

Have any ideas?

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Contact the **SGA Senate**
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You can also visit the Senate's webpage to find out more about the initiatives that are being worked on now (my.umbc.edu/groups/sga).

In addition, please feel free to attend Senate meetings on Mondays at 5:30PM in Commons 318.

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SOS Leadership and Unit Objectives

2010-2011

1. **Development: Stephanie Chan**
 - a. Develop and deliver/coordinate trainings for student orgs and their leaders to help them
 - i. Start up
 - ii. Grow/Recruit Membership
 - iii. Schedule
 - iv. Finance/Fundraise
 - v. Publicize
 - vi. Manage resources/relationships
 - vii. Social change
2. **Collaboration: Saqib Ashraf w/Naomi Jackson (Staff Coordinator)**
 - a. Develop and manage a network of organization liaisons that will communicate with VPSO and each other.
 - b. Compile Communication into a report for VPSO and submit document for publication on VPSO Page of SGA website by PR Staff
3. **Document Review: Erica Jones**
 - a. Coordinate the revision of student org. constitutions and bylaws with the Supreme Court and other students
 - b. Help the organizations improve guiding documents to better fit the needs and desires of their members and leaders
4. **Special Projects & Finance: Vladislav Azimhodjaev & Michelle Wong**
 - a. Develop and implement the online tutorials, youtube videos and screenviews of SGA/Student Org. processes for the students, student organizations and student leaders
 - b. Help student organizations look over their proposals to prevent requests that are impossible to fund due to policy and inform them of Finance Board practices and preferences
5. **Statistics and Research: Timb Mantegna**
 - a. Coordinate the supervision and support of student research that generates knowledge which will contribute to the betterment of student organizations or the SGA and its policies affecting student organizations
 - b. Assist the VPSO in finding/developing statistics about SGA and Student Organizations in order to guide the development and/or revision of new programs, initiatives and policies.

Student Organization Support Staff (SOS)

The SOS is a department of UMBC's Student Government Association, led by the Vice-President of Student Organizations. The staff is dedicated to improving the effectiveness of student organizations and the experience of their student members. With five specialized units, the SOS addresses a wide variety of issues facing student organizations and allows for staff members at all levels to pursue personal interests in changing campus life. The department also offers a range of trainings and workshops on leadership development, SGA policies and procedures, professional development and advocacy. We are recruiting undergraduate students of all types, and there is no experience necessary to gain a position. Our existing units are listed below with a brief description of their mission.

1. Development:

The Development Unit's focus is developing and delivering educational tools and resources to help student organizations and leaders be as effective as possible. Some projects to look out for: tools to help students start clubs, recruit members and raise funds for initiatives.

2. Collaboration:

This unit's priority is to facilitate a more transparent and collaborative relationship between the SGA and student organizations as well as *between* the student organizations themselves. Some of their initiatives include developing and sharing online tools and resources for information-sharing and developing a network of liaisons between student organizations and the SGA.

3. Document Review:

The Document Review Unit is responsible for helping students and organizations draft, revise and understand the policies and documents under which student organizations must operate. These advocates will work with the SGA's Supreme Court, receive trainings on the processes and policies that often confuse student organization leaders and help prevent conflicts and violations of policy.

4. Special Projects & Finance:

Special Projects and Finance advocates will work closely with student organizations to help them make the most of their finances, pursuing SGA funding and/or fundraising independently. They will also handle unique short-term initiatives that address special issues as they arise.

5. Statistics and Research:

Advocates involved in this unit will support students in generating knowledge that will benefit the advancement of student organizations or SGA policy effectiveness.

SOS Progress: September/October

1. **Development: Stephanie Chan**
 - a. Creating a video tutorial for starting a student organization
 - b. Working with Leadership Consultants to create their leadership conference
 - c. Began working on Leadership Lunch Series
2. **Collaboration: Saqib Ashraf w/Naomi Jackson (Staff Coordinator)**
 - . Assisting the Office of Academic Affairs with the Academic Organizations Conference
 - a. Developing SOS blog
 - b. Developing student organization liaison network
3. **Document Review: Erica Jones**
 - a. Revised several student organization constitutions
 - b. Developed constitution revision system and training for Document Review staff
4. **Special Projects & Finance: Vladislav Azimhodjaev & Michelle Wong**
 - a. Researched the feasibility of the Guinness World Records Project
 - b. Currently researching feasibility of UMBC Records Project
 - c. Assisting with the 'Make It' program in the Treasurer's office
 - d. Has begun making all Finance Board requests available for Finance Board members for review on Fridays before meeting
 - e. Will begin posting Finance Board decisions/legislation on the 'Finance' tab of SGA myUMBC group this week
5. **Statistics and Research: Timb Mantegna**
 - a. Developing a list of student organizations and their funding status for the Finance Board and the Collaboration Unit
 - b. Developing a list of student organization meeting times/locations/dates
 - c. Researching the impact of events held in residential buildings on commuter students and students on ResLife probation