

Welcome to the next great chapter

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SGA PRESIDENT

Congratulations on being admitted to the Illinois Institute of Technology!

You are now a member of the community of highly talented "Scarlet Hawks" who brainstorm, collaborate, invent, and solve real-world problems to relax after a long and tiring day of being super awesome.

Make sure you enjoy the numerous unique experiences IIT has to offer. Your journey here will take you from city-wide scavenger hunts to multicultural dance parties

via detours through midnight breakfasts, student org events, late night pizza hangouts, and, a campus-wide favorite, the notorious 4 a.m. MSV fire alarm!

I also have the privilege to introduce to you the Student Government Association (SGA) at IIT. To be concise, SGA's goal is to fix problems and make aspects of IIT better than before. This is done through the process of initiating and completing projects. Some of the successful student-led SGA projects around campus are the existence of the One Stop office in MTCC, Galvin library being open 24 hours, five days a week, Keating Sports Center housing

multipurpose fitness and recreational rooms and much, much more! In addition to that, we are the bridge that connects students to the administration and the other way around. Allocation of the Student Activities Fund (SAF) is managed by SGA as well.

We consist of over 50 brilliant students from all the different backgrounds and majors IIT has to offer, which helps us achieve an accurate representation of our student population. You can be a part of SGA as well! Talk to a member, come to our meetings on Tuesday nights in MTCC, run to be a senator in September, visit our website,

and like us on Facebook. SGA has some of the major leadership opportunities IIT has to offer, and your experience with us is something you will reap the benefits of during the entirety of your time at IIT and even after.

Join us, be part of something magnificent, make a difference, have fun, and leave your mark on this little world of ours. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

Finally, welcome to the marvelous, unique and innovative world of Illinois Institute of Technology. I hope you have a fun and successful experience here.

Student Government Association: How you can make a difference

Subarno Saha

SGA VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

So what is up with all the hype about the Student Government Association (SGA)? What is it and why should you care? The Student Government Association is a large student-lead organization hell-bent on improving student life here at IIT. In the past, this organization has been involved in the restoration of the Bog, the creation of the One Stop Shop and the implementation of Google Apps. It is led in the next academic year by SGA President, Rahul Wadhvani, who is in charge of listening to student opinions and voicing them to the IIT President, Provost, and Board of Trustees. The SGA President then works side-by-side with the administration on projects to implement the changes the student body wishes for. Being the voice of the student body, the SGA President's opinion is taken into great consideration by the governing body of the institution when making big decisions.

Going deeper, SGA can be divided into several committees under the supervision of the Executive Vice President, Trevor Wasserzieher. These are the following:

The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) - The Vice President of Academic Affairs, Viraj Shah, leads this committee. The AAC works towards making sure IIT students are getting the best academic experience. Past projects of this committee include having Galvin Library open 24 hours a day, five days a week, making library laptops available to students for longer hours, getting higher student participation in course reviews, and many others. The committee continues to work with the Academic Resource Center, the Career Center, and the Undergraduate Studies Council.

The Student Life Committee - Led by the Vice President of Student Life, Leo Hamze Sukkar, this committee works towards making campus life more vibrant, exciting and fun. In the recent past, this committee has been responsible for bringing workout equipment to McCormick Student Village, putting up mirrors in Keating Sports Center for a dance practice room, improving the quality of on-campus food, and improving student participation in sporting events. The committee is now working towards bringing students and staff together by having open forums with different departments so they can understand each other better.

The Communications Committee - Chaired by the Vice President of Communications, Subarno Saha, this committee is in charge of maintaining efficient communication within the IIT Community. This committee links SGA to the student body and the student body to IIT administration. The committee has been vital in getting the student body to participate in the campus-wide Student Speak Survey which collects student opinion on a wide range of topics. This year, the committee hopes to work with IIT's various media outlets (WIIT Radio, TechNews, etc.) in order to keep the student body up-to-date with IIT's news. Gina Qualter, SGA's Events Coordinator, will be working very closely with students and the committee to set up many fun events as well as service learning events for students to enjoy.

Judicial Board - Along with being the SGA body that brings down the hammer when the Student Senate does not perform up to the mark, the Judicial Board is in charge of making sure SGA elections are held fairly. Appeals for fund allocations from the Student Activities Fund are also adjudicated by the Judicial Board. It is led by the Chief Justice.

Finance Board - Jacob Aynessazian

is the Finance Board Chair. Finance Board is in charge of the distribution of the Student Activities Fund to student organizations.

Getting involved in any and all of the above committees or boards is very easy. As listed on the SGA website, found at sga.iit.edu, "Any student may join a senate committee in which students provide direct input on important issues. Students may run for an elected position with Senate Elections held in the fall and Executive Board elections held each spring. Students may also be appointed to Judicial Board or nominated for Finance Board. All of these positions provide excellent opportunities to make a real difference at IIT. SGA is looking for any motivated students who want to make an impact. No experience is required - just the desire to get involved and make a difference!"

Remember this: the most important part of the Student Government Association is YOU, the Student. Only you can bring about the change that you want to see in SGA! So, join us in helping create the most spirited, fun, educational campus in the world. Let's make IIT better!

Congratulations on your achievement! As you work on starting your career, let me help you find your next home. I look forward to talking with you!



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Join us in The Bog for some fun!

The Bog provides a fun environment for IIT Students, faculty, and staff. Visitors to The Bog can enjoy FREE bowling, pool, table tennis, or just grab a drink with friends. The Bog regularly hosts events such as magicians, live music, video game tournaments, karaoke, and a variety of other things! We hope to see you there!

Commuter Students

Are you a Commuter Student? If so, The Bog is the place to go during the day as well! Hang out, do homework, play videogames, or just relax and eat your lunch!

Hours

11 am - 6 pm: Monday - Wednesday

11 am - 1 am: Thursday & Friday

5 pm - 1 am: Saturdays from October to March

