

# SGA Banquet honors members, organization accomplishments

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With the Student Government Association's spring elections rapidly approaching and a passing of the torch imminent, the current members of SGA have begun to take a moment to look back on their accomplishments of the past year. SGA held a banquet the evening of Thursday, March 1 in the Hermann Hall Expo to celebrate their accomplishments and thank those that made said accomplishments possible.

The banquet began with a cocktail session where the many attendees of the banquet were able to mingle. The event was attended by many members of the IIT administration, including President John Anderson and Provost Alan Cramb. The event was also attended by all the

members of SGA's Executive Board, Judicial Board, Finance Board, and Student Senate. Also in attendance were the student leaders of organizations that frequently work with SGA.

The cocktail hour allowed for informal brainstorming between these many different organizations and individuals and served as a bridge into dinner.

After dinner was served, the presentation for the evening began. All of the members of SGA's Executive Board spoke, highlighting the members of their committees and what each committee accomplished over the past year.

First to speak was Vice President of Academic Affairs, Eyoel Asfaw. Asfaw spoke of his recent appointment to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs, and his efforts to improve the amount of academic support available to IIT students.

Following Asfaw was Vice President of Student Life Gokul Butail. Butail spoke of his recent efforts, which included organizing a foosball table for the MTCC, organizing a school spirit day, and helping spread the word about the recent CMC career fair, which was one of the largest in IIT history.

As Butail delivered his closing remarks, he welcomed Kelly Lohr, SGA's Vice President of Communication to the podium. Lohr began her speech by congratulating SGA Senator Dor Karter, who was in charge of the widely-received SGA VoteBox project. Lohr also highlighted the increasing readership of SGA's website and social media pages.

After several other speeches, the outgoing President of the Student Government Association, Elnaz Moshfeghian, took to the podium to present her thoughts on her

time as President. Moshfeghian touched on the many different initiatives that SGA worked on this past year. The majority of her speech, however, focused on the connections and people who made her time as president successful. She profusely thanked her fellow SGA Senators and Executive Board members, and held back tears as she thanked all those who helped her in her endeavors.

The banquet quickly ended as Moshfeghian concluded her speech. Pictures were taken of the SGA members, comments of thanks and congratulations were exchanged between faculty members and students, and people began to leave Hermann Hall.

With the end of the banquet, the next major event for SGA will be the upcoming spring elections, and the transition to new leadership which will occur afterwards.

