee

- **Implementation of Safety Programs**

Be it resolved that: The Campus Safety & Security department will be working on a jaywalking campaign to bring awareness to students about the danger of jaywalking.

- **Increase Visibility and Awareness**

Be it resolved that: The Campus Safety & Security Committee wants to make it known to the campus of the new command staff by hosting a cook off for the command staff to compete in.

Commuter Sub-Committee

- **Commuter Lounge**

Be it resolved that: At the beginning of the year, we originally had a plan to establish a commuter lounge. This would be an area for commuters to meet, rest, and relax. It would be a place only for commuters. However, after joining a few commuter focus groups, they didn't really seem interested in the idea of a lounge and we have decided to put that idea on hold.

- **Partnering with Student Activities**

Be it resolved that: We have joined forces with Student Activities to help plan commuter only events. We have been able to meet many new students and they love that we are focusing on them and them alone. In winter term, we held Bagel for Commuters, where we served breakfast items early in the morning for them. We then held an event and gave out water bottles in March. This was a way to introduce the new commuter logo that we designed earlier in the year.

Residential Life Sub-Committee

- **Hosting Open Forums**

Be it resolved that: During winter term, open forum events were hosted so students could voice their opinions, concerns, and complaints about living on campus. We had one for CHN and CHS and one for CVT. The average number of attendees at these open forums was around 15 per forum.

- **Longer Package Pick-up Hours**

Be it resolved that: The Residential Life department increased package pick-up hours for residents of CHN and CHS. Students really like being able to pick-up their packages during later hours because of schedules being so busy. Hours are now 8AM – 6PM.

Special Projects Committee

- **Increase Visibility Among the Student Body**

Be it resolved that: SGA held at least one awareness event each term; The Green Week, Holiday Greetings & Candy Canes, and the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. A huge thank you to Residential life for providing two special baskets. Promotion has also increased this year with the addition of our Twitter account (@JWUCLTSGA).

Student Organization Oversight Committee (SOOC)

- **Approval of New Clubs to Petitioning Status**

Be it resolved that: SOOC has met with approximately 20 students regarding new club applications. Along with approving organizations we on multiple occasions have reached out to current active organizations to see if there was anything we could help them in doing.

- **The Dissolving of SOOC**

Be it resolved that: Next year SOOC will eventually dissolve into the House of Representatives. The House of Representatives will be a group of student representatives from every club on campus who meet to discuss club techniques, tips, and what is best for our campus. The House of Representatives will be headed by the Speaker of the House. The Speaker of the House and Senate will work together to smooth the transition. The House of Representatives will take over the duties of SOOC with slight variation.

Proposed New Student Organizations	Date	SOOC Decision	Status
Cheerleading Club	9/17/2013	Approved	Became Tier 1
Gentlemen of Prestige	9/17/2013	Approved	Became Tier 1
Coffee Club	10/15/2013	Approved	Became Tier 1
Yoga Club	10/15/2013	Approved	Inactive as of 1/21/2014
Volleyball Club	10/15/2013	Approved	Inactive as of 2/8/2014
Charlotte Bobcat Ambassadors	11/12/2013	Approved	Inactive as of 2/20/2014
Charcuterie	11/12/2013	Approved	Inactive as of 2/14/2014
Wildcat Helping Hand	11/15/2013	Denied	Denied
Bowtie Club	11/15/2013	Denied	Denied
Rugby Club	12/17/2013	Approved	Inactive as of 4/8/2014
SHRM	12/17/2013	Approved	Became Tier 1
Yugioh	12/17/2013	Denied	Denied
AMA	1/15/2014	Approved	Became Tier 1
WOW	1/15/2014	Approved	Still Petitioning
Do It Yourself Fashion Club	1/15/2014	Approved	Still Petitioning
JWU Fight Club	1/15/2014	Approved	Still Petitioning
JWU Winterguard Club	2/11/2014	Approved	Still Petitioning

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 these people for their contribution to our mission:

Matt Sharp

Mark Norman

Melinda Law Westmoreland

Nicole Saunders

Tanaya Walters

SGA Senate

On Behalf of the Student Body the Executive Cabinet would like to acknowledge these people for their contributions to the lives of our students and the mentorship they provide. The names below were nominated for the SGA Mentor Award:

This award has been established to acknowledge and recognize one Johnson & Wales University faculty member or staff member who has continuously made a positive impact on the lives of the students. He or she has gone above and beyond the requirements of an employee and has placed himself/ herself in the role of a mentor.

Ann Marie Weldon

Kayla George

Stephanie Heupel

Armin Gronert

Kelly Patkus

Susan Batten

Cece Krelitz

Megan Lambert

Susan Flaherty

Courtney Hebdon

Mo Mostaghi

Thomas DeRosa

Fernanda Tate-Owens

Nicole Saunders

Howard Slutzky

Paul DeVries

2014 - 2015 Agenda

- Summer 2014 SGA Executive Cabinet Retreat
- September 2014 Fall Senate Applications Available
- October 2014 Fall Senate Elections
- October 2014 SGA Senate Retreat

