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STUDENT REPRESENTATION

SGA to Ramp up Constituency Outreach Efforts

In recent weeks, students have expressed concern for the representation of student interests at TCU. These concerns have manifested in public dialogue over the member selection process for Intercom and the creation of an organization called the Council of Student Leaders.

These two occurrences, linked or separate, demonstrate the importance of community at TCU and the need for public dialogue. Students of all backgrounds deserve a place to express their opinion and, fortunately, SGA has the unique ability to hear and address a variety of student concerns.

Each year, SGA advocates a variety of issues and even allocates \$100,000 to student organizations to pursue their missions. Student Body Officers meet weekly with TCU officials to work on short and long term projects, and the House of Student Representatives convenes every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the BLUU Chambers to consider fund allocation and student issues. All students are welcome to attend House meetings and voice their opinions.

Representatives and Student Body Officers are elected by the student body. All students can run for open positions and all students have the opportunity to cast a vote. SGA has endured at TCU for almost 99 years because its processes and organizational format allow for fair representation and ensure the aggregation of various interests into substantive resolutions and action plans.

Despite the fairness and steadfastness of our system, we understand that some students do not see SGA as a venue for voicing their concerns. We want this to change. In coming weeks, SGA and the House of Student Representatives in particular will take action to connect with their constituents. If you have something to say, we want to hear it.

We will make public contact information for your Representatives and we encourage you to reach out to them with any and all concerns. Consider first contacting your class or college representative. If you feel that your issue is better represented by another House member then contact him or her. While our representation method is divided by college and class, we discuss and advocate issues far beyond the academic realm. We work on initiatives for the entire student body, make recommendations to the Administration, and are open to considering a variety of pertinent social issues.



SGA is in the business of representation. We exist to serve students, to make vocal their concerns and to work with cross-sections of campus to ensure lasting impact. SGA's long history, resources, and strong relationships with TCU officials enable us to make positive change on campus. We invite you to join us in addressing this year's pertinent concerns. The first meeting of House is September 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the BLUU Chambers.

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