A full year has sped by since I took office as president of the Student Government Association, and while the year has been extremely busy, I could not be more proud of all that SGA has accomplished.

Throughout the year, we placed a significant focus on increasing SGA’s reach and accessibility to the student body. To this end, we launched a new SGA website, added liaisons from additional student organizations and student constituencies, emailed all students our quarterly newsletters, conducted large scale student surveys, established “SGA hours,” and exponentially increased SGA’s following on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We spent the summer meeting with more than 300 faculty, staff and administration members. To ensure we were well informed and could represent students to the fullest extent possible, we worked diligently to expand our representation on university advisory boards, committees, councils and task forces. In the course of one year, we went from serving on 13 boards to 41.

In the fall, our attention turned to the budget meetings. The effects of our advocacy for educational affordability became evident when the university eliminated course and class fees and increased tuition at the most moderated rate in recent history.

This winter, we were part of a team of 24 departments and student organizations that successfully executed the first ever Blue Demon Week. We could not be more thrilled to have been a part of creating this new DePaul tradition.

The spring brought us back to Springfield, where we delivered 2,073 postcards signed by members of the DePaul community asking legislators to increase funding to Illinois’ Monetary Award Program. We participated in Governor Quinn’s #MAPMatters rally to make the student voice heard in the Capitol. As part of this same effort, SGA also worked with Financial Aid to ensure that students completed the FAFSA. Due to our joint efforts, more students than ever met the deadline.
Throughout the year, we continued our efforts to make course evaluation data accessible to students, with a specific focus on the College of Science and Health and the Driehaus College of Business. We are happy to announce the College of Science and Health voted to move forward with making their course evaluations accessible, and we are anticipating a vote in the Driehaus College of Business before the end of the year.

Along the way we also saw the SGA proposed double-sided printing program become a university-wide sustainability effort and revamped the student commencement speaker process. We rebranded the Vinnie Van off-campus shuttles and participated in the Vice President for Student Affairs Search. We worked with Facility Operations to centralize the room reservation process and determine the allocation of the annual sustainability fund. Our senators facilitated forums in every college to ensure that students had the opportunity to meet with their Deans and we provided students with many opportunities to voice their concerns at our Mix and Mingles, Health Forums and “Let’s Talk Ventra” event.

These are just a few of SGA’s many accomplishments from this past year, and we invite you to read this newsletter for a more comprehensive list. Together we made a difference in the student experience this year, and we would like to thank all of the faculty, staff and administration who have helped us throughout the year to make these goals realities. We look forward to seeing what SGA accomplishes in years to come.

Go Blue Demons! »

Casey Clemmons
President, Student Government Association
SGA continued efforts to advocate for the restoration of funding to Illinois’ Monetary Award Program (MAP). This year we designed postcards for students, faculty and staff to complete to send to their legislators asking them to Restore MAP and to Revive Illinois. These postcards were distributed to 127 academic departments and offices across the university and signed by students at three MAP Advocacy Days hosted by SGA at the Lincoln Park and Loop campuses. In total, 2,100 postcards were signed by members of the DePaul community.

SGA members, and other MAP recipients, then went to Springfield in April to deliver all of the postcards to 96 Representatives and 40 Senators, almost all of the members of the Illinois General Assembly. While in Springfield we attended Governor Quinn’s #MAPMatters Rally and SGA’s vice president spoke on the importance of MAP for all students in Illinois.

SGA also continued advocating for student accessible course evaluations this year. SGA surveyed 958 students in the Driehaus College of Business and 512 students in the College of Science and Health about their course evaluation practices and preferences. The results of these surveys were invaluable in presentations to faculty about the need to move forward with this initiative. In May, we were thrilled when the College of Science and Health voted to adopt student accessible course evaluations. We also spent the year presenting to every department in the College of Business and are optimistic, based on our final presentation to the full faculty of the college that the college will be moving forward with the initiative too.
This year was a productive one for the Academic Affairs Committee. The committee started the year by offering to serve as a Campus Connect Advisory Board on a monthly basis. In this capacity, the committee began working with Student Records to review changes being rolled out, and proposed changes that could further enhance Campus Connect.

Student concerns about DePaul’s study abroad experiences also were solicited. These concerns were brought to the attention of the Study Abroad Office and are in the process of being addressed. Additionally, members of the Academic Affairs Committee met with advising leadership in each college. This created new beneficial relationships with members of the advising staff and provided SGA with appropriate channels through which to address college-specific advising concerns. Members of the Academic Affairs Committee also began sitting on DePaul’s Academic Integrity Board. In this role, committee members sat on the board that reviews cases in which students are believed to have violated DePaul’s Integrity Policy. Members of this board analyzed relevant, case specific information and helped in determining disciplinary actions.

The executive vice president for Academic Affairs also represented SGA on the DePaul Academic Advising Network’s Vision 2018 Board. Through this board, SGA had the opportunity to influence the future direction of advising by further developing the role of advising and what it means to students. Emphasis was placed on creating language directed toward incoming students to ensure they are aware of the resources offered through advising. “Bucket lists” also were created for students to ensure that they are on track each year and using Chicago as their classroom. Finally, the Academic Affairs Committee established partnerships with several textbook sales sites, including Felicks and Paper Back Books, to help students find affordable textbook options.
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS
Matthew von Nida

This year the Operations Committee worked hard on many projects. The committee started the year by drafting a benchmarking report about room reservation systems at 22 reference institutions and by soliciting feedback about DePaul’s room reservation system from 50 student organizations at DePaul. These findings were then presented at a Facility Operations meeting. Facility Operations agreed with SGA that the room reservation process could be better centralized and now students can find all room reservation information in one place that can be directly accessed from the DePaul University homepage.

The committee also committed to participating in and promoting Chartwell’s Dine with the Directors meetings so that there would be increased student feedback about dinning on campus.

Including the student voice has been integral in all of the Operations Committee’s projects. When looking to update the recreation lounge on the second floor of the student center, SGA worked with the administration to disseminate a survey to students via email. The responses from the 350 students who responded to the survey shaped SGA’s ideas about the space and confirmed the student desire for the space to be updated. We are optimistic that students will see the space transformed into a more inclusive environment that promotes Blue Demon pride before classes resume in the fall.

To further SGA’s goal of increasing campus affinity, the Operations Committee helped establish “Wear Your Blue Thursdays” and a student discount on DePaul gear in the bookstore during the basketball season. The Operations Committee also arranged for students to have access to the Skyline Lounge at Allstate Arena before basketball games.

To enhance student wellbeing, the Operations Committee rebranded the off-campus shuttles to be called the “Vinnie Van.” Because of this name change and increased promotion, more than 1,000 students used the service to get a safe ride home during midterms and finals this year. More students used the service this year than in any previous year. The Operations Committee also organized three Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) meetings this year that provided students with Public Safety resources that included information about DePaul’s emergency communication processes and sexual violence bystander training.

Finally, the Operations Committee ensured that SGA maintained its commitment to sustainability by working closely with Facility Operations to allocate the university’s annual sustainability fund. This fund was used to install four new wind turbines to offset DePaul’s energy usage and to finance system upgrades across campus that reduce DePaul’s carbon footprint.
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Brandon Allen

The Student Affairs Committee focused on building campus affinity this year. The committee played a role in coordinating SGA’s involvement in the Blue Demon Week Kick-off and sponsorship of men’s and women’s basketball game watches at State Restaurant.

Relationships also were established with all of the associate vice presidents for Student Affairs and the interim vice president for Student Affairs. These relationships aided SGA’s work throughout the year.

You can read more about how each of the senators on this committee worked with offices in student affairs to advance student interests in their respective reports.

*Brandon Allen also served as senator for the School of Music for most of the year. In this role he:

» Helped organize the School of Music’s first “Let’s Chat: Academics” event, during which students were able to discuss their academic experiences with Associate Dean Judy Bundra and Chair of the Department of Musical Studies Kurt Westerberg

» Organized a townhall with Dean Casey

» Successfully revived the Music Students’ Association

» Created a School of Music illustrated DePaul fight song to play at Athletic’s events

TREASURER

Brandon Davis

As part of the mission of the Student Activity Fee board, funds are provided to organizations on a case-by-case basis to provide opportunities for students to be involved on and off campus in programs and organizations.

Throughout the 2013-14 academic year, discretionary requests (funding requests less than $1,000) totaled $74,134, and $54,548 was awarded giving a 73% funding rate. Hearing requests (requests greater than $1,000) totaled $642,373 and a total of $467,489 was given to organizations and clubs.

Many new funding trends emerged this year, including:

» An increase in discretionary funding to fraternity and sorority life organizations

» An increase in discretionary funding to pre-professional/academic organizations

» An increase in hearing funding to activist/political organizations

» An increase in hearing funding to club sports
Public Relations Coordinator
Katelyn Ursu

Graphics Coordinator
Ric Popp
Senator for First Year Students  
Jake Boria

» Worked with Information Services (IS) to instate a system that will notify residents when they receive mail. The initiative is in progress and should be available to students next year

» Planned the spring CAPS meeting that included sexual assault bystander intervention training

V|2018:2c, 1a

Senator for Second Year Students  
Vanessa Cadavillo

» Served as a member of the Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee and in this role attended meetings, interviews and events to vet candidates

» Worked with Public Safety to organize the winter CAPS meeting. The meeting focused on alcohol usage and Illinois’ new marijuana legislation as it affects DePaul students

» Organized efforts to create a comprehensive list of bulletin boards on campus

» Attended sexual violence prevention meetings hosted by Student Affairs

V|2018:1, 1a, 4b

Senator for Third Year Students  
Pierre Anderson

» Worked with Residential Education, Financial Fitness, and 1237 West Fullerton Apartments to put on programs in the Residence Halls to educate students about their renter’s rights and provided advice on managing finances

» Successfully encouraged many offices and organizations to include links to the Croak Student Legal Services Office on their websites. This increased student awareness of free access to legal help

V|2018:1a
Senator for Sustainability

Megan Hoff

» Worked with Chartwells to implement permanent plates, silverware and baskets instead of one-time use items in the Lincoln Park and Loop Campus Student Centers to divert plastic from landfills

» Recommended that Chartwells invest in dish return carts, which now proudly sit next to the trash receptacles for convenient return

» Served as the liaison between the Loyola University Biodiesel Program and Chartwells. Chartwells now gives all of its kitchen grease to Loyola to be converted into biodiesel

» Helped in determining the allocation of the university’s annual sustainability fund

» Played a pivotal role in planning Earth Week this year by helping spearhead the integrated Earth Week Calendar that was disseminated throughout the university

» Started a conversation with the Office of New Student and Family Engagement about incorporating a lecture on sustainability in Common Hour to expand sustainability education and participation at DePaul

Senator for the College of Communication

Ryan Wenzel

» Met with advisors to address issues brought forward by fellow College of Communication students

» Served on a Faculty Review Board as well as Grade Challenge committees

» Planned a townhall meeting for College of Communication students to meet Dean Teboul
Senators for the Driehaus College of Business

Cristina Vera and Khalil Pillali

» Established a Student Advisory Board for the Driehaus College of Business that is comprised of students who meet quarterly with the assistant dean for Academic Advising to discuss current issues, concerns and ideas in order to improve the overall academic advising experience

» Participated in student interviews of vice president for Student Affairs candidates

» Cristina served on the President’s Diversity Council that discusses DePaul’s diverse climate and advises the President regarding diversity issues

» Cristina served as the commencement student speaker chair, a role through which she assisted in the selection and preparation of student speakers for commencements

» Went to the Associate Deans Council to make them aware of student concerns about not receiving grades early enough in the quarter

» Went to Springfield to help advocate for the Monetary Award Program (MAP)

» Planned a townhall meeting for Driehaus College of Business students to meet Dean Whittington.

Senators for the College of Computing and Digital Media

Kevin Newhouse and Nathan Kizior

» Planned a trip for members of SGA to visit and tour DePaul’s stage at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios

» Helped plan and coordinate the first-ever CDM Involvement Fair

» Organized Raspberry Pi Day

» Coordinated a meet-and-greet with Crowe Horwath at which internships and full-time jobs were offered to students

» Planned educational talks in CDM about plagiarism defection

» Served on Grade Challenge boards

» Planned Microsoft software tutorial talks

» Planned a townhall meeting for CDM students to meet Dean Miller
Senator for the College of Education

Audie Smith

» Planned a townhall meeting for College of Education students to meet Dean Zionts
» Worked to make information more easily available for student teachers
» Worked with advisors in the College of Education to make information more accessible to students
» Attended Athletics Student Leader Luncheons
» Served on the Academic Integrity Board
» Served on Grade Challenge Boards

Senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Jonathan Slater

» Attended LAS Faculty Senate meetings
» Established a LAS student advisory committee that is comprised of students who meet quarterly with advising staff to discuss current issues, concerns and ideas in order to improve the overall academic advising experience
» Planned a townhall meeting for LAS students to meet Dean Suchar

Senator for the College of Science and Health

Webster Vital

» Held a successful town hall with Dean Koocher that was attended by many CSH students and resulted in a productive conversation about the vision and goals for the college
» Helped organize the student portion of the provost’s visit to the College of Science and Health
» Attended the CSH winter quarter college meeting
» Contributed to LAS/CSH Career Center advisory board meetings
» Reviewed pre-existing programs in CSH and established initiatives to investigate ways to introduce new majors and disciplines that could be beneficial and more convenient for students to pursue
Collaborated with DePaul’s psychology peer mentors in planning and presenting a pre-health concentration within the Department of Psychology

Met with the director of advising for the College of Science and Health about student concerns and possible advising improvements to best serve CSH students’ needs

Worked extensively with academic advisors to address academic needs and concerns of CSH students and to improve, where necessary, advising processes and operations

Collaborated with the College of Science and Health Student Association (CSHSA) to select the CSH faculty member of the year and to look into the possibility of introducing a biochemistry major

Met with fellow students to discuss advising, job opportunities after graduation, research and internships

Revamped and revitalized many CSH student organizations including the Neuroscience Club and Pre-Pharmacy Club

Senator for the School for New Learning

James Burns

Planned and executed meetings among SNL’s Student Association to further the group’s standing in the college

Represented the student voice during several grade challenge committee hearings

Actively participated in SGA’s Constitutional Revisions Board

Attended a presentation for students put on by the architects designing the new Event Center

Established a peer to peer mentorship program in SNL

Senator Reports continued
Senator for The Theatre School
JD Garrastegui

» Helped in coordinating SGA outings to performances at The Theatre School
» Sat on The Theatre School Student Government Association (TTSSGA)
» Worked with Residence Hall Council to promote performances
V|2018:4b

Senator for Community and Government Relations
Blake Stewart

» Assisted in preparing materials for SGA’s trip to Springfield to lobby for the Monetary Award Program (MAP)
» Served as DePaul’s representative on the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee meetings and attended five all-day meetings at various schools around the state
V|2018: 5a, 2b

Senator for Commuter Students
Karina Alvarez

» No report provided

Senator for Intercultural Awareness
Jospeh Kerins

» Collaborated with International Programs, Chartwells and Student Centers to start planning a trial of Halal student dining options
» Began working with cultural and ethnic student organizations on campus to create an Intercultural Awareness Council
V|2018:4
Senator for Mission and Values
Veronica Guidi-Louviere

» Participated in the search for a new coordinator for Mission Services
» Acted as a liaison between SGA and DemonTHON to coordinate SGA’s “pie-in-the-face” activity and “stay fresh” donations at the event
» Helped coordinate SGA’s attendance of Vincentian Service Day
» Helped plan SGA’s Dinner with the Vincentians

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Senator for Transfer Students
Bobby Robaina

» Worked with the Office of Transfer Admission and the Adult Admissions to implement the Transfer Outreach Program (TOP) through which DePaul transfer students share their experiences with others who are considering a transfer to DePaul
» Worked with members of SGA to enhance SGA’s office hours and rename them “SGA hours”

V|2018:5a
REPRESENTATION ON UNIVERSITY ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COUNCILS AND TASK FORCES

Advising Managers Board
Alumni Board
Athletic Board
Athletics Student Leadership Meetings
Board of Trustees
Bookstore Innovation Group
Blue Demon Day Committee
Blue Demon Week Partners Committee
Campus Recreation Advisory Committee
Campus Violence Prevention Taskforce
Career Center Advisory Board
College of Science and Health Student Association
Computer Science Society
Commencement Coordinator Group
DePaul Academic Advising Network
DePaul Sustainability Network
DREAM Taskforce
Driehaus College of Business Student Advisory Committee
Earth Week Planning Committee
Facility Operations
Fair Business Practices Committee
Gerald Paetsch Advising Award Committee
Joint Council
Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee
Information Services Advisory Board
Legacy Gift Committee
Library Advisory Committee
MAP Touch Point Group
Policy Review Group
President’s Diversity Council
Public Relations and Communication Sub-Committee
Retention Sub-Committee
Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Working Group
Social Media Working Group
Strategic Facilities Committee
Strategic Resource Allocation Committee
* Additional Seat Added
Student Activity Fee Board
Student Records Advisory Board
Supervisor of the Year Award Committee
Tuition Pricing Committee
Undergraduate Subcommittee
Graduate Subcommittee
Fees Subcommittee
University Judicial Board
Vice President for Student Affairs Search Committee
* This year SGA worked diligently to expand our representation. In the course of one year, we went from serving on 13 boards to 41.
EVENTS

EVENTS SGA ORGANIZED AND SPONSORED

Blue Demon Week Kick-Off
Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) Quarterly Meetings
Earth Week
Elected Officials Reception
Flags in the Quad (for Veterans Day)
Hug a Veteran Day
Panel Discussion: DePaul and Sexual Assault: Policies and Procedures
Let’s Talk Health and Wellness
Let’s Talk Nutrition Forum
Governor Quinn’s MAP press conference at DePaul University
MAP Lobby Day trip to Springfield
Men’s and Women’s Basketball Games
Watches at State Restaurant
Pizza with Dean Koocher
Pizza with Dean Whittington
Pizza with Dean Teboul
Pizza with Dean Suchar
Pizza with Dean Miller
Pizza with Dean Casey
Pizza with Dean Zions
SGA Dinner with the Vincentians
Student Commencement Speaker Auditions
Vinnie Van Off-Campus Shuttles

EVENTS SGA ATTENDED

Blue Demon Week Events
Board of Trustees Student Luncheon
SGA Sponsored Men’s Basketball Game vs. Marquette
Women’s Basketball Game vs. Butler
Arthur J. Schmitt Leadership Luncheon
Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Luncheon
Illinois Board of Higher Education - Student Advisory Committee Meetings
Alumni Board Luncheon
Men’s Basketball Game vs. Georgetown (and talked with Governor Quinn about MAP)
Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast
Winter Involvement Fair
DemonTHON’s Chipotle Fundraiser
LGBTQA Month Opening Breakfast
President’s Diversity Council Reception
DePaul Symphony Orchestra Performance at Symphony Center
A Free Man of Color (performance at The Theatre School)
Arthur J. Schmitt Scholarship Luncheon
DemonTHON Our Town (performance at The Theatre School)
Vincentian Service Day
Governor Quinn’s #MAPMatters Rally
Major Minor Fair
Admitted Student Days
This year, SGA set forward 14 initiatives to work on throughout the course of the year. These are listed here along with a list of SGA’s accomplishments as they relate to each initiative.

**EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY** Support practices that strive to make education more affordable.

To this end, SGA:

» Effectively advocated for students throughout the university’s budgeting process
  > Course/class fees were completely eliminated
  > Tuition was increased at the most moderated rate in recent memory

» Ensured that the budgeting process was made more transparent than ever before
  > SGA hosted informational sessions for students about enrollment, tuition, financial aid, SRAC, the budget and the economic climate at which they could hear from and ask questions of the administration

» Encouraged DePaul students to complete the FAFSA in time for the MAP eligibility deadline
  > Created a “Keep Calm and do the FAFSA” campaign
  > Had FAFSA reminders put on Campus Connect as well as D2L for the first time

» Advocated for increased funding to Illinois’ Monetary Award Program (MAP)
  > Hosted three MAP Advocacy Days where students signed postcards to their legislators asking them to increase funding to MAP
  > Worked with 127 departments and offices on campus to have faulty and staff sign post cards to their legislators calling for an increase in MAP funding
  > Sorted all 2,100 postcards by district based on each signers address, addressed them to their state representative and state senator, and delivered them all to the respective legislator during MAP Lobby Day
  > Organized MAP Lobby Day:
    – On April 30, SGA and other interested students went to Springfield to impress upon legislators the importance of increasing MAP funding
    – DePaul students participated in Governor Quinn’s #MAPMatters rally
    – SGA’s VP gave remarks at the rally with Governor Quinn

» Communicated the student loan interest rate reduction to students, with the help of Enrollment Management and Marketing
SGA AS AN ADVOCATE  Seek to further the role of SGA as an informed liaison between students and the administration, by representing the student voice on all administrative committees and boards within the university.

To this end, SGA:

» Increased reach and accessibility to the student body:
  > Increased SGA’s following on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and fostered increased follower engagement resulting in a Klout score increase of over 10 points during the course of the year
  > Klout is a social media analytics influence calculator that represents social media influence with a score between 1 and 100
  > Launched a new SGA website that is easier for students to navigate
  > Added liaisons from additional student organizations and groups of students
  > Emailed students our fall newsletter, making them aware of SGA and what we have been working on their behalf
  > Established “SGA Hours” during which SGA members sit in Brownstones and floor 11 of the DePaul Center and solicit concerns from students
  > Addressed educational affordability by being a powerful voice in the budgeting process this year
  > Our progress was more frequently featured on Good Day DePaul, Radio DePaul and The DePaulia than in previous years
  > Ran a #MeetSGA campaign on social media to introduce students to their representatives on SGA
  > Attended the Major Minor Fair, the Involvement Fairs, and admitted student days

» Worked with the Policy Review Group (PRG), to have SGA added as a part of the governance to the university policy on “Establishing a University Policy”
  > This ensures that in the future SGA will be consulted on policies which affect students as members of the university community

» Worked diligently to expand our representation on university advisory boards, committees, councils, and task forces. In the course of one year, we went from serving on 13 of these to 41

» Provided SGA members, and other students, with the opportunity to learn from and interact with the senior leadership of the university at every weekly SGA meeting

» Met with more than 300 members of the university’s faculty, staff and administration

» Created a new SGA graphic identity with the help of Enrollment Management and Marketing so that students would be better able to recognize SGA’s materials and presence on campus

» Enhanced SGA’s online voting system and the communication of elections to the student body

» Addressed student concerns about Ventra through a “Let’s Talk: Ventra” event

» Successfully hosted town halls for students to meet with their dean in seven colleges

» Advocated for students within the Policy Review Group regarding controlled substance and alcohol testing for university drivers

» Created, for the first time, an “SGA Guidebook,” which outlines essential information for SGA members
This document allowed SGA senators to be better prepared than ever to navigate the university and advocate for students.

- Made necessary updates to the SGA constitution to reflect SGA procedures grounded in precedent.
- Established a new tradition of SGA meeting with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the beginning of each academic year.
- Worked with Chartwells to enhance the visibility of their monthly Dine with the Directors events which allow students to voice concerns and suggestions about the dining experience on campus.
- Surveyed students about the Recreation Lounge in the Lincoln Park Student Center.
- Thoroughly transitioned successors so that they are prepared to advocate for students in years to come.

**CAMPUS AFFINITY** Instill a greater sense of school pride throughout the student body, by means of promoting community, student involvement, and Blue Demon pride. Special attention will be paid to informing and advocating for students as changes proceed in DePaul Athletics.

To this end, SGA:

- Worked with the School of Music to get a recording made of the DePaul fight song. With help from Blue Crew and Athletics, a video, with the lyrics, was then made to accompany the song and this video is now played at DePaul athletics games.
- Participated in the student leader meeting with the architects from Pelli who are designing the new Event Center.
- Sponsored and promoted the highly attended Fox Sports 1 Big East Tip-Off event.
- Passed a resolution calling on the university to create a website about the new event center to ensure that the entire university community has access to information about the project.
  - This website was launched and SGA was a part of a team that created content for the site.
- Helped coordinate the Wednesday Noontime Concert Series in the Student Center.
- Worked with Barnes and Noble to promote a 15 percent discount on DePaul gear every week during the Basketball season.
- Worked to add additional bulletin boards across the Lincoln Park and Loop campuses.
- Saw the SGA-proposed “Neighborhood Ambassadors Program” come to fruition.
- Worked with the Office of Student Involvement to create and distribute posters raising awareness about both the anniversary of 9/11 and the tragedy in the Philippines.
- Worked with the Office of Student Involvement to create a comprehensive list of the bulletin boards on campus so that they can be better utilized to ensure that students in all buildings are being exposed to information about campus activities and announcements.
- Toured DePaul stage at Cinespace Chicago Studios.
INCOMING ADMINISTRATORS Ensure that administrators are keen to student interests and the DePaul student culture as well as represent student interests in the selection of the new vice president of student affairs.

To this end, SGA:
» Participated in the successful search for the new vice president for Student Affairs.
  › SGA had two members on the search committee and hosted student lunch interviews with each of the candidates
» Ensured that students were given the opportunity to meet with the new provost in each college

SGA AS A LEADER IN THE STATE Leverage existing relationships with Illinois student governments to expand DePaul SGA’s existing statewide leadership on student issues from textbook affordability to additionally include the maintenance of MAP grants.

To this end, SGA:
» Wrote an op-ed about the importance of MAP for all Illinois students. The op-ed ran in the Springfield Journal Register
» Leveraged existing relationships with Illinois student governments to expand DePaul SGA’s existing statewide leadership on student issues from textbook affordability to additionally include the maintenance of MAP grants
» SGA’s Vice President chaired the Illinois Board Of Higher Education’s Student Advisory Committee. Over the course of the year, college and universities across the state were mobilized to take action on student debt, textbook affordability and MAP
» SGA led other colleges and universities across the state in MAP advocacy efforts
» Hosted two Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee meetings

CENTRALIZATION OF INFORMATION Emphasize the need for consistent and centralized information throughout the university and increase student awareness of efforts that have already been made toward this end.

To this end, SGA:
» Promoted the iDePaul App as a way for students to keep up with DePaul news, search the library and access the directory
» Worked with Information Services and Student Records to fix the “View My Grades” section of Campus Connect
» Worked with Student Records to create a new student-focused advisory board
» Established a relationship with Special Collections and Archives to ensure SGA is properly documented
» Promoted SGA candidacy requirements and elections better than ever before and created voteSGA.depaul.edu to make it easier for students to find the page on which to vote
» Revamped the student commencement speaker process and sent out a communication to all graduating students about applying

» Worked with Facility Operations to centralize links for student to make room reservations from one page on the DePaul homepage

» Worked with the Social Media Working Group throughout the year for the first time to ensure that SGA’s news and events were promoted across all of the university’s social media channels to reach as many students as possible

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY Continue to lead student governments across Illinois in lobbying the state government for laws aimed at making textbooks more affordable, while also working with faculty and the university bookstore to lower textbooks prices where possible.

To this end, SGA:

» Worked with Information Services and Barnes and Noble to compile textbook data so that starting next fall an average textbook cost can be associated with each course listed on Campus Connect during registration. This will allow students to more accurately budget their expenses when selecting courses

» Worked with Academic Affairs to publish the SGA “Textbook Best Practices” list to the Teaching Commons website

» Implemented bookstore signage informing students of their rights when purchasing textbooks

» Promoted textbook affordability in the College of Computing and Digital Media by giving a presentation on open textbooks to faculty

STUDENT WELLBEING Collaborate with administration, students, faculty and staff to promote initiatives aimed at enhancing student wellbeing.

To this end, SGA:

» Held a forum for students to voice concerns and ask questions about the policies and policing of sexual violence on campus

» Rebranded the SGA off-campus shuttles to the “Vinnie Van”. These shuttles give students safe rides home from the library during midterms and finals

» Thanks to SGA’s promotion efforts, the Vinnie Van was used more than ever this year

» Passed three resolutions calling on the university to continue addressing sexual violence on campus

» Provided a forum for students to voice concerns and questions about health and wellness on campus during fall quarter

» Hosted a health forum for students to learn more about nutrition during winter quarter
» Partnered with the Office of Health Promotion and Wellness on a year-long social media campaign

» Made students aware of the extended library hours during finals weeks

» Continued to work with Chartwells to increase and enhance available healthy food options in DePaul dining facilities

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT Connect with municipal, state and federal governments and organizations in order to solidify DePaul University as Chicago’s anchor institution and advance student interests within the public agenda.

To this end, SGA:

» Lobbyied state legislators for an increase in funding to the Monetary Award Program (MAP), which affects every DePaul Student. See Educational Affordability for more information

» Wrote to U.S. senators and representatives concerning student loan interest rates

» Attended Governor Quinn’s speech at The City Club about education in Illinois

» Attended a meeting at the U.S. Department of Education about the Federal College Score Card

» Wrote to U.S. senators and representatives concerning the government shutdown and its impact on students

» Created graphics encouraging students to vote in the Illinois primary elections

SUSTAINABILITY Recognize that the concept of sustainability is multifaceted, spanning to include social, environmental and economic realms and that it should be continually improved upon.

To this end, SGA:

» Helped coordinate a new program between Chartwells and Loyola that will allow grease from DePaul to turned into biodiesel locally at Loyola

» Worked with Facility Operations to direct funds toward the purchase of LED lights for the Clifton parking garage that will both save the university money and make us more sustainable

» Helped plan and coordinate a highly successful Earth Week

» Worked with Chartwells to determine the allocation of their annual sustainability fund toward permanent dishware

» Saw the SGA proposed wind turbines installed on McCabe and McGowan

» Saw the SGA-proposed double-side printing proposal expand from a limited pilot program to a university-wide sustainability effort
**COURSE EVALUATIONS** Further current pursuits to make quantitative data from course evaluations accessible to DePaul students. We believe that this institutional effort will work to increase the quality of education overall.

To this end, SGA:

» Persuaded CSH faculty to vote in the majority to make course evaluation data accessible to students in CSH

» Surveyed students in the College of Science and Health regarding online teaching evaluations and received 511 responses (~1/6 of the college population)

» Presented to the full faculty of the CSH about the survey data and the initiative

» Is optimistic that course evaluation data will be made accessible to students in the Driehaus College of Business

» Surveyed students in the College of Business regarding online teaching evaluations and received with 956 responses (~1/6 of the college population)

» Presented and took questions at each department meeting in the college and at the annual full faculty meeting

» Rewrote SGA’s Student Accessible Course Evaluation Proposal to reflect updates and progress

» Encouraged students to complete their course evaluations each quarter through graphics and social media

**TENURE** Ensure that students remain a part of the faculty tenure and promotion process by playing a role in the implementation of student review committees to be called for by the revised faculty handbook.

To this end, SGA:

» Ensured that SGA was kept updated on progress made with revising the Faculty Handbook

  > Now that the handbook has been approved, SGA is prepared to ensure that changes in the student voice in the tenure process are well implemented in the coming year

**ADVISING** Continue to ensure that strong advising systems are effective in addressing the academic needs of all DePaul students.

To this end, SGA:

» Advised in the selection of the name for DePaul’s new online advising interface: BlueStar

» Created an Advisory Board for students to present questions and concerns to advising staff in the Driehaus College of Business

» Became part of the advising awards committee
» Created an Advisory Board for students to present questions and concerns to advising staff in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
» Participated in the DePaul Academic Advising Networks’ Vision 2018 Board throughout the year

**IDENTITY AND DIVERSITY** Maintain DePaul University’s distinctive Catholic, Vincentian and urban identity and continue to foster a diverse, inclusive and just campus climate.

To this end, SGA:

» Participated in LGBTQA Safe Zone training
» Made our governing documents more inclusive by making all of the pronouns gender neutral
» Worked with campus partners to acknowledge the growing veteran population at DePaul
» Participated in Vincentian Service Day
» Had Dinner with the Vincentians on campus
» Worked with the DREAM Taskforce to produce the DREAM Resource Guide for undocumented students
  » Supported DemonTHON by providing “Stay Fresh” supplies and an event for the kids and other students to “pie” SGA in the face that raised $112 FTK