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October 2024

Student Trustee David Aaron Ramirez
Term 2024-25

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City Colleges of Chicago District Student Government Association

Student Trustee Report

For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

<u>Total number of events district-wide</u>: 14 (reported) <u>Types of events & number of events per category</u>:

- Student Social: 6
 Community Event: 1
 Resource Event: 3
 Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event: 1

• Other: 3

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Goals:

- Academic Year:
 - Enhance student engagement and awareness around academic and mental health resources.
 - Boost awareness of DSGA and the student trustee position.
 - Encourage collaboration and engagement between City College campuses.
 - Start monthly Trustee visits to each of the City College Campuses, fostering friendships, connections, and networking.
- Current Semester:
 - To have City College SGAs host the DSGA meetings.
 - o Survey all colleges on advocacy areas.
 - Build sense of community and leadership skills within DSGA.
- Completed:
 - We had our first DSGA meeting on Friday September 27th.
 - Elected a Vice Chair and Secretary for DSGA

Highlights:

ICCB SAC met for the first time at Lake Land College in Mattoon IL on September 20th.

Section III: Announcements

I am pleased to inform you all that since we had our first ICCB SAC meeting, known as the Illinois Community College Board: Student Advisory Committee. I, David Aaron Ramirez, have been voted in as Chair. It will be a tremendous honor and privilege to now serve at the state level. The Student Advisory Committee (SAC) was established by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) in 1982 to represent the interests of community college students in Illinois. Comprising 48 members from 48 community colleges, typically student trustees or appointed representatives from each of the state's community colleges, the SAC reviews and advises on ICCB policies and addresses issues impacting the community

college system. Each year, the SAC organizes student Advocacy Day, allowing students to meet with members of the Illinois General assembly to advocate for community colleges and their needs.

Today, I want to talk to you briefly about the power of advocacy and why it matters more than ever for us as students, and for me as the new ICCB SAC Chair. Advocacy is not just about voicing opinions; it's about standing up for ourselves and for those who may not have a voice. It's about creating change and making our collective needs heard.

As students, we face unique challenges in our educational journey. Whether it's access to resources, support for mental health, or policies that affect our learning environment, our voices can drive meaningful change. Advocacy powers us to influence decisions that shape our lives and our future.

When we advocate for ourselves and each other, we are not just fighting for today; we are paving the way for future generations. We have the power to create an inclusive, supportive, and thriving environment on each of our campuses. This is why advocacy is important.

-Thank you

Harold Washington College

Student Government Association Campus Report For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events:

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Open Forums:
- Other:

General Updates:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Harry S. Truman College

Student Government Association

Campus Report For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events:

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Kennedy-King College

Student Government Association

Campus Report For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events:

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Malcolm X College

Student Government Association

Campus Report For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 12

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 4
 - Sept. 5th, Jeopardy and Karaoke
 - Sept. 24th, Taco Tuesday & Loteria
 - Sept. 25th, Project S.A.F.E Healthy Relationships
 - Sept. 27th, SGA ORIENTATION
- Community Event: 1
 - Sept. 18th, Mercado Resource Fair: A community event to explore immigration resources, get free blood pressure checks, network with professionals, enjoy complimentary food, and win exciting prizes.
- Resource Event: 3
 - September 4th Resource fair: Clubs and representatives from academic programs tabled and recruited. Light refreshments were provided. A raffle took place, and many rewards won.
 - September 16th Tour of Latin America (Beginning of Latino Heritage Month): A tour of exhibits of different Latin American countries.
 - September 17th Panel of Latin Pioneers: First Generation Latino Leaders share their inspiring stories of resilience and success.
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
 - September 10th **Suicide Prevention Event** An event for suicide awareness and its prevention.
- Other:
 - September 19th Latin Movie Take over Streaming of film "Macario"
 - September 26th Latin Movie Take over Streaming of film "El Norte"
 - September Field Trip to the Goodman Theater to see the play 'Inherit the wind', a
 classic play exploring the debate between science and religion

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

Serving and building a connected student body to resources that will help them to succeed.

Current Semester Goal:

Improve the student experience and foster a better sense of community

Next Semester Planning:

- Black History Month.
- Women's History Month.

Olive-Harvey College

Student Government Association

Campus Report For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. district-wide events:

No. Total of events:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Richard J. Daley College

Student Government Association

Campus Report For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. district-wide events: 0

No. Total of events: 2

- Student Social: 2
 - September 5th Patio cookout SGA in collaboration with rising club Black Student Union (BSU)
 - September 25th 26th Club Informational Meetings
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

Fostering a culture of inclusivity among students.

Current Semester Goal:

Student engagement

Next Semester Planning: TBD

Completed Goals: N/A

Highlight:

SGA and PTK members volunteered at Daley market food pantry.

Section III: Announcements

Upcoming Events:

Pop up job fair attire table - College career development department in collaboration with SGA-Oct 9

Mental health screening day – SGA in collaboration with the wellness department – Oct 10

The ratification of a new club – Black Student Union

Hispanic Heritage month closing celebration – a night of dinner and dancing – Oct 15

Collaboration with student activities and ALL in civic engagement event hosting a forum called "know before you go to the polls – how to cast your vote Q & A"

SGA collaboration with the breast cancer awareness month committee and Phi Theta Kappa to present our wall of honor

Wilbur Wright College

Student Government Association

Campus Report For October 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. district-wide events: 0

No. Total of events: N/A

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

- Make Clubs more self-sufficient by the end of the year by making resources more accessible and comprehensive.
 - So far, they have ratified 18 Clubs. Developed and implemented a club buddy program to assist club officers. To help mend the relationship between SGA and Clubs and help it be easier for clubs to fill out necessary forms and achieve certain expectations.
- Create and maintain a robust senate by properly training our senate and by creating a respectable group dynamic
 - WW has 12 senators now with an overall goal to maintain 20 by the end of the year.
 - WW have also implemented training for the Senators, so they know how to properly assist their clubs as club buddies.

Increase and improve IG presence show growth

- In the last 2 months WW has grown by 125 followers, they have implemented some ways to market our social media, with fliers, at different events and more.

Engaging campus

- So far, we have further expanded the way that we market our Taco Tuesdays by encouraging senators to tell their friends and to use their artistic skills to create chalk boards.
- We have had to change venues 2 times now because of the amount of growth in attendance that we have at every Taco Tuesday.
- On landing day, we also introduced students to our Wright Life, which is a website or app where you can hear about certain clubs and events happening at the school.

Advocacy

- We have been participating in the All In To Vote, Community College Concert Competition. We have been encouraging students to take the pledge to vote for this very important election year every Taco Tuesday and in our Wright Now emails.
- We have partnered with an organization, The League of Women Voters, that promotes civic engagement on campus by coming to Wright, tabling and encouraging students to register to vote.