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GAC

Icebreakers

GAC Updates

We have a new governor Tom Wolf. Tom Wolf ran on increasing funding for education, so we've got a nice opportunity to make a first impression to the guy who is writing the budget, so this is going to be a big year for capital day. Capital day is a day where all students get together and go to Harrisburg and talk to legislators about Penn state funding. It's a day in Harrisburg it's a lot of fun and the only day which is an excused absence and anything you miss you are allowed to make it up. You get to talk to your reps and get to know them, you build a face to face interaction. It's in the spring either march 31, or april 7th so as soon as they decide on a date I will let you know. Senate bill 1240, which attempt to re-arrange the trustees, we oppose it because it doesn't have a student trustee, but the A+ bill is going through which does have a permanent seat which will ensure there will always be a student trustee on the board.

Can you explain the board of trustees?

John They decide pretty much everything tuition, policy everything. DO you guys have any updates for me regarding gov affairs

Will Mont Alto We did Collect 133 signatures should we send them to you?

John Yeah you can email me here

Will How does A+ correlate with 1240?

John so it's a bit of a grey area who has control over the board and the senate thinks they have to power over the board of trustees and the board of trustees governance proposal is really re-arranging itself Yudichak is the one sponsoring the 1240

Charles Haze we got 15% and sent it to yudichak and we also sent out voter registration.

John wasn't there a cut off for the 8th of October. Did anyone else do any petitions

We are trying to get tom Kelly to come and speak with us at brandywine

Sam Stimer I've written a couple letters to our senators about higher education

Adam Worthington-Scranton we are working on getting signatures.

John Savant So the next order of business is drive to strive and each campuses collect signatures which we take to Harrisburg and the signatures are carried by hand from one campus to the next and last council we decided that drive to strive would start on January 12th and we'll have a press release saying

around the commonwealth in 80 days because that's right about the time we'll have between that start and capital day. Look it over and look at the dates and email me about scheduling conflicts and I tried to account for everything including size and distance between campuses, but if there is anything that doesn't work or needs to be changed let me know

Brandywine Obviously Drive to strive takes up gas would we be reimbursed

John your sga can reimburse but ccsug won't be. When getting these signatures it's important to get everyone your parents your friends, just everyone you know and you really want to start collecting signatures before the actual drive to strive gets to you and I'll be sending out the final template in a few weeks and worthintnn Scranton and Wilkes Barre and I think you guys are on the first of our list and it would be smart to start before this semester ends, or very early next semester. By the scheduled date, or before because you can't account for bad weather, you should scan your list of signatures you get and send them to me before you send the actual petition and we want to avoid things like faxing because that dilutes the aw factor and sending it to my email just makes sure we have a back up copy and I'll just re-encourage to get fam and friends, do we want to have a goal of signatures? Last year we have over 1,800 sigs, what do you guys think or signature count should be? 3000? This is in general just all the campuses combined and depending on whichever goal we choose

I can generate a proportional goal per campuses and we'll see which campuses go above and beyond. If you do decide to create a goal we could make a trophy or something to create some competitions?

Stacy I think it's a little rough to set pennstate against itself

I think as signatures fill up we can have a lion fill up and that way we're still together but going as a whole.

Sam Speaking of the ccsug website it needs an update

Darryl Yeah we're creating a whole new website that will be up January

John yeah so we're working on video updates for you guys and we are working on improving

John if we're doing a trophy should we have a grand total and one for a proportional number because it's

Adam Worthington we also need to include family and friends so we might exceed the number of students on campus

John let's have a vote are we going for 2500, or 3000? 3000 it is! Yay, or nay on friendly comp? Yay wins and yay, or nay on having a prize on having a friendly prize? Yay

Brice we'll look into it in eboard and I'll come up with a proposal and some different versions and I'll bring it back to you guys next time

John What can I do to help you guys know who you are giving it to who is driving where, how do we exchange different contact info and how can we work everything out. And at Lehigh valley we have a lot of commutes between counties so there are different representatives for different counties. Maybe we'll go for just different hometown areas and email it to all of them. Back to me helping you, what can I do to help, what I was planning on doing is a week before I will email your campus and emailing you the president of the campus you are receiving it from and also the president you're giving it to,

Doneesha I think you can work it through the caucus directors

John there are two councils between drive to strive and so you can pass it along that was between Altoona and Harrisburg

Doneesha how do you want them to keep the signatures together

John we have a packet of papers with signatures we just gave out a big binder we kept them all in and we can break them down into each area. I know if you're on the western side vs eastern side you should have some point of halfway point and if you are having events let your caucus directors know

Justin Brandywine what if at every point there could be a photograph to get publicity and do social media and have a slide show of when each campus meets another and have it connect us?

John that works because there is a sort of wow factor when we go around vs all just meeting and that accentuates that by sharing our photos

Stacy Abington one thing you should ask is if some campuses don't mind driving a few hours vs those who don't want to drive

Fayette are all 19 campuses involved, who will be responsible for those who aren't here?

John just because they aren't at this council doesn't mean they won't be participating. Just because we're on the eastern side it's a little rough for those on the western side. If there is anything you guys want to talk about tomorrow

Adam Worthington Scranton. I think it would be cool if we had a legislator to start it off.

John I think John Wolf should be the final sign and maybe Eric Barron could be the first signature

We could have a friendly competition with UPWA and compare signatures