



Annual Report

Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte

2015

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 2014-2015 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 surveys 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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2014 – 2015 Accomplishments

Below are the 2014-2015 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.

SGA University Representation

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association has continued to work on its representation between the student body and the administration. We have done so by developing and strengthening our bonds within the Leadership Team and Operations Council; through these connections we have been offered opportunities to sit on the Dean’s Council, the Hiring Committee for the Campus President, and the Hiring Committee for the Director of Safety & Security.

House of Representatives

Be it resolved that: 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.” The House of Representatives has had 7 meetings with an average attendance of 25 students from 25 separate clubs. Clubs have brought up concerns including storage on campus, creating a constitution of the House of Representatives, and creating synergy.

2ND Annual Pizza Delivery Night

Be it resolved that: The Campus Dining Center along with the Campus Dining Sub-Committee continued the tradition of the Pizza Delivery Night. Students would order pizza from the Campus Dining Center using a meal swipe and then SGA would deliver the pizza to the students. This initiative provided visibility for SGA & the Campus Dining Center. This year, we delivered 209 pizzas in two nights and expanded from just being able to serve the Cedar Halls to City View Towers as well.

Tobacco Free Campus Panel Discussion

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association partnered with Health & Counseling Services to provide students with an open forum to talk about the Tobacco Free Campus Initiative. The panel included members who were students, the Director of Health Services, and a member from Central Piedmont Community College. The discussion brought up many good ideas including the safety and security for our students, and student health issues.

SGA 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Be it resolved that: For the fourth year in a row, the Student Government Association has hosted a campus wide Easter Egg Hunt. Over the past four years, the Easter Egg Hunt has grown in size and recognition. This year SGA hid over 1000 colored eggs, 30 of which 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: 801.006 (Water Bottle fillers in the Academic Center)

Status: *Passed*

Summary: The Student Government Association, in an effort to further pursue green efforts, supports the purchase and installation of water bottle fillers in the Academic Center. These water bottle fillers encourage students to reuse water bottles easily.

Next Steps: The Student Government Association will be working closely with the Operations Council and the Director of Facilities Management to develop a long term plan for the purchase and installation of the water bottle fillers.

Resolution No: 801.007 (Commuter Lounge)

Status: *Passed*

Summary: In an effort to provide a multi-purpose room for commuter students, the Student Government Association worked with Sara Bos to develop and execute a long term plan to refurbish the 4th Floor Student Lounge in the Academic Center into a Commuter Lounge. This new lounge will allow commuter students to have access to a kitchen to prepare food and clean dishes as well as a relaxing space to enjoy their down time while on campus.

Next Steps: During Commuter Appreciation Week, April 20th-24th, parts of the new Commuter Lounge will be revealed. The Commuter Lounge will be completed over the summer for a full reveal during Fall Term.

Resolution No: 801.008 (Extended Hours on Sundays in the Wildcat Center)

Status: *Pending*

Summary: The Student Government Association understands the need for extended hours on Sundays in the Wildcat Center. This will allow more opportunities for students to complete work study hours and utilize the fitness center.

Next Steps: The Residential Life Sub-Committee will meet with the Director of Athletics and Student Assistants to gain support for this resolution.

Senate Committee Reports

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

Administrative Committee

- **Major Constitutional Changes**

Be it resolved that: The Administrative Committee is currently revising our Constitution as our organization changes with the needs of our student body. This includes updating SGA's Executive Cabinet and Senate application process to include an online application, 25 student signatures, a faculty or staff letter of recommendation, and a student letter of recommendation. As well as adding the Speaker of the House, a new Executive Cabinet position, to the Constitution. Along with the Speaker of the House, they are working to add imperative information about the House's role in SGA to our Constitution.

Appropriations Committee

The Appropriations Committee is headed by the SGA Treasurer of the Student Government Association; the committee had three seated senators and had 18 committee meetings this year. Appropriations had \$10,000 for University Club Events and \$19,000 for University Approved Club Travel/Advisor Club Travel.

- **Funding for Student Activities Approved Events : *Internal Statistic***

Funding was allotted for 18 University approved events totaling \$9,096.11. Funding was also approved for 10 club trips totaling \$18,394.61 (including a portion of University required advisor travel funds). The committee also denied funding for three University approved events.

SGA Appropriations	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-015
Total Budget of SGA Appropriations	\$33,100.00	\$31,000.00	\$29,000.00
Total Budget for Club Events and Promotion	\$16,300.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total Budget for Club Travel (<i>including Advisors</i>)	\$16,800.00	\$16,000.00	\$19,000.00
Total Funds Remaining at the end of the year	\$2,214.58	\$5,852.83	\$1,509.28

University Approved Club Events and Promotion	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Total Budget for Club Events and Promotion	\$16,300.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total Funds Approved	\$14,222.42	\$11,389.11	\$ 9,096.11
Number of Total Funding Requests (<i>Events & Promotion</i>)	37	29	21
Number of Total Approved Funding Requests (<i>Events & Promotion</i>)	33	23	18

University Approved Club Travel (<i>including Advisor expenses</i>)	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Funding Available	\$16,800.00	\$16,000.00	\$19,000.00
Total Funds Approved	\$16,663.00	\$13,758.06	\$18,394.61
Number of Total Club Travel Requests	11	14	10
Number of Approved Club Travel Requests	8	11	10
Number of Total Approved Travelers	88	71	86

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

- **Water Bottle Fillers**

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association has heard students express interest in obtaining water bottle fillers, similar to the ones already located in the Wildcat Center, to be placed on each floor of the Academic Building. After speaking with the Director of Facilities Management, the Academic Sub-Committee believes that one water bottle filler should be placed on each floor of the Academic Building for the convenience of students.

- **Finals Preparation**

Be it resolved that: By partnering with the Center for Academic Support to spread the word about the End-of-Term Study Sessions, students have a better understanding of what the Center for Academic Support has to offer all Johnson & Wales students. Handing out the Student Government Association ‘Stay Sharp’ pencils during finals week encourages students to study additional hours for their exams while showing our support for them.

Campus Dining Sub-Committee

- **SGA Pizza Delivery Night**

Be it resolved that: The Campus Dining Committee arranged a pizza delivery night to residential halls including City View Towers and both Cedar Halls. Students called into the Campus Dining Center and placed their order using their dinner swipe over the phone. Members of SGA delivered 209 pizzas on the nights of Feb. 20th and 21st.

Campus Safety & Security Sub-Committee

- **Increased Awareness of Safety Programs/ Safety in general**

Be it resolved that: This year the Safety & Security Committee has created and posted flyers promoting safe travel and the safe walk program. The Committee also hosted a kick ball event so that the students could have a chance to meet Safety & Security members as well as ask questions and address any concerns they may have had.

Commuter Sub-Committee

- **Commuter Appreciation Week**

Be it resolved that: At the beginning of the year, the Commuter Committee originally wanted to have a day per term to appreciate commuters and all they go through to get to class. The Commuter Committee partnered with Sara Bos, Student Experience Coordinator, to set up a week in April for commuters to receive giveaways and to show that they are appreciated on our campus.

- **Commuter Lounge**

Be it resolved that: The Commuter Committee plans to establish a Commuter Lounge. This will be an area only for commuters to use to meet, rest, and relax. Again partnered with Sara Bos, the 4th Floor Student Lounge is currently undergoing the changes approved and will be completed by fall.

Residential Life Sub-Committee

- **Improvements Around Campus**

Be it resolved that: The Residential Life Committee has worked closely with James Minton, Director of Residential Life to create a better sense of a safe community and an ease of living in the residential halls. The committee is working on the following requests: Printer Station for Cedar Hall North, Water Bottle Filler station per building (CHN, CHS, and CVT), Weather Proof Stereo System for the Residential Quad area, College-style common room furniture (CHN & CHS Study Rooms Only), Improved lighting for City View Towers.

Special Projects Committee

- **Continuing Traditions**

Be it resolved that: The Special Projects Committee in effort to develop lasting traditions continues in its efforts to host annual events including: Green Week, Town Hall, and 4TH Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

House of Representative Report

In the section below you will read a detailed report on what the House of Representatives has done over the past academic year. As you may or may not know, the House of Representatives is a new initiative this year and a new branch of the Student Government Association. The Student Organization Oversight Committee (SOOC), which is comprised of members of the Senate, oversees these meetings. Below you will find the yearly report of this committee as well as the overall House of Representatives report.

Student Organization Oversight Committee (SOOC)

- **Approval of New Clubs**

Be it resolved that: SOOC has met with eight student organization applicants and approved six of the eight. Along with approving and denying clubs, SOOC chaired the House of Representatives meetings in which active student organizations were able to provide resources to one another and assist new organizations.

Proposed New Student Organizations	Date	SOOC Decision	Status
Residence Hall Association	10/1/2014	Approved	Became Tier 3
Future Business Leaders of America	10/6/2014	Approved	Became Tier 3
Latino Student Organization	10/22/2014	Approved	Became Tier 2
JWU Volleyball Club	10/29/2014	Denied	Already Inactive Club
JWU Basketball Club	10/30/2014	Approved	Became Tier 3
JWU Masters of Renaissance	11/5/2014	Approved	Became Tier 1
Lacrosse Club	2/4/2015	Approved	Became Tier 1
Co-Ed Cheerleading Club	4/7/2015	Denied	Denied
Caribbean Student Society	4/14/2015	Approved	Became Tier 1

- **Constitutional Review**

Be it resolved that: SOOC has drafted a House of Representatives section for the SGA Constitution. This section will outline the rules, regulations, positions, powers and much more to ensure the House of Representatives has a foundation to work with in the upcoming academic year.

- **Meetings**

Be it resolved that: The House of Representatives met with an average monthly attendance of 25 representatives from 25 different student organizations on campus. Through these meetings, student organizations voted on student organization applications, collaborated on events, gave one another advice on events and meetings, and discussed the Constitution.

- **Organizing to Act**

Be it resolved that: Representatives took it upon themselves to look in to an additional option for club storage. They formed a committee to meet and find a location on campus to store equipment, papers, binders, movies and other club essentials. While this space was not found this year, this committee will continue to work into the next academic year.

Recognition

The Student Government Association of Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte Campus would like to thank the administration, faculty, staff, and students for all of their support of this organization. We have thoroughly enjoyed working to make 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



SGA Executive Cabinet (left to right): Kelly Walters-Treasurer, Lawrence Borrmann-Speaker of the House, DJ Youngblood-Executive Vice President, Michael Martin-Student Body President, Kelley Vinson-former Speaker of the Senate, Ryan Hall-Secretary. Not Pictured: Stacy Hoblit-Speaker of the Senate

Campus Appreciation

The Executive Cabinet would like to acknowledge these people for their 2014-2015 contribution to our mission:

Matt Sharp
Mark Norman
Tanaya Walters

Rosa Le
Sara Bos
James Minton

SGA Senate
Paul Reinfeld

Nicole Saunders
Melinda Law-Westmoreland

Mentor Award

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 2014-2015 SGA Mentor Award:

Sara Bos
Tyler Elliott
Susan Flaherty

Kayla George
Jessica Jackson
Megan Lambert

Stacie MacArthur
Tarun Malik

Richard Pinder
Piyavan Sukalakamala

The Mentor 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.

2015 - 2016 SGA Agenda

- SGA Spring Elections: April 28 – 30, 2015
- September 2015 Fall Senate Applications Available
- October 2015 Fall Senate Elections
- October 2015 SGA Senate Retreat

