

Student Government Association Announcements

Editor's note

The SGA is provided space in each issue of The Capital Times for communicating with the Penn State Harrisburg student body.

Press release: SGA announces new approach for '09-'10 year

The 2009-2010 SGA's policy is one of reform and redemption.

President Thomas Brown has worked with his executive board, members of the senate and the student court since the end of the Spring 2009 semester to establish a new direction for the SGA. The organization aims to acknowledge and learn from the mistakes that were made last year while not dwelling on the events. Reforms implemented within the first weeks of this year include

major amendments to the current SGA Constitution and a new open approach to how students' tuition money is handled.

The new SGA Constitution was presented to the SGA senate during the September 17, 2009 regular meeting as a series of amendments to the current constitution. The amendments aim to improve the organization of the constitution, as well as distribute power away from individual positions within the SGA and increase the availability of funds to student organizations.

If the amendments are adopted, major changes will include a

fourth branch of the government specifically designed to handle club budgets, the incorporation of the student court into the SGA, a clearly defined and outlined impeachment process, and a clause requiring future amendments to be approved by a two-thirds majority of the student body in a special election. An electronic copy of the amendments, as well as the current constitution can be found on the SGA website. Currently, a vote on the amendments is scheduled for the October 1 meeting of the SGA.

Through the newly re-launched

SGA website students now have a detailed look at how their tuition dollars are being spent. The site, which can be accessed through the Penn State Harrisburg website in the Student Organizations section, features a current line-item breakdown of SGA spending, copies of all proposals voted on this semester, voting records for each senator, as well as meeting minutes dating back to 2004.

The SGA hopes that these measures, along with an internal pressure on members to take initiative in planning campus-wide events, will gain the trust

of the student body as the 2009-2010 SGA assists clubs in making Penn State Harrisburg a stronger, more active community.

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Good things start with Society of Design at Penn State Harrisburg

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It may take seventeen muscles to smile, but it only takes one word: design. At least, that's the effect that Craig Welsh, associate professor in Communications, hopes the recently formed Society of Design will have on campus.

According to the president of the PSH student chapter of Society of Design, SOD, Lance Stennett, the club is already starting to have a happy effect on members. The most exciting part of starting SOD has been seeing people who are excited about design and the possibilities the club has already presented, Stennett said.

However, SOD is a new organization and many haven't yet felt the warmth generating from the ambiguously named club. Unlike many other design groups, like the American Institute of Architects and the Public Relations Society of America, SOD does not focus on one particular aspect of design.

"It's an outlet for creative people," Stennett said. "That's what Society of Design is. It's actually giving them something aside from just the classes that they have here and things they do on the weekends. It's a whole other medium to express yourself."

The "Design" in Society of Design represents a broad category, ranging from graphic design to film to writing to photography to fashion to public relations. The student chapter is broken down into four committees. Each committee will have one major project and other smaller projects.

The first committee, headed by Stennett, covers graphic design, illustration and art. This group will be working on a community mural in cooperation with Middletown High School and a poster series that will be

displayed on campus.

The second committee is run by Preston Petro and includes film, writing and music. Students in this group will be working on a television program that will air around campus between classes. The program will also be available online.

Rosemarie Patsiopoulos manages the third committee, which deals with fashion, photography and architecture. This group will be taking a trip to New York City as their major project and will also be doing a local photo series.

The fourth and final group, led by Erica Fortini, will handle public relations, advertising and media. This committee will be in charge of public relations and advertising for SOD.

These committees simply form a framework that keeps the club organized. They will overlap and work together. As Stennett said, "There's a lot of cross-pollination."

Another aspect of SOD is a speaker series. Four events are already scheduled, two occurring this semester. The first speaker will be Lu Chekowsky, the

associate creative director at Wieden+Kennedy in New York City. Wieden+Kennedy is a design firm best known for their work with Nike. Chekowsky will be on campus in 210 CUB on October 15.

The second event features Jake and Pum Lefebure, creative directors and founders of Design Army, located in Washington, D.C. They will also speak in 210 CUB on November 19.

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Pictured above is a screen shot from the Society of Design website at www.societyofdesign.org