



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE

Student Government is proud to announce that once a week it will publish announcements and updates in an effort to open up communications with the student body and to better inform the student body of its goals and accomplishments.

EXECUTIVE NEWS :

All organizations that have not completed their renewal paperwork are asked to do so or they will not be able to enjoy the benefits of being a registered organization.

Patel would like to remind the Student Body that a new Student Government Committee, the Food Service Committee, has been established, and is looking for one freshman, one sophomore, and one student in his or her 3rd or 4th year. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month, along with other occasional meetings throughout the month. The first informational meeting will be on the 26th of October. Applications are available in the SG office.

Student Body Vice President, Katie Dreiling, encourages campus organizations to take advantage of the new liaison program in the Senate that provides organizations with the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns that will be heard in the weekly senate meetings.

Organizations who have not yet applied for a senate liaison can do so by picking up a liaison sheet in Dreiling's office in the Student Government office in the Carolina Mall.

SENATE NEWS:

Legislation update from Wednesday, October 23:
No new legislation introduced in the Senate.

The Powers and Responsibilities Chair for Student Senate, Mari Ramsey, would again like to encourage members of the student body to apply for the Student Senate.

- Applications can be obtained in the SG Office in the Carolina Mall and are being accepted for the colleges of Social Work, Business, Journalism, Engineering, Education, Public Health, Nursing, and Medicine.
- Please return applications to the Student Government Office by 4:00pm on October 30th.

Student Government would like to encourage all students to participate in Garnet and Black Day every Friday to show support for the university and our sports teams. Go Gamecocks!

The Student Senate asks that any student who has concerns or ideas regarding legislation to be brought to the floor, please contact his or her senator with those ideas—the Senate is here to serve the Student Body! The Senators' contact information can be found at the Student Government website or by calling the Student Government office (777-2654).

CABINET NEWS :

Special Projects Co-Chairs Amanda Brown and Elizabeth Mason announce that on Tuesday, December 3, (time is yet to be determined), Student Body President Ankit Patel will be delivering the State of the University Address in the Russell House Theater. Everyone is invited to attend and hear about the progress of the University in the past year.

The Director of Campus Relations, Haley Smith, would like to report that "Campaign for Carolina" was a success last week at the Holiday Inn, with representation from 6 freshman council members, and at least 6 different organizations on campus. Patel was present, and about 25 students came to learn more about the different campus organizations USC has to offer. The next student organization information fairs will be on November 6th, at 6:00pm in the Clarion Hotel, and 8:00pm in the Addam's Mark. She encourages any organizations that would like to participate to email her at smithhs@gwm.sc.edu.

Freshman Council Advisors, Nick Long and Kaleta Brown, have broken Freshman Council into six committees to better serve the freshman class. They are: Freshman Services, Campus Improvement, Special Projects, Fundraising, Public Relations, and Standing. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to come by and speak with one of your representatives or drop us a note in our drop box in the Student Government Office.

Other Freshman Council news:

- Freshman Council representatives will be visiting University 101 classes starting this week to hear more about your concerns and ideas. Be on the lookout for us!
- Freshman Council and AAAS Freshman Council have teamed up are currently in the planning stages of an All Nite event for students. More information is to come, so be on the lookout for date and location information.
- Freshman Council and the Gamecock Club have worked together to bring the student body the words to the Alma Mater on the scoreboard at the next football game. Now the students can participate even more in a great USC tradition!

Congratulations to Katie McClendon, Director of Safety, and those who participated on successful Bike to School/Work Day and Critical Mass last Thursday, October 24!

The Minority Affairs Council is seeking three individuals to work with the Cabinet members in creating a coalition of all minority organizations on campus. Interested persons can contact Edrin Williams at 544-0171 or edrin@sc.edu. All minority organizations, whether based on race, gender, religion, or sexual preferences, are asked to update their contact information with the Student Government Office. Any groups interested in working with Minority Affairs Council are encouraged to contact Edrin Williams with suggestions.

Want to find out more about what's going on in Student Government?
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STUDENT SENATE meetings
every Wednesday in
RH Theater @ 5pm

Student Government exists to act as a liaison between the students and the administration of the University of South Carolina.

Research

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to meet him until some time next year. He said that he is pleased with Pastides' work as the interim vice president.

The permanent vice president will make several administrative decisions that will affect the specifics of USC's research departments. Sorensen and Pastides agree that USC researchers need to seek more federal and private grant money and to establish partnerships with local businesses and other South Carolina universities.

Pastides said his staff is already in the process of defining specific areas of study on which the administration wants USC's research to focus.

The first area is biomedical research, which includes traditional sciences involving chemistry and biology in laboratory settings. This month's National Institutes of Health grant to study colorectal cancer falls into this group.

The second area includes public-health sciences, which would include USC's epidemiologists and biostatisticians. This area would mostly include studies about the incidence of diseases in certain

populations.

The third area is clinical sciences. This area's researchers would mostly be testing new drugs, therapies and tests in clinical trials. The USC Medical School's faculty would mostly do this research.

The fourth area is behavioral-science research, which includes psychology and other social sciences.

The fifth area is the newest that USC is adding to its research inventory — bioterrorism preparedness. It's a relatively new field of research. But available federal grant money is increasing by the billions this year. USC received a \$1 million grant last week in this field. Pastides and Sorensen said they like the prospect of this kind of research's coming to USC because it is interdisciplinary.

The last area is biomedical engineering, which is research that aids in designing and modifying medical instruments.

"We're trying to crystallize those domains, and then, within them, we will get to a more detailed level," Pastides said. He said that the new vice president would be in charge of determining the feasibility of research in each of the defined areas.

"We have to find general areas where we're going to do research and then, within those general areas, then have foci," Sorensen said.

But Pastides said faculty members need to be aware that these defined research areas don't incorporate some of the less scientific research, for which large amounts of grant money are not always available.

"It's easy to forget that we, and I in particular, promote the work of English professors who are doing research on a writer, for example, and on the scholarly pursuits of dancers and painters and musicians, who also obviously do scholarship," Pastides says.

Sorensen agrees that research done outside the biomedical disciplines is just as important as research on colorectal cancer or heart disease.

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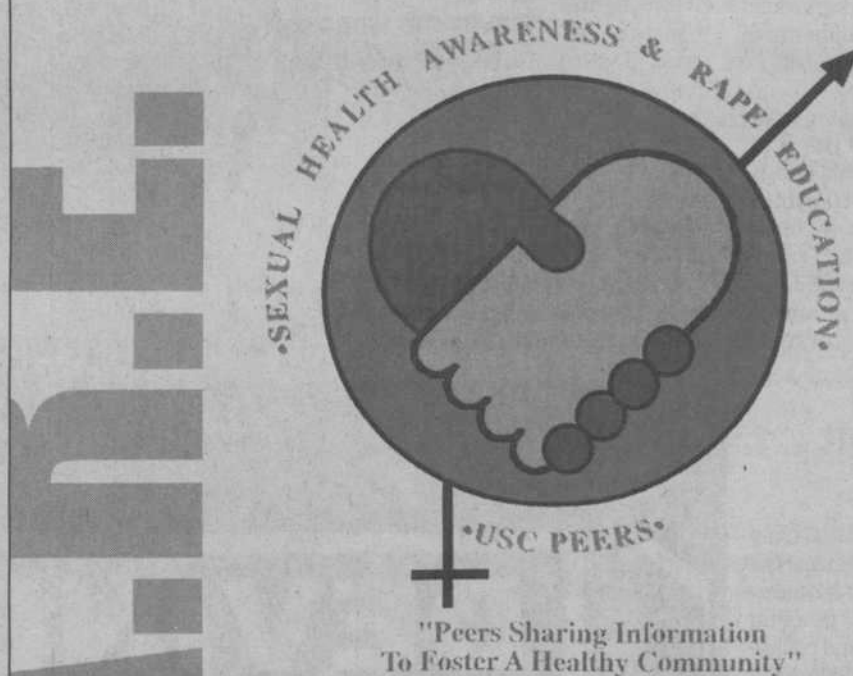
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