

WCGA PRESENTS OUR
FALL NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

This year, the theme for WCGA is "Service." We are paying particular attention to what it means to be student leaders on campus, representatives of student voices, and how we can best serve UR students.

WCGA hit the ground running this semester, tackling a number of projects. In this newsletter, you will see what each of our committees have been up to this semester and what's coming up next. Thank you all for a wonderful fall semester, and we can't wait to continue to serve you this spring!

Sincerely,
Lauren

ABOUT WCGA

The Westhampton College Government Association was established in 1914 by students of Westhampton College. WCGA seeks to help students confidently pursue their passions and does this by representing student opinions, developing university-wide programming, maintaining traditions, and providing students with an opportunity to be leaders.





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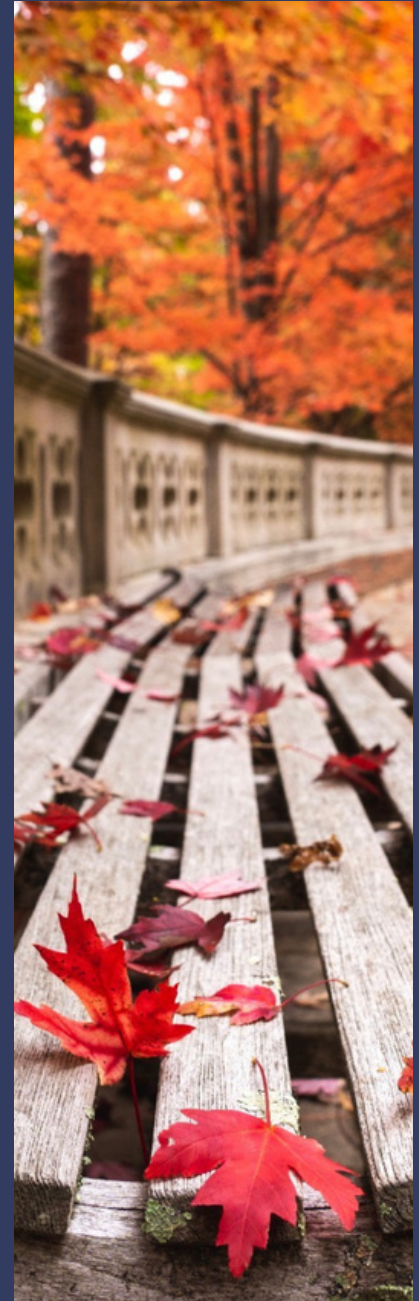
Frishtah Wassl
Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

AMAL ALI

The Administrative Affairs Committee has spent this past semester working on a number of things to promote communication and collaboration between WCGA and RSCGA, including our recent holiday dinner! We also recently held an internal election for the 2027 class chair. Olga Rohklenko was elected to serve in this position.

Among the class chairs, there are a number of personal projects that we have made progress on over the course of the semester that we look forward to continuing in the new semester. These projects include senior class events, meeting with UR Well instructors about revising curriculum, and working on addressing scholarship displacement.





ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

KARINE NGUYEN

Academic Affairs has been busy this past semester with a number of projects, including a school-wide mental health survey, mid-semester class evaluations, and increasing transparency before class registration. These projects will continue on in the new semester, along with some upcoming initiatives to hopefully reduce textbook costs and extend the library hours.

We have also been regularly attending Faculty Senate Meetings and the General Education Committee, advocating for a number of initiatives, including a 1st round gen-ed proposal that included over 70 classes.



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

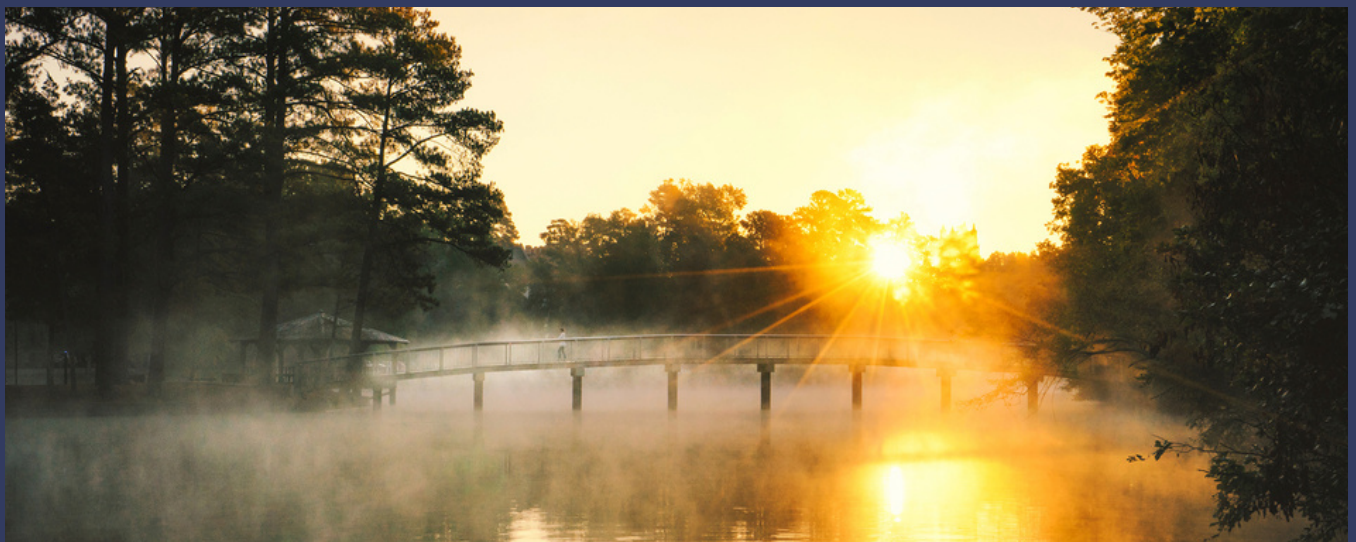
ELLA HAYES

External Affairs has been hard at work this semester to increase transparency between student government and the general student body. Part of this has included the very newsletter that you're reading, as well as social media updates and a total overhaul of the WCGA website.



We have also partnered with the Financial Affairs committees to increase the resources and information on our websites about the SOBAC and contingency funding process.

Next semester, some of our projects on the docket include collaborating with Student Affairs/Campus Services, as well as Rethink Waste, to spread awareness about composting on campus and spotlighting student organizations through our social media.



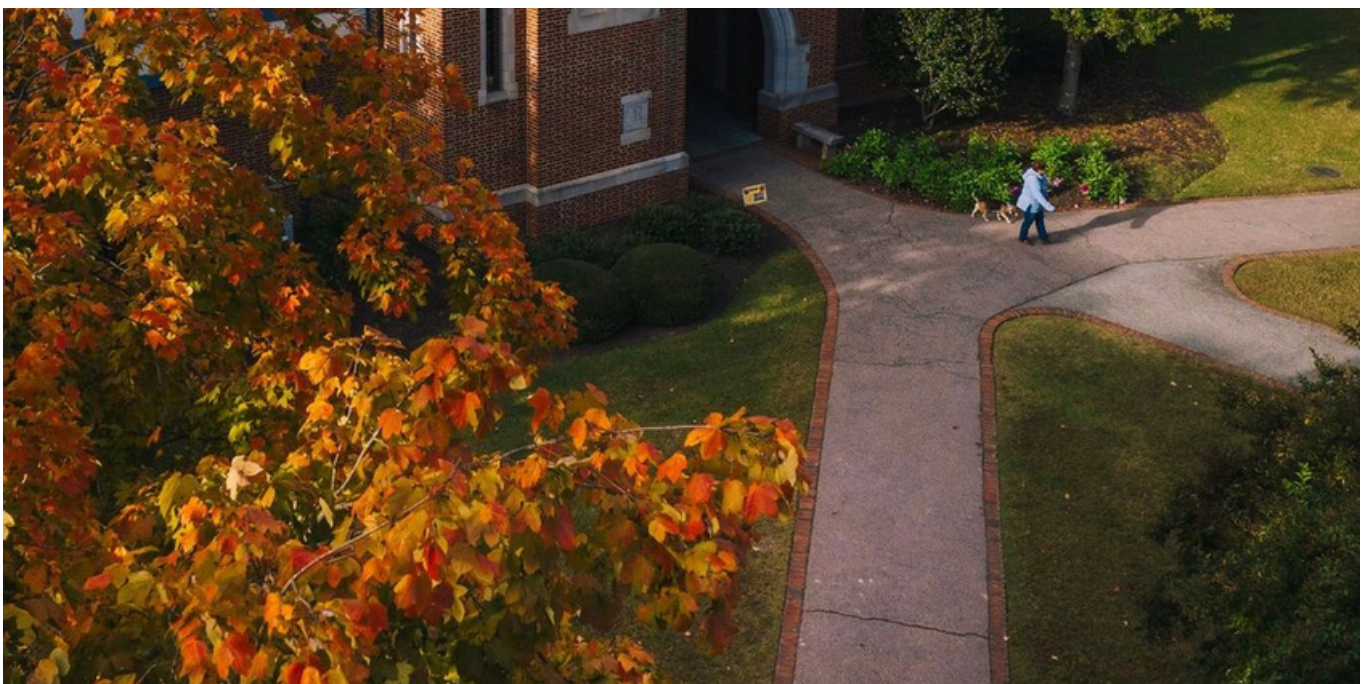


FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

MICHELLE DARFOUR

The Financial Affairs Committee has continued to address contingency requests from student organizations throughout the semester in a timely manner. In the spring, we will also launch the formal SOBAC process to fund even more organizations.

We have also collaborated with the External Affairs Committee to update the WCGA website with the most current SOBAC and Contingency Funding information, including links to all the forms and resources, as well as answers to our most frequently asked questions. In the coming semester, we will work with them to create a guidebook/infographic as well. We will also be working RCSGA to make the funding processes for each student government more aligned.



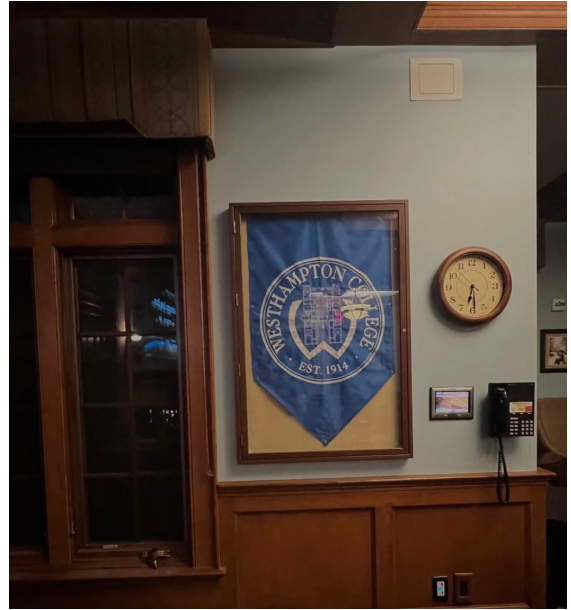
STUDENT AFFAIRS

ANDI PUNISHILL

The Student Affairs Committee has spent this semester completing old projects and tackling new ones. We finished the Gender Flexible Housing project, making information about the new process permanently available on the housing website. We have made significant progress in making menstrual products available for free in Residence Halls across campus. We continue to work with the sustainability office to advocate for increased composting on campus. We also continue to work with Dining Services to incorporate student feedback. As always, we ran student concerns tabling for a week and collected hundreds of student comments. Next semester we hope to close out the menstrual products project, conduct safety and accessibility walks of campus, work on making SpiderFest and club registration less overwhelming for first years, and take on new projects that address student concerns.



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