

RCSGA AND WCGA PRESENT OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

Thank you all so much for a wonderful school year! We are so proud of all that WCGA and RCSGA have accomplished over the course of this school year. In this newsletter, you will be able to see all of the projects that both bodies have worked tirelessly on to improve all aspects of campus life.

Although the school year is coming to an end, as well as our terms as presidents, we are confident that WCGA and RCSGA will continue to serve the students here to the highest degree.

Sincerely,
Lauren and Derek

ABOUT STUDENT GOVERNMENT

We are a group of students, elected by students, who advocate for student needs on campus. Our aim is to amplify student voices on campus and to promote our University's values.





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ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

AMAL ALI

The main focus of the Administrative Affairs Committee this semester has been to make edits to the constitution of WCGA, in order to better suit the needs and goals of the body. We have also had a number of personal projects among the class chairs that have been accomplished this semester.

Rachel Lim, 2024 chair, helped organize a Senior Cellar Night and the THC Coffee Break.

Gurbani Makar, 2026 chair, worked on getting free menstrual products across a number of residence halls.

Olga Rohklenko, 2027 chair, orchestrated our Random Acts of Kindness Week, which helped spread positivity and benefited a number of student organizations on campus.



ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

WILL EMERSON

The Administration Committee has been actively working to strengthen the RCSGA this semester. We held internal elections to fill vacant roles, resulting in a full body. We also organized camaraderie events to build stronger relationships among members and drafted amendments to our Constitution to improve internal functioning and streamline the process for approving funds for campus organizations.

Our Class Chairs and Senators have worked on various personal projects to better our student community, such as gathering student concerns, spreading awareness about neurodiversity month, and hosting Senior Cellar Night with WCGA. The Administration Committee is proud of our accomplishments this semester and will continue to push our members to be the best student representatives they can be!



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

KARINE NGUYEN

KARTHIK LALWANI

The Academic Affairs committee has been actively involved in initiatives to improve students' quality of life, focusing on mindfulness and equity. This semester, we extended hours in academic buildings, spearheaded neurodiversity awareness week, revamped Gottwald study spaces, and enhanced clarity for courses offered on a rotating basis.

We also worked with the General Education Curriculum Committee (GEC) to provide input on courses fulfilling new requirements. Future projects include increasing scholarship transparency and designating credit for laboratory components.



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ELLA HAYES

External Affairs has continued working to increase transparency between student government and the general student body. We have made sure to stay on top of social media updates and producing a joint newsletter with RCSGA in order to promote all of the projects our members have been working on.



We have also been working with Rethink Waste to publicize the resources available in their Linktree, as well as their sustainability campus map. We created flyers and yard signs to advertise the location of compost bins around campus.

Other projects have included creating social media campaigns for Neurodiversity Awareness Week, Random Acts of Kindness Week, and various member projects, like the free menstrual products initiative.



STUDENT AFFAIRS

TIMOTHY KHOH

We're all about transparency and innovation here at Student Affairs. From maintaining our social media presence, weekly tabling, charging stations, streamlining our website, this newsletter, we work hard to boost student engagement as the liaisons between the student body and the RCSGA.

Our most significant collaborations have been with SpiderBoard, with whom we have financially sponsored and assisted at Silent Disco, Frostival, and Spring Carnival.

A significant victory for us was securing priority registration slots for ROTC Cadets at UofR. Working with ROTC instructors and our WCGA counterparts to draft a resolution, Vice President Khoh presented our case to the faculty senate and university stakeholders. After a few months of deliberation, the faculty senate granted our request. This project was a demonstration of our commitment to student wellness.



FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

MICHELLE DARFOUR

The WCGA Financial Affairs Committee has approved \$5507.15 in contingency funding for 11 clubs. Our big initiative this semester was SOBAC, which is the annual club funding allocation where we, in partnership with the RCSGA Finance Committee, allocated \$209,446.97 among 55 clubs over the course of a weekend.





FINANCE COMMITTEE

JOHN PASCHOLD

Finance had a productive semester, which culminated in the annual SOBAC allocation weekend from March 23-24, 2024. The committee allocated nearly \$210,000 to clubs in annual funding and have distributed over \$10,000 in contingency funding.

The full RCSGA body voted to approve an amendment that allowed solely the finance committee to vote on and approve smaller contingency requests, making both RCSGA and WCGA's contingency processes more alike. Next semester, we hope to communicate with CSI to add more food trucks to the approved vendors list.





STUDENT AFFAIRS

ANDI PUNISHILL

The Student Affairs Committee has tackled a number of projects over the course of this semester. This includes making menstrual products available for free in Residence Halls across campus and expanding the Daily Connector to include a Walmart stop. We have also continued to work with the sustainability office to advocate for increased composting on campus. Other projects include our Neurodiversity Awareness Week, continuing to work with Residence Life and Housing to spread awareness about the Gender Flexible Housing portal, and working with Dining Services to address student feedback.



CAMPUS SERVICES

GUY CERVONE

Campus Services, in its first year under the new title, worked to establish constant communication with various campus services. Our committee engaged in successful discussions with directors, gaining a deeper understanding of change from the administrative perspective. We represented the student body through various boards, ensuring all voices were heard, from residence life to dining services to parking and transportation.

Our diverse committee members contributed to our effectiveness in understanding and addressing various issues. We ran the successful student concerns table, gaining insights into the daily problems students face. We aim to continue bringing attention to student issues and facilitating dialogue between students and the campus services that make our school great.



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