

Attending E-Board:

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Esénia: Hello everyone! Welcome to SGA Sunday! Whoa, sorry guys. This microphone is really bad. If you don't want me to use it, I'm happy to not use it. But it's 8:10 and here at SGA, we do things on time, so we are really excited to see an entire side of all the chairs filled up. Give yourselves a round of applause. Thank you for engaging with the SGA. I guess many of you guys are first years and have met us. I will introduce myself and pass it this way. We are going to end flatly at 9pm. So yeah, my name is Esénia. I am the SGA president from the class of 2026. I am a senior. I'm a linguistics major. I use she/her.

Yeseo: Hi guys. I'm Yeseo. I'm the Vice President. She/her pronouns. I'm a sophomore. My major is Education and English.

Zoe: Hi everyone I'm Zoe Beer. I'm a co-treasurer. Jet is ill today. I'm in the class of 2026. I'm a Math major with French and Data Science minors.

Sanaiya: My name is Sanaiya Aftab. I'm the Social Justice and equity chair. I'm double majoring in English and Psychology.. She/her.

Isabelle: Hi, I'm Isabelle. She/her. I'm a Religion major with a Gender and Sexuality Studies minor. I'm the Co-Head of the Honor Board along with Julia Kotes.

Evan: Hi, I'm Evan. I'm the secretary if you can't tell. I'm a double major in English and Education and use she/her pronouns.

Esénia: Some things that we do at SGA at 8:10pm on Sunday's is that we have these public forums. We have these meetings every single Sunday. The constitution makes it weird and wonky; it specifies if you're a rep-co member you have to come, but you don't actually have to. You guys get meeting notes from our wonderful secretary, Evan, and our instagram. I think in general you can come here and we can talk about things that cannot be in the newsletter. You can come here whether you're a club leader, member, just someone sharing stuff for a class, a department event, you can come here and promote them. It's still a really great way to spread information. Another thing you can do is start emailing our secretary Evan by Friday. The newsletter for this week already went out, but for our next newsletter you can send any opportunities related to clubs. Today, we published stuff for Mujeres for FGLI. It's a great way to talk to all of us in the same building. Not often do you get to be in the same space as the full e-board. In September, it's important to start connecting if you ever have questions or concerns. Our budget workshop is happening on Sept 1st at 8pm. If you're interested in running for a position, you have to come to that.

Another thing about what we're talking about today is that every SGA meeting starts with a community comment. You can come up here or sit in your seat and share stuff that's going on. EnAble is having its first gen-bod this Friday, Sept 12th at 6pm in Dalton 10. I'll ask Gaby to send a reminder about that in the newsletter. SGA content, some of you might be first years wondering how to get involved. We'll talk about our legislative branch. We will also hear from our Vice President on committee appointments and from our Elections Heads about the elections opening Friday. Afterwards, we will have a Q&A session. This is a wonderful way to engage with SGA and talk to all of us.

Alright, so, community comment, anyone have any events or... auditions?

Evan: Come to Night Owls auditions Weds-Fri. It is friendship and magic.

?: We have the Radnorween survey going around right now. I'm the Radnor dorm president and you can talk to me if you have any questions.

Esénia: Reminder if you are a dorm president, you need to go to a budget workshop tomorrow at 8pm. If you're just a first year dorm rep, you don't have to submit anything. You're fine. It's virtual. Tomorrow 8pm. In the email from Jet.

Zoe: If you can't go, let the treasurers know.

Isabelle: Shall we continue?

Esénia: Welcome to the SGA! What is the SGA? I'm going to get a little nerdy here. Article II Section III "The President and the Dean of the College shall, through the Honor Code, entrust the SGA with **exclusive management of all matters concerning the conduct of students in their college life** which do not fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the authorities of the College, the Faculty, or Residential Life". The SGA is different from student councils. When people talk about the SGA on campus, I think they just mean the board, but really, everyone is a member of the SGA. We have different levels of what the SGA looks like. We are one of three governances. The faculty has their own. There's the Board of Trustees, us, and the Honor Board. There's six of us here but there's eight of us in total. We have our Honor Board which comprises Isabelle and Julia. There are eight people on the Honor Board. We have our representative council. They vote on budgets, again the budget meeting is September 21st. Parker will be sending emails about plenary. If you're interested in a plenary resolution, just email Parker now. We also have our appointments committee which Yeseo heads. How many people are on that committee?

Yeseo: I don't know.

Esénia: During appointments, you will have interviews with Yeseo and any member of the appointments committee. You'll get to know a lot of these positions starting Tuesday and Friday.

Talking about Rep-Co, which is something you will hear a lot about this week. Rep-Co meets twice a semester. Usually, it's composed of people from multicultural communities, other committees, and representatives from all the other councils. Rep-Co members have to attend these meetings. It's required with a constitutional amendment that passed in Spring 2025. You have to attend both of them. All of these positions independently have different time commitments. With Grand May Day, it's going to be a lot of work. When you get an idea of what the positions are, keep in mind what you're getting yourself into this year and know your skill sets and make an informed decision. If you have any specific questions about the SGA Rep-Co, we are happy to answer any and all questions about that. Tuesday September 29th we will open regular membership of committees. Including for class presidents, so class presidents of 29, more heads, voting positions within the representative council. Awesome.

So, a little bit about first years in SGA, and I wish I had this when I was a freshman really interested in self-governance. A lot of you guys probably ran for a position in your dorm meetings. Raise your hand if you ran for a position in your dorm emitting your first year. Exactly. So we all had an interest initially. Many of you will be dorm reps or dorm presidents. September is when we actually kick it into high gear. Check your emails. These will be emails, not events to apply to committees. Regular membership will come from the vice president and nominations from our election heads. Yeseo, take it away.

Yeseo: As Esénia mentioned, we open committee applications on Tuesday. They will close at 11:59pm on Tuesday the 16th. We need to figure out scheduling times for conducting interviews. Saturday Sept 20th thru the end of the month will be the interview period. After that, we meet and vote and appoint members. We want results to come out in the first week of October. Hopefully, we will get it done by then. The interviews are very low stress. You will find them on a google form. It is very easy to apply. List the committees you want to join. There is no limit to how many committees you join, but we recommend three or fewer. There are descriptions to each committee. You can see how many positions are open. I know some have class requirements. Some you can't apply as a first year or if you are planning to study abroad. Some require a multiple year commitment. That's all I have. Any questions?

Esénia: Now, I'll pass it to our Elections Heads.

Rai: Thank you thank you thank you. We'll be here all night. No we won't.

Roshni: I'm Roshni.

Rai: I'm Rai. Positions you can run for are like first year class president as Esénia mentioned, our one year honor board reps for all of our classes.

Isabelle: Please sign up!

Roshni: Classes 26, 27, and 28, we will be running Honor Board positions for those. And others like access services, off campus representatives, impact representatives, etc. Nominations open the 12th and close the 19th at 9pm.

Rai: We will send out a form to everyone, you can nominate anyone, including yourself, for any or multiple positions.

Roshni: If you want a better description of any of the positions that we are running, look into the SGA constitution.

Rai: After the nomination period, on the weekends, there will be two interest meetings. One on Saturday and one on Sunday, probably in Campus Center 200. It will be required. You have to come. We will go over the bylaws. That is the first couple steps. If you don't remember any of this, don't worry, we have an email with all of the different positions. Please apply and get yourself involved.

Roshni: A vague timeline is that the info sessions are 12-1. You have to come to at least. Don't miss the rep-co budget meeting. Friday the 26th we will have our candidates forum which is where you introduce yourself to the SGA and student body. That will be Friday from 7-9. The week after that will be campaigning and voting. That's kind of like a big timeline, you don't have to remember that.

Rai: Any questions? Thank you so much.

Esénia: And in case anyone needs to remember, these dates are on our monthly calendar and instagram. It could change. We will try to update it as soon as we can. Instagram is what will come first. If you are curious about the calendar, we update it immediately on Instagram and then the newsletter comes out again on Sunday.

This is what the calendar looks like. We are right here, our first SGA public meeting. Our AMOs, multicultural organizations, in Spring 25 we announced AMO summer storage. There's an office in Canwyll where you are storing everything that will be the Trads office. AMOs have the option of leaving it there for the semester. Considering how much stuff is passed around, for right now, this is the best we can do right now. If you're interested in picking up your things, we are running AMO storage starting tomorrow, going through Tuesday and Wednesday. Canwyll is right behind the Campus Center. On Tuesdays, it will be me from 5-7. Tuesday is Jet from 7-8. Wednesday is Sanaiya 5-7. Jet is 7-8. If you can drop in, there's no appointments needed.

On Thursday, we have an information session that will explain the constitutional amendments. Maia Tsalik will lead the first 30 minutes and talk about important updates to time commitments and responsibilities. The last 30 minutes will be dedicated to discussing the same amendments but in regards to plenary.

On Friday, we have an election nominations period.

Saturday is presidential office hours. I'll be here from 7-9. Feel free to stop in.

Sunday we are back again with our last public SGA meeting before the budget meeting on the 21st.

We also have a weekly calendar that comes out on our newsletter and instagram. Here's some promotional posters that you will see on instagram and around campus. This is not required, but it is highly highly recommended. Also in your newsletter you have a link to start voting for plenary themes. Plenary is a big big big SGA tradition and event. Everyone needs to attend. Every single member of the SGA votes. It only started being in person in Spring 2024. We need $\frac{2}{3}$ of people to attend. It's going to be fun. We will have stickers, raffles, and events. It's a cool place to be. There will be time restrictions that we will be imposing. Usually plenary runs for 3-4 hours. We are going for a 3 hour max and at 2 hours we will tell people to vote so we can go home. Keep it on topic. Making sure that we get people out of there. People just love to yap and talk so much.

?: Are we not doing virtual voting?

Isabelle: You have to be in person during plenary, but you can vote virtually. We will cover it all later.

Esénia: We might do virtual voting. Plenary you go but you're not voting. You can't amend them. They already got amended at the Rep-Co plenary. You're just talking about them. You go up and talk about them. There's pros and cons. If you're a resolution writer, you have to be there. That's pretty much it. Voting opens the next day. Voting is open for five days on a google form. We will release the results the following Sunday.

We have a budget workshop tomorrow at 8pm virtual. Does anybody have any questions?

?: Can you go back to the first two slides?

Esénia: Yes, I can.

?: I've been hearing a lot of people having issues with having issues on Sunday's getting food access. There's a lot of religious events that people go to on Sunday's. We go early and it's past brunch and we have to wait until 5 to get food. Uncommon Grounds doesn't serve food, and it's expensive. I don't know if it's the right place to bring it.

Isabelle: The issue with dining hours is a big thing on campus. Typically, you talk to dining services, so you can talk to the campus dietician or Richard, head of dining services. They will be the most directly able to help you.

Yeseo: According to the website, at least one dining hall should be open at all times. New Dorm doesn't close on Sunday's. It's open from 1:30-4 for a light lunch.

Isabelle: Any other questions?

?: With committees, on the rep-co, like, are the committees part of clubs? If you're in a club...

Esénia: Under all of SGA, SGa is a big umbrella, there's clubs that aren't rep-co. If you are a club that serves a purpose, like a multicultural or affinity organization. There's a club called Maximum Whimsy. They are not part of rep-co. Committees do legislative and advocacy work. Clubs are special interest things. Any more questions? I'm also here afterwards if you feel any of us can answer them. Have a good one y'all!