



Gonzaga Student Body Association

President's Council

End of Semester Report

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Description and Membership

Academic Council

The Academic Council discusses programs, curriculum, policies and procedures concerning the Division of Academic Affairs. Representatives serve on one of four subcommittees: Assessment, Policy and Planning, Curriculum, and Program Review.

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Academic Integrity Board

The Academic Integrity Board consists of faculty, undergraduate, and graduate students who are responsible for formulating the new Academic Integrity Policy and reviewing violations to the University's academic integrity policies.

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Athletic Council

The Athletic Council provides guidance and assistance to the University President and the director of Athletics regarding all aspects of the University's intercollegiate athletics, intermural programs, and recreational sport offerings. This council serves as the conduit for information, questions, and concerns between Athletics and the student body.

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Parking Citation Review Board

The Parking Citation Review Board resolves disputed parking tickets, increases transparency, and ensures fairness through contest ticket review by a panel of peers.

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Security Council

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Student Advisory Board of Foley Library

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Student Advisory Board of the John J. Hemmingson Center

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Student Media Board

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University Budget Committee

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Undergraduate Professional Development Grant Committee

The grant committee assists in selecting recipients of the Undergraduate Professional Development Grant. The UPDG is a student-run initiative that provides funding opportunities for professional development towards students who identify as first-generation/low-income. Some of these items include fees for tests, flights to/from conference, attire for interviews, and more. The UPDG provides access to these opportunities that are essential for students' competitiveness and success post-graduation.

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Committee Reports

Academic Council

October: The Program Review subcommittee met on October 29th to go over the current operational procedures. Most of the meeting was an overview of the current written procedures. We discussed what could be changed about them and what needed to be updated. The membership section needs to be updated, as well as some other minor parts. We discussed simplifying the procedures and looking at what other councils and committees are doing for reference. We will plan our next meeting by email within the next month. We are also working on the Academic Review calendar and which programs will be reviewed and when. For the Assessment Committee we met and talked about what the agenda for the year will be and what exactly the committee does. The other council members then split up to talk about their individual work and I was left with nothing to do so the head told me that I was allowed to go. The other members of Academic council and I were told not to attend the first meeting as we all had class during the time, thus I do not have any knowledge on the others and their actions.

No report for November.

Academic Integrity Board

October: We met once and went over the current state of the policy. Kathryn and I provided some input and asked questions about our role and how the policy has been implemented up to this point.

November: We attended an academic integrity hearing for a graduate student who had been accused of a policy violation. We were able to contribute to the hearing and help with the decision.

Athletic Council

October: In October, the committee had its first meeting. We started with introductions. Then we had a guest speaker, Rian Oliver (Compliance), come and speak with us about the ongoing FBI investigation regarding men's college basketball. It was very informative, especially knowing that Kansas may have a player who may be in trouble, but the NCAA cannot do anything until the FBI allows them. Shannon Strahl then gave an update about GU athletics and how they are doing. Mike Roth gave an update about the WCC and a meeting he went to two weeks before the meeting. The main topic of this was the change of schedule for men's basketball effective this season. Faith Smith gave a SAAC update: 600 + pounds of candy collected for truck or treat, SAAC representatives will be nominating two students from each team for Zags helping Zags

where they will be trained and a contact point for their teammates, SAAC Media Chair created a senior spotlight where every month, a different senior will be chosen to highlight on social media. Tito Howell gave Kennel Club Update: promotions to get students to women's games, dorm-storm advertising, ticket distribution is now a 5 pm.

No report for November.

Council of Equity, Inclusion, and Intercultural Awareness

October: The Council of Equity, Inclusion, and Intercultural Awareness has had one meeting since Tara and I have been appointed to President's Council, which took place on October 15th. Current conflict arose in the council about what the purpose and mission of our council is. We spent most of the meeting debating what our values, concerns, and goals as a council are, as well as, whether we are a reactive or proactive council in regard to what actions we take as a council. We discussed membership and several other aspects of the council. We then split up into committees. Tara was on the mission and value committee and I was on the membership clarity committee. Tara's committee discussed similar concepts and questions to the membership clarity group. Tara's committee discussed their direct access to the President and concluded that the council has a role in helping students and faculty in terms of equity, inclusion, and intercultural awareness as well as a proactive role. They understood that we as a council have higher reach or access to areas of Gonzaga that can act based off of our feedback. My group talked about the role of students and faculty on the council, as well as whether we needed more representation from students. We expressed our frustrations with the unfruitful progress the council has made and decided that our role was to help improve faculty diversity and retention as well as focus our work on classroom and residence hall environment. We are now researching the structures of other working groups/councils at different universities to better structure our own.

No report for November.

Green Fund Council

October: For the past month, we have met with one another and got to know each other at a meeting on October 5. Otherwise, we have not met since. Unfortunately, there were no Green Fund submissions for the first round. As a result, we didn't need to come together to look at presentations because no applications were filed. We're hoping that we'll get more applications in the next round.

No report for November.

Parking Citation Review Board

October: So far on the Parking Review and Citation Board, we reviewed a total of 28 violators in the past two weeks. Most violator's appeals were rejected because their excuses didn't meet standards. Most of the violators had the same excuse. It was either that their parents had drove their car into the wrong parking spot, or that they couldn't see the sign that it was a no parking zone. We tried to treat each case with an open mindset however the excuses were repetitive. I was surprised that students who are juniors and seniors actually found themselves in these types of situations. For example, one thought it was alright to park in Tilford without a permit and another parked somewhere near a parking lot yet, they didn't park in an area designated for parking. Nonetheless, there were instances that the appeal was approved, though not frequently. Five out of twenty-eight people were able to get their appeals approved.

No report for November.

Security Council

No report for October and November.

Student Advisory Board of Foley Library

October: At our first meeting (which is the only one we have had) we did introductions with Paul and he gave us a brief overview of the history of the library and the upgrades they have done in the past years (like the new classrooms and study rooms). He then talked to us about how this board was created recently, and about past projects. He explained to us how last year the board was involved heavily in making electronics (like laptops, chargers, etc.) available for students to check out in the library for all their studying needs. He also explained to us the different events that Foley puts on, like the most recent Frankenstein party, and our opinions on other events they could hold. We ended the meeting brainstorming ideas on how we could get more students, faculty and staff knowledgeable about the library's resources and how we could get everyone at GU more involved with events that may be put on in the future.

November: During our November meeting we discussed ideas on how to better educate the library's resources to Gonzaga's student body. This included working on more student involvement with events held within the library, technology trainings on online library resources, and putting library resources on blackboard to make them more easily available. We also discussed how to better advertise for the library with flyers posted in forms and free swag given out to students. Because finals produce a major population inside the library, we brainstormed

events that could take place to give students a little break, or help encourage them. We came up with a possible library yoga event and distress kits for students to grab with snacks and other things. The most exciting thing we came up with in my opinion was the senior end of the year late-night library rave. Where tickets could be purchased by seniors, and they could enjoy a night of fun in the basement of the library. This could promote more involvement and excitement when it came to the student's opinion on the library.

Student Advisory Board of the John J. Hemmingson Center

No report for October and November.

Student Media Board

October: In the past month we have attended board meetings with the Student Media Board. Present at these meetings is Annie, Ryan, and I along with several members of the Gonzaga Staff and Student Media Staff. We review budgets and discuss changes that need to be made. Recently we had been discussing the change in the student media fee and how this would be fair for the Student here at Gonzaga but also those students working within Student media and how their wages are affected. After quite a bit of thought and discussion the decision was made to change the Student Media fee with the continuing consideration of searching for other avenues of funding for the future. We have also begun discussing the changes we should make to the charter under which Student Media operates. We have found that it is too broad and can cause some problems and confusion at times. Each of these projects is discussed at our board meeting and final choices are voted on by the appropriate members or further looked into by voluntary committees.

No report for November.

University Budget Committee

October: We both sit on the University Budget Committee as the student liaisons. In our one meeting so far, we listened as the annual budget was broken down and explained, including current projections, how it has evolved throughout the years, and what Gonzaga looks like in comparison to other Jesuit and Washington Universities. Most of the meeting was informative - we sat and listened to what was being said but did not speak up beyond asking maybe a few clarifying questions. More than anything, our role in being part of this committee is to represent student body perspective as the overall budget is discussed. This includes drawing upon our experience as students as well as our experience as Treasurer and Director of Finance, in which we manage student body funds. Ultimately, our decision-making power may be small, but we have some influence in inserting our voices into discussion.

November: This month we discussed the potential budget for next year, including a raise in tuition which could be as high as 5% (Thayne prefers not to raise it more than 4.5%). They suspect the raise will be between 4.5-5%. They'll be presenting to the Board of Trustees this month to review and Thayne will also be looking over it. We also compared our tuition increase to our other Jesuit peers. We are on the lower end of the raise. They also discussed class sizes and how they predict it. They are expecting that next year's freshman class will follow the current trend of around 1200, unlike the next 2 graduating classes are the largest to graduate from GU. They also discussed discounts and how they could take in less tuition if the class has more people who need it or get higher scholarships. There is no cap on the limits for need or merit scholarships.

Undergraduate Professional Development Grant Committee

No report for October.

November: At this first committee meeting, we discussed the history and creation of the grant, the application process, and we were given an update on the endowment. Currently, the grant sits at \$36,450.12. We have approximately \$14,000 left to reach endowment, but we are able to give out \$2,500 for Spring 2019. We reviewed the application on Zagactivities and decided the grants deadline will be February 1st at 5:00 PM. Since the grant is not endowed, our review process will be a lot different. Instead of having a rolling application process, we have a single deadline where we will be giving up to \$500 per applicant. After the deadline has passed, the committee has agreed to meet for a 2 to 3-hour period on a weekday to review applications. At the beginning of our February meeting, we will need to establish guidelines in reviewing these applications.