

# Student Government Senate nominations closing soon

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Want to make a long-term positive impact on the IIT community? Are you looking to improve your leadership skills? Do you want to get involved and represent your fellow students? Nominate yourself and others for the Student Government Association Senate today! With projects like Galvin 24/5, TA Evaluation, Burritos at Center Court, Commuter Lounge in

the BOG, Foreign Language Program, Indoor Soccer, and many more, Student Government Association (SGA) is a major driver of change on the IIT campus, both in Academics and Student Life.

Being a part of the Student Senate allows you to make impact on many levels, and can be a very memorable and empowering experience.

Senators meet once a week at either their committee meetings, or senate assembly. They work to complete projects they are passionate about and resolve issues submitted by fellow

students.

Nominations are currently open for senators of each college and will close September 18th. The amount of seats for each student needs to be proportional for each college. Elections will take place September 25th followed by the first meeting of the new senate later that night.

To nominate yourself, or others you wish to represent you, just send us a full name, email, and student ID Axxxxxxx number (if you know it) to [iitnominations@gmail.com](mailto:iitnominations@gmail.com). Once it has been confirmed that your nominees

are eligible to run (GPA min: 2.5, 12 credit hours completed), they will receive an email confirming the nomination and letting them know the times of candidate orientations. After that they will be free to campaign for their seat in senate.

Read more about SGA on our website at <http://sga.iit.edu>

Submit and vote on ideas you want SGA to work on at: <http://sga.uservice.com>

Email any questions you may have to [sga@iit.edu](mailto:sga@iit.edu)



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## Office of Spiritual Life, Service Learning commemorates 9/11

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On September 11th, a National Day of Service, the Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning is hosting an "I will" campaign on Tuesday, September 11th. The "I will" statements will serve as an informal commitment to service

and remembrance in honor of 9/11.

The Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning will be making a paper chain of "I will" statements filled out by students, faculty, and staff. Join them on the MTCC Bridge to add your "I will" statement to the chain. If you are unable to join them on the Bridge you can also fill out your "I will" statement at [911day.org](http://911day.org). 9/11 Day is the international non-profit

movement to observe September 11th every year as a day full of charitable service and doing good deeds. This observance was created soon after 9/11 to provide a positive way to forever remember and pay tribute to the 9/11 victims, honor those that rose in service in response to the attacks, and remind people of the importance of working more closely together in peace to improve our world. Today, millions

participate annually by taking time out on 9/11 to help others in need, in their own way.

For more information about the 9/11 Day and the national "I will" campaign, go to the 9/11 Day website <http://www.911day.org/about/>.

Where: MTCC Bridge

When: Tuesday, September 11th, 9am-7pm. Stop by whenever you can!

## SGA starts year with first senate meeting of semester

By Utsav Gandhi

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The Illinois Tech Student Government Association kicked off the new academic year with the first Senate meeting of semester; members of the exec board and college Senators were in attendance.

Held every second Tuesday night, the SGA conducts its formal business at Senate, with the executive members providing reports of what projects their committees are working on and where the Senate as a whole decides on approval of new student organizations.

Anyone interested in knowing what the Student Government is up to is encouraged and welcome to attend Senate!

President Kelly Lohr started off by announcing some exciting summer developments on the IIT campus – the Innovation Center by Tech Park, the IIT One Stop to serve as the go-to place for student services by the MTCC Bridge, a joint radio show by Union Board/SGA (Thursday evenings 6pm on WiT Radio!) and the first Foreign Language Program offered at IIT.

Finance Board Chair, Emmanuel Klu, mentioned that the Board is looking to cut back on spending this year.

They are enforcing stricter policies as

student orgs are preparing to turn in the first budgets of the semester. VP of Student Life, Rani Shah, has some exciting plans lined up this year, starting with bringing more focus to the US Presidential Elections later this year on campus.

VP of Academic Affairs, Sooneen Ahua, mentioned some of the projects his committee continues to work on, like the Summer U-Pass and a Reading Week (aka no-homework-due) before finals.

Finally, VP of Communications, Dor Karter, mentioned the installation of Suggestion Boxes all around campus for students to drop their suggestions, along with its online version called VoteBox (where a proposal to make IIT a smoke-free campus is currently gathering

momentum! – check out [sga.uservice.com](http://sga.uservice.com)).

He also announced that one of the projects he hopes to work on this semester, implementing a ticket system for most IIT Offices (like the OTS) to make offices more responsive to student email.

An interesting development at the end of the Senate meeting was a student coming up with a petition to get signatures to approve IIT nameplates for vehicles.

He has been getting a lot of signatures already, but you might see the petition around campus. These group efforts take last year's School Spirit effort to an altogether new and awesome level!