

11/8/2014 Council Weekend #3 (Abington Campus)

BREAKOUT

Present: Abington, Brandywine, Berks

Absent: Lehigh Valley

Events on Campus (Abington)

1. SGA Planned Events:
 - a. James: We have a "What To Fix" page where students post problems on campus to the website, where the COO of the campus is an admin on the page.
2. Club Events
 - a. James: Having a "Stand Up For The Kids" event on November 11th.

Events on Campus (Berks)

1. SGA Planned Events:
 - a. No major events currently planned.
2. Club Events
 - a. Ryan: The Student Veterans Organization is holding their "Berks Head X Livestream" event on November 14th.

Events on Campus (Brandywine)

1. SGA Planned Events:
 - a. Do not have any major events coming up, but will be in contact when one is planned.
2. Club Events
 - a. Smoking policy and open forum.

Issues

Brandywine: Non-traditional students feel like they weren't part of the campus.

Topic: Do you think you are part of the University Park (Penn State)?

Stacy, Abington: UPUA does a good job, but not University Park itself. We preach one University geographically dispersed but do not have the backbone to enforce it.

Justin, Brandywine: Being in SGA, I feel like I am part of the one university. But I do not think that students who just go to class understand it.

Kris, Abington: There is a disconnect because of the marketing. First thing comes to mind about Penn State is Old Main, Centre County. It is seen as a "trampoline" for University Park. Marketing may not be properly unifying the campuses. In the commercials each campus has, you do not see all of the buildings on campus; you see University Park.

Christine, University Park: I was not very involved my first year. I became involved my second year and SGA became like a family, and you make it what it is and Geographic's' do not matter.

Miguel, Abington: We should come up with the words for that; words for transitioning/transferring. Change the 2+2 plan and eliminating the "main campus" term. It would be nice to know about clubs and events going on at other campuses.

Kris, Abington: Also think the subcultures unify us but also divide us. Decrying these other terms, such as "satellite campus," because other people may not be aware of them.

Ash, Abington: When I thought of Penn State, I thought of the 2+2 plan. The focus is set on University Park as the ending point.

Christine, Abington: It is the way you bring it up and bring yourself to breaking the news to others.

Stacy, Abington: When I get accepted to Penn State, I felt like I had to feel bad that I was not going to University Park. The football games happen at University Park, tuition goes through University Park, etc. Our campuses don't get the publicity. We do not hear much about the commonwealth.

James, Abington: I had no clue what the difference between what Penn State Abington and Penn State University Park was. Most people out of Pennsylvania do not understand the system. It is just your personal region, it's all the same.

Brandywine: Create some slogan "Penn United" or something, and advertise better.

Open Forum