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Student Trustee Report - November Board Meeting

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Overview:

October was an active and impactful month across all City Colleges of Chicago. Each campus focused on community building, student safety, awareness, and engagement through a variety of events. Below are some key highlights from each college.

Malcolm X College

Malcolm X College October was an active and engaging month focused on wellness, safety, and inclusion. SGA supported Project S.A.F.E. during Domestic Violence Awareness Month through events like the Bystander Intervention Workshop, Trauma-Informed Yoga, and Wear Purple Day. The college also celebrated Latin Heritage Month with cultural programs that highlighted Latin identity and history.

Students shared concerns about the meal pilot program, noting that frozen meals are inconvenient and hard to store. They also expressed fear about I.C.E. activity near campus and requested stronger security presence between public transit and the college. Other highlights included Unmasking Mental Health, Know Your Rights workshops, and the Spooky & Crafts celebration. Homecoming Spirit Week is currently taking place, with strong student engagement and collaboration across campus.

Wilbur Wright College

Wright College focused on student safety and leadership development. SGA hosted a Club Officer Training to teach club leaders about resources, event management, and funding procedures, which saw strong participation. They also held a Town Hall to address student concerns related to ICE activity and safety on and around campus. The college collaborated with the Alliance Club for Wright Around the World: LGBTQ+ History, promoting education and inclusion. Wright is continuing to expand club training opportunities and is working on a joint initiative with other campuses to support undocumented students.

Olive-Harvey College

At Olive-Harvey college, students participated in Pasos y Puentes: Latine Journeys in Higher Education on October 14th, highlighting cultural identity and supporting Latinx student success. The SGA continues to encourage student involvement in clubs and leadership opportunities.

Harold Washington College:

The SGA at Harold Washington College took major action to address student hunger by passing the Universal Lunch Act, dedicating \$30,000 of the student budget to provide free lunches for the remainder of the Fall semester. This initiative demonstrates strong student leadership and commitment to supporting the campus community, while other student engagement and club activities continue to grow.

Daley College

Daley College emphasized culture, health, and civic engagement this month. Students enjoyed the Hispanic Heritage Month Dance Festival, featuring food, performances, and dance lessons that highlighted Hispanic traditions. For Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students participated in the annual Walk for a Cure, Paint with a Purpose, and letter writing campaigns. Looking ahead, Daley is preparing for a Black Student Union Fashion Show and Neon Party to close out the term. Students have also expressed interest in forming more art, STEM, and sport-related clubs.

Kennedy-King College

Kennedy-King College celebrated a very successful Homecoming Week that brought together students, alumni, and staff for events such as the Alumni Luncheon, Club Fair, Pep Rally, and Homecoming Dance. The week boosted school pride and campus engagement. KKC also hosted a Domestic Violence Awareness Event with Project S.A.F.E., featuring survivor stories and a self-defense video. SGA continues to focus on student involvement and leadership development, with plans to attend the upcoming SGA National Conference to bring new engagement strategies to campus.

Truman College

Truman College collaborated with the Financial Aid Office for the FAFSA Fireside: Sip & Submit event series, helping students complete their 2026–27 FAFSA applications. SGA also cosponsored Campus Safety Week alongside the Campus Safety Committee, covering topics like domestic violence awareness, mental health, and sexual health. To strengthen community ties, Truman hosted Halloween Week events, including a movie night, door-decorating contest, and party. The college is now preparing for its annual Thanksgiving Basket Raffle later this month.

Closing Note:

I want to thank all the SGA teams across the City Colleges for their hard work in creating safe, inclusive, and engaging environments for our students. Your commitment to advocacy and student success continues to make a real difference.