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SGA Week promotes campus involvement in student government

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Welcome back to school! It's the beginning of a new semester, and as such, it's almost time for another SGA Week. Student Government Association (SGA) hosts one week full of events every semester.

The purpose of the week is to raise awareness of what your student government can do for you and how you can get involved. SGA serves as your representative voice to the administration, and we want to hear your views.

This semester SGA Week runs from Monday, January 30th, to Thursday, February 2nd. Events will include a Public Safety Forum, Lunch With Your Representatives, classroom visits by senators, and a Student Discount Fair.

On Monday at lunch, Public Safety will be hosting an open forum. You will have a chance to meet officers, express concerns, and become more familiar with the people who keep you safe.

Lunch With Your Representatives, on Tuesday at lunch in the Perlstein lobby, will be a great opportunity to meet your elected representatives from Senate, Finance Board, and Judicial Board. Talk to them about what you'd like to see on campus and learn how you can get involved with changing the campus for the better.

On Wednesday, take the opportunity to talk to your senators on the bridge at the weekly Thoughts Table. Every Wednesday this semester, senators will be out to talk to you and gather your thoughts on how campus can be improved. Cast your vote on our Votebox forum at sga.uservoice.com.

Back by popular demand, the student Discount Fair will be held on Thursday on the Bridge from 12:30-1:30. The Fair will feature businesses that participate in the Student Discount Program, and offer free samples to students who stop by. Pick up your Student Discount card if you don't already have one!

Throughout the week, senators will be visiting certain classes with high enrollment to talk to students about the role of student government on campus and raise awareness of what SGA has achieved already on campus.

SGA Week is all about you! Come out and talk to us, and make sure to grab some of the awesome buttons and other freebies along the way.

Follow the event on Facebook for updates on the details of each event:
<http://tiny.cc/SGAWeekS2012>

Introducing the Office of Campus Life

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OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE STUDENT ASSISTANTS

With the start of the spring semester, campus is more vibrant, busier, and more active than ever. Leading the charge of giving students at IIT a "Life" is the newly restructured Campus Life department, formerly known as the Office of Student Life. Led by Director Ryan Miller, Campus Life has been working over the past month to better meet the needs of student organizations as well as expanding its focus to students who may not be as involved in student organizations.

Coordinators Tricia Berryhill and Alex Garrett will continue to advocate for students, but in new capacities. Tricia Berryhill will advise organizations with names starting with "A" through "G," as well as lead the following programs: Orientation, Parent Programs, the New Student Organization Process, Student Organization Recognition, and general programming for the Office of Campus Life.

Meanwhile, Alex Garrett will advise Union Board (UB), as well as student organizations with names starting with "N" through "Z." Alex will also lead the following programs: First Year Experience, Leadership Development, Outreach, and Women's Programming.

Ryan Miller will primarily advise the Student Government Association (SGA), as well as student organizations with names starting with "H" through "M." Finally, in response to Student Speak Survey feedback, Campus Life has dedicated a full-time staff member, Cathy Fuller, to student organization finance.

Student organizations that take advantage of all of these new resources will be recognized in increasing degrees of "Level III," "Level II," and "Level I" accordingly. In order to access all of the resources offered by Campus Life, student organizations must reach the "Level I" tier, which allows them to apply for office space in the Campus Life suite, priority space at the Student Involvement Fair, utilize the ticket sales system, apply for annual funding via a main account from Student Affairs, and many other benefits.

In the spring 2012 semester, Campus Life is looking forward to working more effectively with student organizations and increasing the vibrancy of the IIT campus. Want to get in contact and get to know the office better? Come visit them! Talk to a professional staff member or student worker about programs coming up. Can't make it during hours (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday) but still have a question? Email them at campus.life@iit.edu and they promise to respond.

Some new events coming up: February 7 is Naked Dating at 7 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium. Naked Dating is a discussion with best-selling author Harlan Cohen about how to find love and how everyone gets "lucky" in their life. March 10 is the Student Leader Summit in the MTCC from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Student Leader Summit is a great opportunity to learn about services offered on campus, as well as a chance to connect with and learn from other student leaders on campus!



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