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Chiefs of Staff: Angie McCarthy and Gia Gould

Accomplishments and successes for the months of September/October

- Met with Public Safety to discuss potential programing to introduce students to public safety officers.
- Organized a student forum with David Provost to discuss issues financial transparency, workforce planning and the five year sustainability model.
- Began planning a series of cooking classes which will aim to teach students how to safely and competently create simple meals in on campus cooking spaces.
- Opened up a discussion about how to foster more respectful dynamics between students and dining hall staff.

Ongoing tasks and projects:

- Develop a student organizations caucus to improve communication and coordination between student groups. Potentially organize social events through this venue which will work on breaking down social divides across campus.
- Create a online “Moneyhub” intended to consolidate financial resources available for student activities and research.
- Improve the quality of “dry” programing available on campus.

Goals for November-December:

- Create a fillable document for different cabinet members to fill out to update us on their progress rather than going off of verbal meeting notes
- Work with President Nia Robinson to continue looking into increasing the dry experiences on campus

Challenges Faced in September-October:

- Developing larger, year long goals that the executive team could work on together
**Treasurer of the SGA/Director of Finance Committee:** Isabella Martus

**Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:**

- Working with the Oversight Committee to make clubs more efficient in their approval process. We are now collaborating using the project management system “Trello”
- Managing the costs of club sports teams
- Created a form to submit committee requests
- Launched the Off campus travel food financial aid pilot program available now for all students on financial aid
- Seven new members were welcomed onto the committee
- Helped Nocturne(new Middlebury arts festival that started last year” secure more funding directly from the Finance Committee rather than going through MCAB.

**List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:**

- **“You@ Middlebury”** creating a portal for campus wide resources to manage students’ personal needs
- Looking at the parking ticket prices versus SGA funding source
- Collaborating with student organizations to use all the money that they are alloted
- Attending at “Presence” demonstration on 11/5/18. “Presence” is a system that Middlebury might take on to replace “Middlink”

**Goals for the Month of November:**

- We are tightening up the system of monitoring reimbursements
- The boundary around discretionary spending is fuzzy. Clubs have been sometimes “taking advantage” and stretching the boundaries of what discretionary funds are intended for. We are creating new policies to guide club leaders and treasurers about discretionary funding.
- The execution of existing guidelines need to be more strict- more of an administrative problem. We notices some receipts are submitted almost a month late, but they will still get reimbursed. In the future, we will be more consistent and strict with our rules, no matter how small they are to maintain the efficiency and integrity of the system
- Meet with class senators to discuss how their finances for events they want to organize work.

**Challenges Faced in September/October:**

- Committees not using the proper avenues for asking for monetary funds
• Thinking about allocation for the Ski School bill that is in question. We want survey data to better understand student interest before agreeing to finance the bill which will cost the SGAFC $2500 this year. The senators proposing the bill confirmed that this will be a one time expense and Middlebury’s Office of Advancement will carry on funding this new scholarship next year rather than the SGA.

**Directors of Membership:** Gisel Hernandez and Geovany Martinez

**Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:**
  • Ran the informational meeting / election for First Year and Wonnacott Senators
  • Successfully created all of the cabinet committees.
  • Organizing Senators to be on committees as Liaisons.

**List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:**
  • Reevaluating the use of Senators on committees in the future.

**Goals for the Month of November:**
  • Get feedback from Directors through surveys on how successful it is to have Senate Liaisons
  • Work with Senate to revise Constitution and Bylaws
    ○ Cabinet members attendance
    ○ Number of committees senators can serve on
    ○ Senate and Cabinet dual position restriction

**Challenges Faced in September/October:**
  • Making sure that committees did not overcommit different students.
  • Interpreting the Constitution and Bylaws has been difficult in certain situations with committees management and cabinet membership
**Director of Student Organizations and Oversight:** Saif Panday

**Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:**

- As of November 4th, 2018: 7 new club applications have been reviewed and approved.
- A new, streamlined process for new student organization applications has been developed. The new process is now being implemented and tested.
- Increased communication between the Finance Committee and SOOC to make sure new clubs funding requests are sustainable
- Having more clubs than ever waiting for approval through the more streamlined process -- 10 groups (so far).

**List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:**

- Meeting with cluster managers/ advisors
- Looking critically at the role advisors and cluster managers play and looking for ways to improve their roles.
- Advertising go/grievance
- Working with SAO to evaluate a proposed replacement to Middlink
- We’re trying to figure out the best way to communicate critical information about the student org registration process. We’ve encountered clubs who were under the impression that they cannot operate on campus without approval from SGA. All clubs are allowed and encouraged to operate before coming to SGA for approval. This miscommunication is affecting how clubs operate on campus.

**Goals for the Month of November:**

- Critically review the Student Org Handbook, Advisor Handbook and Cluster Manager Handbook
- Consider the creation of a new handbook or “quick guide checklist” resource for students who want to create new student organizations

**Challenges Faced in September/October:**

- Figuring out ways to work with new clubs who were least likely to be accepted - committee chair worked closely with clubs to strengthen their applications
- Finding a common ground between the goals of the SGAFC and SOOC.
**Directory of Publicity:** Marc Arnold and Jade Moses

**Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:**
- Updating the Cabinet and Senate profiles on the website.
- Creating a request form for clubs/anyone that needs help publicizing their events

**List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:**
- Creating the info wall in McCullough
- Updating and filling out the website
- Creating a calendar of events for the fall

**Goals for the Month of November:**
- Launch the *Inside SGA: Cabinet Spotlight* video series
- Ramp up social media engagement for SGA events

**Challenges Faced in September/October:**
- Holds on information on the website
- Not getting enough applications for a lot of committees
- Adjusting to the roles and responsibilities of the office
Director of External Affairs: Norah Senftleber

Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:

- Strengthening the relationship between the ACTR and Middlebury so that students can access these resources more

List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:

- Setting up events for international students to get to know Vermont better
- Thinking about how Middlebury Consulting Group can better support a composting facility at the Co-Op
- Working with the Addison Teen Center on a mentorship program
- Looking at different food opportunities since Chilifest is no longer happening
- Setting up a bikeshare to explore the town better
- Setting up a “Middlebury Passport” or MiddKid card system so students can get discounts at local businesses and get to know more of what Middlebury businesses have to offer

Goals for the Month of November:

- Setting up a debate between local political candidates
- Doing a bus ride/leaf peeping event
- Setting up a “Middlebury Passport” or MiddKid card system for students to use at local businesses

Challenges Faced in September/October:

- Low application rate for the committee
**Director of Social Affairs:** Madu Udeh

**Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:**
- The First Annual Panther Day and Harvest Fest

**List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:**
- Should we rebrand party hosts to “Midd Bouncers”
- Working with MCAB on one large event

**Goals for the Month of November:**

**Challenges Faced in September/October:**
- Not getting their applications for committees done
**Director of Environmental Affairs:** Leif Taranta and Divya Gudur

**Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:**

- Presented to the Board of Trustees on Divestment. The trustees released a statement acknowledging the need to act on climate change. Divest is working with the administration and the Board in moving towards a proposal regarding investment in fossil fuels and a vote later in the year.
- The Student Divestment Referendum was ratified in a Sense of the Faculty Motion in the Faculty Plenary Session on November 2 with 92% approval.
- In collaboration with Environmental Council, EAC is hosting an Atwater Dinner for many of the College’s environmental, sustainability, outdoors, food justice, and social activism groups in order to facilitate networking and future collaborations.

**List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:**

- Bringing the environmental groups together to collaborate more
- Environmental Justice Symposium (March 1-2)
- Map of sustainability decisions and all the environmental organizations on campus
- Storytelling events on campus- about impact of climate change on students/home communities
- Training opportunities about activism and environmental justice in collaboration with student orgs
- Meetings with Dan Detora about disposable cups
- Senate Coordination with the old Eat Real bill that passed- working with Dan Detora and Sunday Night Environmental Group to continue implementation
- Midd as a plastic free campus- collaborating with Community Council

**Goals for the Month of November:**

- Release a report following the November 5th dinner about current projects, future goals, and opportunities for collaboration between Middlebury sustainability groups
- Finalize sustainability map and install as an interactive display in Hillcrest
- Develop a proposal for replacing disposable cups in the Dining Halls with reusable ones and move into a bill drafting/testing phase
- Finish research on the sources of plastic on campus and how they can be eliminated
- Begin planning diversity and inclusion trainings for J-term and the Spring

**Challenges Faced in September/October:**

- We had many excellent applicants and had great difficulty choosing
- Communication with other groups/initiatives is very circular
Director of Educational Affairs: David Powell

Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:
- Working with faculty and department heads to increase student input on ongoing affairs
- Establishing a J-Term financial literacy workshop with the CCI and CCE

List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:
- Creating a financial literacy workshop and working with the CCI
- Getting Axinn to be a 24 hour building
- Getting credit for internships to be more of a thing
- Creating a cross-section survey about what people want out of their educational experiences
- Looking at if the CCI should have a committee within the SGA

Goals for the Month of November:
- Distribute survey to the student body, so a more diverse and accurate cross section of students has input to our affairs
- Promulgate effective and actionable guidelines for Student Advisory Committees, since many departments convene them on an ad hoc/appointed basis, which differs (for better or for worse) from original intent

Challenges Faced in September/October:
- Establishing common understanding across the Faculty and Student Educational Affairs Committees regarding priorities and action items
- Assessing our role within Envisioning Middlebury and promoting equity of experience
Director of Athletic Affairs: Jack Langerman and Izzy Hartnett

Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:

- Met with student captains of all varsity, IM, and club sports
- Worked to promote the superfan app.

List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:

- Working to build a snack bar in the athletic center
- The results from the meetings discussed in goals

Goals for the Month of November:

- Set up meeting with Erin Quinn to see what can and cannot be done with athletic center (locker rooms, scheduling, trainers for club sports)
- See if something can be done to change dining hall times
- Promote superfan app

Challenges Faced in September/October:

- Getting a hold of people (captains and faculty) to set up meetings
- Didn’t have committee until later in time frame
Director of Sexual and Relationship Respect: Cece Alter

Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:
- Passed Community Council bill to get pads, tampons, and condoms in all first year dorms.
- Worked with Parton to get support group for survivors of sexual violence up and running, and advertised.
- Promoted FAM’s “black out” to stand in support of survivors of sexual assault.

List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:
- Make sure pads, tampons, condoms being distributed and program going smoothly, which will involve working with Facilities, Parton, and Res Life.
- Advertising support group and working with Parton to make sure it’s successful.
- Advertising FAM’s go/sexysources.
- Brainstorming and working with Health and Wellness on how to improve Green Dot and orientation.
- Changes to toxic masculinity in sports culture.
- Working with Title IX to think about incorporating restorative justice practices in cases concerning sexual assault.
- Ideas for ways to participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Conversations around complicity in the culture of sexual violence on campus and how to address that.
- Looking into increasing gender neutral bathrooms.

Goals for the Month of November:
- World AIDS Day: collaboratively planning events November 29-30
  - Sex ed workshop, movie screening, panel
- Letter of ways to improve Green Dot and meeting with Health and Wellness department to discuss these improvements.
- Get funding to bring sex educator in J Term.
- Continuing above projects.

Challenges Faced in September/October:
- Moving from bill to actual implementation of pads, tampons, and condoms program.
- Took a while for committee to get started.
**Director of Student Health and Wellness:** Karla Nuñez and Kevin Zhang

**Accomplishments and Successes for you have had in the month of September/October:**
- Expanding resources for students who are injured or need assistance getting across campus.
- Educating students about healthy eating habits/creating greater awareness of unhealthy diet strategies such as juicing
- Create a more open/accessible relationship between students and Parton Counseling services
- Organize a series of mindful events aimed to learn strategies for healthy stress management.
- Warm Fuzzies board in Davis

**List of Ongoing Tasks and Projects:**
- Jet Advisory committee
- Creation of a health and wellness column in the campus
- Wellness Day
- Coordinating with Davis and Armstrong to facilitate the library space in the most conducive way for students.
- Creating a high school ambassador program
- Pride Parade in the Spring

**Goals for the Month of November:**
- Make Health and Wellness week a successful week.
  - Compile data on what types of events are successful and what do students want to see on campus with respect to decreasing and managing stress.
- Continue conversation with pubsafe/ accessibility office about accessibility with regards to transporting injured people around the campus during the day.

**Challenges Faced in September/October:**
- Knowing who to contact when it comes to planning events. (mostly figure out by now). At the moment we are at that awkward limbo where we keep getting referred to other people but we are finally being able to talk to the right people
- Committee members not showing up to our weekly meetings. This has become a problem since we have divide the workload for the health and wellness week amongst all of the committee members.