



# Annual Report

Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte

# 2015 - 2016

This report is a culmination of student surveys, student organization 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.



# Annual Report

## Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte Campus

### Introduction

During the 2015-2016 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, club and organization feedback, personal interviews with students, 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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# SGA Executive Cabinet

## 2015-2016



**Student Body President – Ryan Hall**

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**Executive Vice President – Briana Small**

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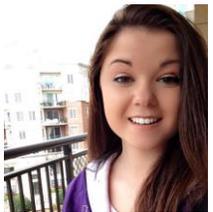
**Speaker of the Senate – Brandyn Lee**

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**Speaker of the House – Anna Wroblewski**

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**Treasurer – Paige Clark**

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**Secretary – Suzette Ramsey**

# SGA Goals & Initiatives

## 2015-2016 Start of Year

### External Goals

#### **Student Government Association** – Student Body President

- Promote and strengthen leadership skills and qualities within SGA officers and members, and think differently in a changing world.
  - **Sustainability:** re-visioning the Safety & Security Committee to become more focused on both the external and internal safety and wellbeing of students, and to have them promote the Pepsi-co Dream Machine.
  - **Governance:** educate and inform the student body regarding how the Student Government Association works and the importance of a student run self-governance system.
  - **Tough Talks:** encourage student dialogue on current social topics (i.e. equality, religion, etc.) to help inform SGA regarding JWU Charlotte student viewpoints and opinions.

#### **Student Life Committee** – Executive Vice President

*Consists of five subcommittees: Commuter Committee, Academic Committee, Residential Life Committee, Safety & Security Committee, and Dining Committee*

##### **Commuter Committee**

- Increase attendance of commuter students at athletic games

##### **Academic Committee**

- Assist Academics in creating a platform for mid-term student feedback for faculty

##### **Residential Life Committee**

- Increase satisfaction of upperclassmen students in City View Towers and the Cedar Halls

##### **Safety & Wellness Committee**

- Reformat Safety & Security Committee to focus on both the physical safety but also the health and wellness aspects of student lives

##### **Dining Committee**

- Enhance awareness of discounted dining options around campus and Charlotte; as well communicate changes in the Student Dining Center

### Internal Goals

#### **Administrative Committee** – Speaker of the Senate

- Develop greater campus knowledge and leadership skills within SGA

#### **House of Representatives/Student Organization Oversight Committee** - Speaker of the House

- Educate student organization leaders and campus community regarding the purpose, responsibilities and benefits of the House of Representatives

#### **Appropriations Committee** - Treasurer

- Educate student organization leaders regarding updated policies and procedures related to student organization funding

#### **Special Projects Committee** - Secretary

- Greater dissemination of important SGA, campus and community information to the student body, and receive information from the student body

# Progress on External Goals & Initiatives

**Sustainability:** Promote and increase usage of the Pepsi-Co Dream Machine

**What we have done:** We have partnered with the Student Alumni Association and Athletics to increase usage from all areas of campus. In particular, the Student Government Association has created a promotional table that sits in front of the Pepsi-Co Dream Machine each month to explain the benefits of its existence on our campus.

**Progress:** Continuing to be promoted and increasing usage each promotion. Our campus has jumped to Second place in the nation, in terms of usage.

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**Governance:** Educate students, faculty, and staff on the work that the Student Government Association has done over the course of the year, and its purpose on our campus.

**What we have done:** During our Fall Election we posted an infographic on survey results from interesting questions that we asked students. We also had a campaign in the Winter Term to reach out to students and ask if they were having any problems on campus and to inform us of these problems. At the end of this year, we are creating an “Annual Report” pamphlet for our students.

**Progress:** More Students understand the purpose of the Student Government Association and we have received more feedback from students than ever previously.

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**Tough Talks:** Sit a few students down and bring up a difficult conversation topic or situation that isn't talked about in typical conversation, because of strong emotions that can be brought up within the topics, and allowed students to discuss the issues.

**What we have done:** We have had three tough talks: one on Student Dress Code, one on Racial Tension, and one on the Presidential campaign.

**Progress:** The information for the Student Dress Code, had been presented to James Minton, Interim Dean of Students, and the Deans' Council. The information from the Racial Tension Tough Talk has been presented to James Minton, Interim Dean of Students, John Diggs, Director of Campus Safety & Security, and Amber Jolly, Assistant Director of Student Involvement & Leadership – Fraternity & Sorority Life and Diversity.

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**Commuter - Increase Attendance at Athletic Games:** Increase Commuter student attendance at Athletic games to increase morale, and to involve commuter students on campus in a way that didn't force them to participate.

**What we have done:** Discussed future plans with Sara Bos, and assisted in Commuter Student Programs.

**Progress:** This initiative was tabled, to allow more focus in initiatives that stressed more importance amongst students.

# Progress on External Goals & Initiatives (cont.)

**Academic - Mid-Term Evaluation:** Establish a Mid-Term Evaluation for 11-week segmented classes allowing professors to understand the particular needs of the class.

**What we have done:** Presented the idea at the Deans' Council and worked with the Faculty Caucus to prepare the Evaluation.

**Progress:** We are working with the Faculty Caucus to finish the Evaluation and implement trial runs to gauge the usefulness of the project.

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## Residential Life - Increased Satisfaction Amongst Residential

**Upperclassmen:** First find out what Residential Upperclassmen students are having issues with in the Residence Halls and work towards fixing the issue.

**What we have done:** Established a Town Hall to gauge the opinions of the Residential Upperclassmen.

**Progress:** This initiative was tabled, to allow more focus in initiatives that stressed more importance amongst students.

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**Safety & Wellness - Reformat Safety & Security Committee:** Re-envision the committee to focus on the internal and external well-being of students.

**What we have done:** Reached out to Health Services, Counseling Services, and Campus Safety & Security to assist in promoting the events that each department holds. We have presented the Healthy Choices 101 magazine in multiple classrooms and multiple events for Health Services; as well as had a seat on the Healthy Choices Task Force to give student feedback and opinion. We worked together with Counseling Services to promote SexEd Boot camp and assisted in planning events for Black History Month. We worked together with Campus Safety & Security to promote the Safety Classes offered, and promote the SafeWalk program.

**Progress:** We will continue to work with each of these departments to provide the safest environment with our students, and have looked into an application of the small corridor in City View Towers for usage of Safety & Security.

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**Dining - Dining Option Promotion:** to provide students with our discounted options of off-campus dining.

**What we have done:** We compiled a list of restaurants and fast-food locations that provides discounts to Johnson & Wales Students.

**Progress:** This initiative was tabled, to allow more focus in initiatives that stressed more importance amongst students.

# Transition

## *External Goals & Initiatives*

The Executive Cabinet believed that the organization was meant to be a voice for the Student Body and representatives of the Student Body. After the first term of this academic year concluded, the Executive Cabinet noticed that our organization was not structured to the core values, and goals, that the organization was founded on. Our organization was structured so that we would be working closer with departments and give Student Feedback, rather than work with Students to hear the issues that were concerns. In doing so, the Executive Cabinet transitioned our Student Life Committee to switch their focus from working with departments, to working on Goals & Initiatives.

Moving forward, the Goals & Initiatives for the coming year will be made with this structure in mind; each new Executive Cabinet and Senate will decide what important issues need to be handled and will establish committees that address the problems.

<b>Student Life Committee</b> <i>Prior to Transition</i>	<b>Student Life Committee</b> <i>Following Transition</i>
<b>Dining Committee</b>	<b>Sustainability Committee</b>
<b>Safety &amp; Security Committee</b>	<b>Safety &amp; Wellness Committee</b>
<b>Residential Life Committee</b>	<b>Mid-Term Evaluation Committee</b>
<b>Commuter Committee</b>	<b>Tough Talks Committee</b>
<b>Academic Committee</b>	<b>Town Hall Committee</b>

# Unforeseen Accomplishments

Below are the 2015-2016 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.

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## 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 with the Deans' Council, the Leadership Team and the Operations Council; through these connections we have been offered opportunities to sit on the Healthy Choices Task Force, the Hiring Committee for the new Dean of Students, and was a part of the selection committee for the NPHC organizations being brought to our campus.

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## Personal Feedback from Students

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association has continued to work on its representation between the student body and has had personal discussions with various students on campus to further understand the issues that have been unaware (a majority of these can be seen in the resolutions that we have passed).

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## Assistance with Library Services

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association has surveyed the students inside and outside of the Library in order to obtain feedback on improvements that could be made to the Library. With these results, we worked with Richard Moniz, Director of Library Services, to understand the viable options. These options were presented in a Resolution to Mark Norman, Director of Operations, with the Student Government Association's backing on these improvements.

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## Food Truck Rally: Elections Edition

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association has worked with the community to continue a great relationship. During our Spring Elections this year, the Student Government Association partnered with Papi Queso, Spoon's BBQ, and Cupcake Delirium over the course of three days. Each day, students whom voted could receive a \$3 voucher for any item at these three food trucks. This brought new customers to each of these independent businesses, and were satisfied from the results. This also helped promote the Student Government Association's Spring Elections.

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## Surveyed Dining Services

Be it resolved that: The Student Government Association had hosted a Town Hall in the Student Dining Center to understand the issues that students had within the department. Along with gaining great feedback from students, we were also able to promote the accomplishments that had been over the course of the year, and promote our organization to future student leaders.

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# Resolutions

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.

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**Resolution** No: 801.005 (Removal of Butt Bin)

**Status:** *Passed*

**Summary:** In an effort to promote our campus to potential students, maintain in good-standing with the community, and continue to practice the initiative of a Tobacco-Free campus we came together and placed this resolution in the hands of Glenn Hamilton, Director of Facilities. This resolution was established to remove the Cigarette Disposal Unit on the corner of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and South Cedar Street, in front of Cedar Hall North, and replace it with a Tobacco-Free Campus sign.

**Next Steps:** The Student Government Association is continuing to work with the Health Services department to promote a Tobacco-Free Campus.

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**Resolution** No: 801.006 (Teaching Assistant Job Application)

**Status:** *Passed*

**Summary:** In an effort to provide a fair opportunity to all students, we backed the College of Culinary Arts decision to change the Teaching Assistant Application (for the College of Culinary Arts). These changes included removing the necessity to continue on with a Food Service Management degree to pursue the Teaching Assistant position.

**Next Steps:** This will allow students who are continuing on with their degree in the new majors provided by the School of Business, to become Teaching Assistants; this will also allow students to choose any new majors that may be provided by the University to pursue the Teaching Assistant Position as long as they have completed their Associate's Degree within the College of Culinary Arts.

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**Resolution** No: 801.007 (Library Upgrades)

**Status:** *Pending*

**Summary:** In an effort to promote our Library Services and benefit the students who currently use them. We have worked with the Director of Library Services, Richard Moniz, and presented this to Director of Operations, Mark Norman, to make important upgrades to the educational atmosphere for our Students.

**Next Steps:** These proposed changes will be discussed within a committee to allow for the best options with an established budget in mind.

# Resolutions (cont.)

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**Resolution** No: 801.008 (To-Go Boxes)

**Status:** *Tabled*

**Summary:** In an effort to promote a more sustainably campus, this resolution asks the Student Dining Center to remove their paper system of redeeming the “green shells” (to-go boxes), and establishing/switching to an electronic system. This would make it more simplistic for the students and the Dining Center to conduct business, as well as collect data from student usage.

**Next Steps:** This resolution was tabled until more information could be established on the viability of an electronic system that the Student Dining Center could transition into.

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**Resolution** No: 801.009 (Olympiad Event)

**Status:** *Passed*

**Summary:** In an effort to promote a more sustainable campus, this resolution proposes a “Recycling Wars” event to be added to the Olympiad Games, and was sent to Student Involvement & Leadership’s First Year Experience sub-department.

**Next Steps:** The Student Government Association will assist in idea-creating, or brainstorming, the viable options that First-Year Experience could impose to complete the event.

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**Resolution** No: 801.010 (Student Assistant Compensation)

**Status:** *Passed*

**Summary:** In an effort to understand the Student Position more clearly, this resolution places the Student Government Association’s backing on the Financial Search in surrounding areas for similar positions of the Student Assistant. This is being conducted after numerous students and alumni have mentioned the difficulties associated with the Student Assistant positions, and the compensation not represented in the amount of work.

**Next Steps:** Along with the Campus Human Resources Manager, Tracy Smith. Now Campus Human Resources are conducting personal feedback discussions with students who have held or currently hold the title of Student Assistant, to gain insight into each of the positions.

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**Resolution** No: 801.011 (Safety & Security Watch at City View Towers)

**Status:** *Passed*

**Summary:** Student Government Association’s Safety & Wellness committee has been working in coordination with City View Towers to propose weekend enforcement in the small location at the Pine-Street Door Entrance. This lists a Johnson & Wales-employed Safety & Security Officer to look over the entrance at the south-side of the building, and a SunState-contracted Security Officer to look over the desk.

**Next Steps:** Has been sent to Safety & Security Director, John Diggs, and we are expecting some progress on the initiative in the coming months.

# Progress on Internal Goals & Initiatives

In the below section you will read a more detailed report on what the Student Government Association Senate's Internal Committees (Administrative, Appropriations, Special Projects, and Student Organization Oversight Committee) has done over the past academic year. These committees are to remain the same each year, and assist in making the Student Government Association run smoothly and be able to complete its tasks. As you may or may not know, the Student Government Association consists of many committees which specifically work on projects in their area. Below are the yearly reports from the committees that work to keep our organization in the best condition possible.

## 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 requirements. Previously the Student Body President, Executive Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, and Treasurer required at least 22 weeks as a seated Senator to apply for the position. We decreased the required amount of time to 11 weeks for our Speaker of the Senate and Treasurer positions.



# Appropriations Committee

The Appropriations Committee is headed by the SGA Treasurer of the Student Government Association; the committee has four seated senators and had 16 meetings this year. Appropriations had \$18,000 for Student Organization Events & Promotional Items and \$15,000 for University Approved Student Organization Travel.

**Funding for University Approved Events/Student Organization Travel: *Internal Statistic***  
 Funding was allotted for twenty-nine University approved events totaling \$13,656.11. Funding was also approved for nine club trips totaling \$15,000 (including a portion of University required advisor travel funds). The committee also denied funding for three University approved events.

SGA Total Appropriations	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<b>Total Budget of SGA Appropriations</b>	\$31,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$33,000.00
<b>Total Budget for Student Org. Events and Promotional Items</b>	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$18,000.00
<b>Total Budget for Student Org. Travel (including Advisors)</b>	\$16,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Funds Remaining at the end of the year (as of 4.15.16)</b>	<b>\$5,852.83</b>	<b>\$1,509.28</b>	<b>\$4,343.89</b>

University Approved Student Org. Events and Promotion	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<b>Total Budget for Student Org. Events and Promotional Items</b>	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$18,000.00
<b>Total Funds Approved</b>	\$11,389.11	\$9,096.11	\$13,656.11
<b>Number of Total Funding Requests (Events &amp; Promotion)</b>	29	21	32
<b>Number of Total Approved Funding Requests (Events &amp; Promotion)</b>	23	18	29

University Approved Student Org. Travel (including Advisor expenses)	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<b>Funding Available</b>	\$16,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Funds Approved</b>	\$13,758.06	\$18,394.61	\$15,000.00
<b>Number of Total Student Org. Travel Requests</b>	14	10	9
<b>Number of Approved Student Org. Travel Requests</b>	11	10	9
<b>Number of Total Approved Travelers</b>	71	86	68

# Special Projects Committee

## Promotion of Student Government Association

Be it resolved that: The Special Projects Committee in effort to develop lasting traditions continues in its efforts to host nationally recognized events such as: National Popcorn Day, Mardi Gras, National Lollypop Day.

## Continuing Tradition

Be it resolved that: The Special Projects Committee in effort to develop lasting traditions continues to coordinate annual events: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pizza Delivery Nights, and all the marketing for our Elections (including coordination with Food Trucks).

## Coordinating Town Halls

Be it resolved that: The Special Projects Committee in effort to receive feedback from students in regards to individual issues, has coordinated Town Halls:

### Academic Town Hall

The Academic Town Hall was conducted in various classrooms by Senators and Executive Cabinet Members. During the Town Hall, the Senators and Executive Cabinet members discussed the new majors that have the possibility of being brought to campus. They were also able to receive feedback surveys on what improvements can be made in regards to Academics.

### Dining Center Town Hall

The Dining Center Town Hall was conducted in the Student Dining Center by Senators and Executive Cabinet Members. During the Town Hall, the Senators and Executive Cabinet members discussed the various things that the Student Government Association has been working on throughout the year. They were also able to receive feedback surveys on what improvements can be made in regards to the Student Dining Center.

### City View Towers Town Hall

The City View Towers Town Hall was conducted in the front lobby of City View Towers by Senators and Executive Cabinet Members. During the Town Hall, the Senators and Executive Cabinet members discussed the various things that the Student Government Association has done throughout the year. They were also able to receive feedback surveys on what improvements can be made in regards to upper-classman living, and how students become less involved as they get older.

# 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 Student Organizations

Be it resolved that: Through the House of Representatives, SOOC reviewed eight student organization applicants and oversaw the approval of six of the eight. Along with the oversight of 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	House of Representatives Decision
Co-Ed Volleyball	Approved
Ice Chippers	Approved
Pinterest Craft Club	Approved
Mixed Martial Arts Club	Approved
Get Fit Club	Denied
JWU Masters of Renaissance	Denied
Love Your Melon	Approved
Softball Club	Approved

### 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.

### House of Reps Meetings

Be it resolved that: The House of Representatives met with an average monthly attendance of 45 representatives from 45 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.

### House of Representatives Outlook

Be it resolved that: With this section of the organization growing, there has been a gracious opportunity for additional responsibility as granted by Student Involvement & Leadership. Over the course of the past ten years, Student Involvement & Leadership has claimed a small percentage of funds that had been acquired through Panthers' Parking in Lot B. This has grown throughout the years and has now become a large fund that will be used by the House of Representatives in the coming years. Each year the House of Representatives will be given \$2500 to use to the benefit of all organizations (as seen fit by the House of Representatives). This has been structured as a five-year plan, but to increase longevity in the funding, there will be no rollover from year-to-year.

# SGA Community Service

## Junior Achievement:

SGA has taken it upon ourselves to give back to the Charlotte community by using our skill set to help teach future leaders. With Junior Achievement, our organization knows this is the best way for us to volunteer. We want to help teach and provide skills for our future leaders, and believe that with our experience within the Student Government Association, that we have the skill set to provide leadership and development exercises with our youth. We have done two training hours and have ten volunteers for the Junior Achievement program “JA in a Day.” Groups of two volunteers will go into classrooms at Burns Academy and teach the students lessons from our teaching kits provided by Junior Achievement. Our volunteer day will be April 29, 2016 and each of our volunteers will be completing a minimum of 3 hours. We plan to make this initiative an annual event for SGA to continue to give back.



# 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** (begin top-left, going clockwise): Anna Wroblewski-Speaker of the House, Brandyn Lee-Speaker of the Senate, Paige Clark-Treasurer, Suzette Ramsey-Secretary, Ryan Hall-Student Body President, Briana Small-Executive Vice President

## Campus Appreciation

**The Executive Cabinet would like to acknowledge these people/committees for their 2015-2016 contribution to our mission:**

Amber Jolly	Jerry Lanuzza	Monica McGuire	Stacie MacArthur
Barry Gavasto	John Diggs	Nicole Saunders	Stephanie Heupel
Chris Plano	Karen Hiney	Paul Reinfeld	Stephen Byrd
Chuck Charles	Kelly Patkus	Richard Moniz	Tanaya Walters
David Jewell	Kelsie Droppa	President Robert Mock	Vice President Tarun Malik
Emina Smailagic	Mark Norman	Rosa Le	Tracy Smith
Glenn Hamilton	Matt Sharp	Sara Bos	Tyler Elliott
James Minton	Melinda Law-Westmoreland	SGA Senate	Stacie MacArthur
Healthy Choices Task Force	Dean’s Council	Operations Council	Charlotte Leadership Team

# Future of the Student Government Association

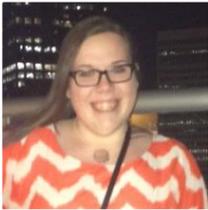
## 2016-2017



### Student Body President – Briana Small

“I hope to bring a greater morale to the student body as well as leading our organization with my SGA knowledge and experience to overall success and happiness for a better future.”

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### Executive Vice President – Anna Wroblewski

“I look forward to hearing all the voices of our Student Body to make this University an even better place.”

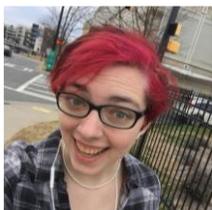
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### Speaker of the Senate – Jennifer Brooks

“I am excited to take on this role as Speaker of the Senate and serve Johnson & Wales University. I am also extremely excited to put my years of parliamentary procedure to good use by helping the rest of Senate and student body have a greater understanding of the process.”

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### Speaker of the House – Emma Beamer

“I want to help grow and develop the community between the student organizations.”

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### Treasurer – Paige Clark

“I want to aid the development of the connection between Student clubs/Organizations and the Senate. I hope to help to create a more transparent governing body for the Charlotte campus.”

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### Secretary – Sydney Carle

“I know of all the great things that the Student Government Association does, and am excited to take on this role of promotion. I want the students to know all the great things we do, and am excited to have my contributing part.”