

SGA implementing new programs to further student involvement

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The IIT Student Government Association (SGA) does a lot for this university. Past successes include opening the Galvin Library 24 hours, five days a week; switching the school's e-mail service to Google Apps for Education; and the in-progress Foreign Language Program. Here are some of the projects that SGA's three committees are currently working on and the students involved in them.

Student Life

Improve the IIT school spirit.

Implemented by Senator Rani Shah, Senator Alexander Bogoevski, RHA Representative Raksha Rajagopalan, Merlyn Abraham, Sumeet and Priyamvada Pandit

Add more dining options near IIT, headed by Senator Megan Christenson, Senator Lama Abu-Amara, Darius Piscikas, Daniel

Garcia and Ricardo Erazo.

Partner with Public Safety to identify ways to improve student safety on campus, by Senator Akarsh Jain, Senator Russel Houser, Greek Council Representative Alex, and Joseph Carnot.

Academic Affairs

Implement a foreign language program that allows students to work towards a minor by studying a language, as well its associated culture and history. Headed by Senator Sarah Lim.

Allow students to evaluate their Teaching Assistants and provide constructive feedback. Headed by Senator Eyoel Asfaw.

Provide students with access to course syllabi during course registration. Headed by Senator Raghav Girijala.

Host an advising mixer to connect students with advisors in a less formal setting

and improve the student-faculty relationship, headed by Senator Raghav Girijala and Andy Lo.

Peer Academic Link is a forum where upperclassmen can give their perspectives on their experiences at IIT, such as favorite courses/professors and internship opportunities. One of the goals is to help freshmen and students with undecided majors, by Senator Soonen Ahua.

Virtual Tutorial Classes: Providing peer group tutoring to students by holding tutorial sessions where some students are live and some could opt in from remote locations, by Senator Soonen Ahua, Moyosore Orekoya.

MSDN for all majors is a resource that allows students to download software for free, this is currently only open to CS majors, headed by Jherome Dias.

Communications Committee

Thoughts on the Bridge: Senators

will be making an appearance on the MTCC Bridge once every other week to collect students' thoughts about IIT to be presented during SGA Senate meetings, by Senator Utsav Gandhi and Senator Lucius Doxerie.

Votebox is an application where students can suggest and vote for projects they would like to see SGA work on. Votes are made on the website sga.uservoice.com; headed by Senator Dor Karter.

"I want this to be" cards is a virtual suggestion box in which students submit snapshots of a card next to whatever the student would like to see changed or improved, headed by Senator Matthew Otten, Committee Member Nathan Wicker.

Digital Media Updates

Updates about what SGA does will be updated on the SGA Facebook page (facebook.com/iitsga), twitter (twitter.com/iitsga), and other media, by Senator Ameena Payne.

Fraudulent scholarships threaten students

By Office of Financial Aid

Last week, a student approached our office to inquire about a recent scholarship notification received from a private organization, USA Scholarship Services. In this notification, the student was selected to receive an offer to apply for the 2011/2012 scholarship program, and may receive up to \$7,500 in scholarships. The student needed to send a check for \$27 to pay for processing fees and if the student failed to qualify for a scholarship for at least \$1,000, then the \$27 is refunded. Sounds great, right? WRONG!

After researching this company, USA Scholarship Services essentially uses the \$27 processing fee to mail recipients applications for various scholarship consideration with different organizations. The company is allowed to keep the \$27 processing fee because the student has to NOT qualify for a scholarship opportunity and submit denial letters to be refunded. Now only does USA Scholarship Service have several complaints submitted to the Federal Trade Commission about them, they are also under review by Better Business Bureau related to their business practices. After identifying the various issues with USA Scholarship Services, the Office of Financial Aid immediately reported them to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Hopefully, the FTC will investigate this organization and stop them from scamming other families.

Unfortunately, many students and parents fall victim to scholarship scams like this one due to lack of knowledge about private scholarship resources. As the price for education consistently rises between 5-7% nationwide annually (more than doubling the annual cost of inflation), families are finding it hard to afford the continuous college expenses and are looking for the best ways to finance educational expenses using private resources. Below are tips you can use to protect yourself from falling victim to a scholarship scam.

Protect yourself!

Investigate: If you have an opportunity for a scholarship in the future, please make sure you complete due diligence and investigate the company contacting you before submitting any information to them.

Contact Financial Aid: Talk to a financial aid advisor to seek assistance in identifying if the organization is legitimate. We are happy to look into these organizations for you!

Utilize on campus resources first: The Office of Financial Aid and Galvin Library have several scholarship opportunities available for students to use to identify actual scholarship opportunities. Stop by both areas and use our resources in our office and on our websites.

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