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Greetings,

Every year, Student Union makes great strides in advancing the interests of students through advocacy, allocation, and programming. With over 21 unique entities, SU’s work encompasses all aspects of campus life, ranging from advocating for a more diverse and inclusive environment to students from all backgrounds, allocating funds to empower more than 300 SU-recognized student groups, creating meaningful programs for each school, class, and the student body. The SU Annual Report -- published at the end of every academic year -- summarizes the various programs and initiatives accomplished by each entity.

Over the past year, the prior Student Union Execs created history with the ambitious It’s On Us to Intervene initiative to combat the issue of on campus sexual assault. In the short span of 5 months, the It’s On Us student coordinators facilitated the Bystander Intervention training for more than 2,000 students on campus. Before the end of spring 2016, one in three undergraduates underwent the training, encouraging a culture of active intervention here at WashU.

In an unprecedented move towards greater transparency and accountability, Student Union also released a complete draft of the $3.1 SU General Budget to the student body. The move empowered students to have a direct say in how their activities fee was allocated. More than 20 recommendations were adopted during an 11-hour process before the General Budget was passed almost unanimously by Senate and Treasury.

We are also proud to officially bring back ArtSci Council to serve and represent the students of the College of Arts & Sciences. In the short time since its reinstatement, the first ArtSci Council executives passed their Constitution with overwhelming support and successfully held the ArtSci Awards to recognize outstanding members of faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences.

The Annual Report AY15-16 is an accumulation of the sweat and blood put in by all the SU officers that have been with us in the past year. It is, therefore, fitting that we -- the ones who will carry on their work and legacy -- dedicate this report to the 49th Student Union.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Kenneth Sng
50th Student Body President
WUSTL STUDENT UNION
Organizational Structure

Executive Branch
- VP OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
- VP OF ADMINISTRATION
- VP OF PROGRAMMING
- VP OF FINANCE

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
- RECRUITMENT & RETENTION COMMITTEE
- SCHOOL COUNCILS
- EXECUTIVE ADVISOR FOR SUSTAINABILITY
- GREEN EVENTS COMMISSION
- STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FUND

DIVERSITY AFFAIRS COUNCIL
- CLASS COUNCILS
- Freshman Class Council
- Sophomore Class Council
- Junior Class Council
- Senior Class Council

SOCIAL PROGRAMMING BOARD
- STUDENT GROUP TREASURERS
- Engage 360

BUSINESS MANAGER
- SU PROFESSIONAL STAFF
- SU STUDENT WORKERS

Legislative Branch
- SENATE
- SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
- 23 SENATORS
- 20 TREASURY REPS.

TREASURY
- SPEAKER OF THE TREASURY
- BUDGET COMMITTEE
- ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Judicial Branch
- CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL
- CHIEF JUSTICE
- ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Four Associate Justices
One Alternate Justice
CLASS COUNCILS

First Year Class Council

As a first-year student at WashU, it is especially important to have opportunities to connect with your new class and your new community. As student representatives, members of Freshman Class Council take it upon themselves to be one of the primary agents that unify the freshman class, helping members assimilate to life at WashU. Thus, the events the council plans are primarily social. In the 2015-2016 academic year, members of the Class of 2019 held several major social events. The first major event was Carnival on the Swamp, hosted by CS40, where council members handed out cotton candy to students. In October, the council teamed up with Sophomore Class Council to host “Halloweekend”, which included a Halloween Banquet and a trip to The Darkness haunted house, where subsidized tickets were sold and transportation was provided. Both of these were well attended events, and the subsidized tickets to the haunted house sold out within a matter of days. In February, near Valentine’s day, the council planned “Palentine’s Day”, a speed dating event designed to help freshmen meet new friends. This event was poorly attended for a variety of reasons, including it’s cross-scheduling with a well-attended Black Anthology showcase and unclear event name. Finally, the largest event of the year was First-Year Finale, where the council worked with the First-Year Center to recognize outstanding RA’s, WUSA’s, and other community members who directly impacted freshmen’s experiences at school. Throughout the year, the council held “First Monday Morning”, where council members handed out donuts to students on their way to morning classes. Each of these installments were well-received and appreciated.

First Year Class Council 2015-2016: (from left to right) Achint Rai, Tess Mandoli, Joy Korley, Noah Silverman, and Brandon Davis
Sophomore Class Council

Sophomore Class Council has always had a mission to bring a fun and engaging atmosphere to each and every one of our events in order to promote the bonding of our class. This year we continued the tradition of planning a series of Sophomore Spirit Days in order to bring in a larger fan base to support our hard working athletes. Using a combination of prizes, food, and games we managed to fill up the bleachers in Francis Field for our last spirit day football game. Other bonding events we hosted included subsidizing tickets to a concert at the Pageant, setting up music and free Ted Drewes on the swamp, and as always working with all the other class councils to organize Halloweekend. We also made an effort to look into the future and fundraise for Senior Week! We did so by organizing a restaurant week where we promoted various restaurants on the loop and in turn they gave us a percentage of their proceeds for the night. In short, we had a great year working with our campus partners and helping to bring the class of 2018 just a little bit closer together.

Junior Class Council

Junior Class Council is dedicated to programming events and furthering initiatives that interest the different types of students that make up the junior class. This year, Junior Class Council organized a day trip to Eckert’s Farm, put on an Open Mic Night where several juniors performed for their peers in a talent show style showcase, and partnered with Thurtene Honorary to raise school spirit by hosting a Tailgate at a Varsity Baseball home game. Junior Class Council also assisted Swipe Out Hunger in marketing the PB&Joy food drive, which aims to lessen the impact of hunger in the St. Louis area.

Besides programming events, Junior Class Council is tasked with planning and budgeting for the following year’s Senior Trip (fall) and Senior Week (spring). This includes creating a complete, feasible budget for each endeavor, defending each budget item at the General Budget Meeting in the spring, and finalizing the contracts for Senior Trip. This year, Junior Class Council successfully secured the necessary funding for both Senior Trip and Senior Week, and has finished planning next semester’s Senior Trip to Chicago.”
CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL

The Constitutional Council is the judicial body of the Student Union. This 7 person body is responsible for interpreting the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Union, review the actions of officers of SU, hear cases regarding elections and referenda, and hear all cases regarding impeachment.

At the start of the year, the Council went through a competitive application process with Senate and Treasury appointing and confirming four new members: Jack Terschluse, Meg Stolberg, Natalie Geismar, and Jack Broitman. At the end of the spring 2016 semester, Associate Justices Stephanie Adamakos (3 years of service) and Jack Terschluse (1 year of service) graduated.

The current body is as follows:
- Gabrielle Buchbinder- Chief Justice (3 years of service)
- Tobi Henzer- Associate Justice (2 years of service)
- Jack Broitman- Associate Justice (1 year of service)
- Meg Stolber- Associate Justice (1 year of service)
- Natalie Geismar- Associate Justice (1 year of service)

This past year saw many initiatives started and completed. One of the most influential initiative was connecting Washington University’s Judicial Branch with other universities’ similar bodies. After several weeks of communication, Constitutional Council spoke with the judicial body of the University of Miami. During the discussion the two groups discussed differences in training, staffing, types of cases, and how the two school’s legislative branches differed. In the future, the Constitutional Council is planning on creating a network of judicial branches amongst several universities.

In the fall semester, the council heard and ruled on three cases.

In Re Tied Election (11.4.2015)

Question: After the closing of the Fall 2015 elections, there was a ties result for 11th open Treasury seat. Seeing no rules or regulations regarding this issue in the election packets, the Election Commissioner brought the following questions to the council: If the governing documents do not outline steps to resolve this tie, whose authority is it to determine the next steps? What does the Council suggest as to the specifics of those next steps?

Vote: 5-0

Main Opinion: Chief Justice Gabrielle Buchbinder

Decision: In the absence of rules dictating the outcome in the event of a tie, the Council has the authority to determine the next steps given the absence of such rules, and has the power to make a directive regarding the next steps in such circumstances. It is the decision of the Constitutional Council that the position for the Treasury seat must be decided by the constituency of the Student Union in a runoff election between the two tied candidates.
In Re Two Year Block Funding (11.5.2015)

Question: The main question concerned the constitutionality of two-year block funding allocations, specifically regarding allocating future students’ activity fees without providing means for those students to vote in future elections.

Vote: 5-0

Main Opinion: Associate Justice Tobi Henzer

Decision: After a thorough review of the Constitution, the Council holds that Article IX Section 4c, which allows for two-year block funding, is constitutional.

In Re Arts and Science Council Elections (11.19.2015)

Question: There were two questions that needed to be answered regarding this case: (1) Is it necessary to follow the old School Council’s draft constitution, and (2) In the absence of said constitution, is it permissible for Student Union to initiate elections for the School Council?

Vote: 5-0

Main Opinion: Associate Justice Jack Terschluse

Decision: The Constitutional Council holds that because the draft constitution has no legal basis, there currently exists no constitution for the Arts and Sciences School Council. In instances like this, when no School Council constitution exists, the Student Union Constitution stipulates that the School Council can write its own. In order to create this School Council, an election of general delegates and president occurred. This election, organized by the Election Commissioner this past fall, is constitutional.

For more information regarding all three cases as well as any other previous case, please go to the Judicial Branch page on the SU website.

The Constitutional Council looks forward to continuing its hard work and dedication to the students of Washington University in the Fall.
Throughout the fall and spring semesters, the DAC hosted a series of DiversiTEAs. Each event, varying in size and subject matter, provided facilitated conversations about diversity and inclusion. One of our most successful DiversiTEAs, occurring in November, focused on strengthening the connection between the student body and administrators to promote a more inclusive campus community. Student leaders from across campus were invited to engage in conversation with administrators such as Adrienne Davis, Holden Thorp, Rob Wild, and Justin Carroll.

In addition to the DiversiTEAs, the DAC also organized the DearWUrld photo campaign, moving back from an outside vendor to a student photographer. During this event, the DAC invited students to take pictures communicating their message to the campus community.

In the fall, the DAC recruited 4 new members to the committee. These new members assisted with various projects throughout the year, and several committee members moved up into cabinet positions as well. In addition, the Everyone's Welcome Campaign Fund was piloted this year. The EWC, created to encourage student group collaboration, funded 6 events this past year. The DAC hopes to expand the awareness about the EWC in the coming year.

In the spring, the DAC hosted a Townhall event regarding the conversation about free speech vs. inclusive spaces. The event featured 4 panelists, including a student, a professor, and 2 staff members in various departments. It was moderated by a DAC Cabinet member and led to very stimulating dialogue between the students and the panelists.

The DAC also expanded its diversity training program. The DAC, for the first time, trained over 100 Congress of the South 40 College Council members at their spring retreat. The DAC trained parts of SU, the APO Executive Board, and the CS40 Executive Board. In addition, the DAC began a project to initiate Greek Life diversity trainings, which will be expanding upon in the coming year.
ENGAGE 360

Engage 360 had another great and exciting year helping Washington University students connect with the surrounding St. Louis community through community service. Some of the feedback we got from students on the trips was that even more than the community service aspect, what they loved about the trips was engaging with people outside of the Wash U bubble and being able to learn things they never knew about the community around them. This makes us especially proud, because when we try to make connections between Wash U students and St. Louis, it isn’t just about the community service, but about the relationships we can help create. This year we were able to continue community service efforts and fostering relationships with the Community Garden, Epworth Children and Family Services, Hope House, and Lutheran Senior Services. We deeply cherish these relationships and look forward to offering even more support in the upcoming year. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved with any of these places, please let us know and we would be more than glad to help you get something set up!

GREEN EVENTS COMMISSION

The GEC had another great year of integrating our passion for sustainability with existing campus events. We were able to work with and advise student groups on all sorts of events big and small, ranging from WILD to a small fifteen person general body meeting. Some of our big focuses this year were on eliminating bottled water from events, emphasizing and increasing paperless communication, promoting organic t-shirts, and composting. Where we think we really had a great year is with promoting some of these missions. GEC was able to send volunteers to more events this year than we had in the past. With the extensive training and passion of the volunteers, we were able to make a definitive impact on campus and help reduce our carbon footprint. Looking forward to next year, something we are really excited about and hope to continue to promote is the Green Events Rebate Fund. We created this fund for Student Union groups who want to make first time events more sustainable. This $250 fund is a great opportunity for student groups to receive funding for making events more sustainable and is also a great incentive to continue and expand the sustainable changes we have been implementing on campus!
SENATE

Over the past year, Senate has completely overhauled its structure, mission, and operations to become a refocused, more effective body. The Advocacy Task Force promulgated a series of constitutional amendments that abolished the old election guidelines and committee structure so that Senators are no longer divided by school and placed into 3 identically-functioning committees, but rather represent all undergraduate students in 3 committees divided by function: the Projects Committee, the Resolutions Committee, and the Student Affairs Committee. In addition, all Senators are now constitutionally required to serve on a non-SU committee alongside administrators or other students in order to more effectively understand issues facing the student body and channel these concerns into attainable and sustainable change on campus.

Besides an entirely overhauled structure, Senate has established a series of successful projects and resolutions during the 2015-2016 year. Some of the resolutions Senate has passed include a call to action to have departmental hiring practices to be more in line with demographics of PhDs in their relative field, an initiative to spur Dining Services to increase Eco-To-Go usage, and a program to expand construction of solar panels on campus to take advantage of tax breaks and ensure LEED certification offsets for future buildings. In addition, Senate partnered with WUPD to greatly expand golf carts for Bear Patrol, placed safety mirrors along the entrance to the Underpass to help bikers and pedestrians, and helped renegotiate the restrictions on mozzarella sticks as a food item in dining halls across campus, among other successful initiatives.
SCHOOL COUNCILS

ArtSci Council

The ArtSci council was reinstated earlier this year to better represent the students of the College of Arts & Sciences. Our first order of business was to pass a constitution in order to be accountable to our constituents. The process of writing a constitution was long and rewarding – the council analyzed a variety of different governing documents from various organizations, including the Student Union Constitution and the constitutions from peer institutions around the nation.

In our first term as the student body for the largest undergraduate division at Washington University, we strived to increase our visibility to our constituents so that they were aware of our presence and could bring important issues to our notice.

In addition, the council reinstated the ArtSci Awards, where the constituents have the opportunity to recognize outstanding members of faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences. We were very pleased with the response for the event and are excited to see the tradition continue.

ArtSci council looks forward to being able to serve the students of the College of Arts & Sciences through the coming years.

Architecture Council

This past year Architecture School Council (ASC) has worked to strengthen the architecture community through class bonding as well as improving student-faculty relations and communication. ASC has continued to host Fox Talks in the Forsyth House where chosen student speakers led design discussions on a topic that they were passionate about. With dinner from local restaurants, these informal lectures and discussions provided a comfortable environment for students across the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts (architecture students, art students, and graduate architecture and art students) to mingle together and learn from one another.

Architecture School Council has aimed to better the undergraduate architecture experience. ASC has hosted class bonding and stress-relieving events such as Arch-Madness. Arch-Madness was a picnic and badminton tournament between grades held on the Givens Lawn, allowing architecture students to take a break from studio work and also get in some much needed physical activity. Throughout the past two semesters, ASC has also provided students with late night Insomnia Cookies in studio leading up to important deadlines such as mid-review and final review in order to boost morale and productivity.

The biggest accomplishment this past year has been ASC’s Sam Fox sweatshirt fundraiser. ASC hosted a design competition for which students across Sam Fox submitted a logo design which ASC then printed on sweatshirts and sold to students. The sweatshirt sales amounted to about $1,400 which was donated to the Alberti Program, a problem-solving studio workshop about architecture, community, and the environment for 4th-9th grade students from the St. Louis community.
Olin Business Council

Olin Business Council (OBC) found a renewed sense of purpose and passion this past year by refocusing its efforts around three new pillars: Building Connections, Developing Professionals, and Advocating for Students. By realigning each programming event and advocacy touchpoint with these meaningful goals, OBC is better equipped to foster Olin Business School’s undergraduate community and to provide precisely the services its constituency deserves and demands. From changing a simple water fountain filter to speaking up to the Chancellor about the University’s brand recognition, OBC remains the go-to place for all BSBA advocacy needs.

Beyond its restructuring, OBC continued several marquis traditions, including the Chicago Trek, Olin Week, Target Case Competition, and the OBC Diversity Scholarship sponsored by Target.

OBC’s networking trip to Chicago in the fall was one of its most successful yet, with over 40 first-year, sophomore, and junior BSBA students gaining key industry insight and valuable facetime with recruiters at firms such as JPMorgan, Morgan Stanley, and Bain & Company.

Olin Week once again rallied Olin students together with fun events like a March Madness Final Game viewing party in Frick Forum and a putting contest in Piper Grand Hallway, while remaining fiscally responsible and tabling its annual OlinPalooza.

The Target-sponsored case competition and diversity scholarship provided opportunities for students to compete for a combined $6,000 and to interact with a key employer for the University, while building camaraderie and provoking valuable discussion.

OBC also continued to build important connections within Olin and the broader WashU community through its seats on Olin Executive Council, BSBA Curriculum Committee, Undergraduate Council, and the Board of Trustees’ Undergraduate Experience Committee. OBC hopes to continue to bridge the gap between students and administrators, so it has developed a strategic advocacy plan for next year, including plans to hold office hours and Olin-wide advocacy meetings. Enhancing brand recognition, generating student interest, and retaining talent remain OBC’s largest challenges moving forward, so the 2016-2017 council remains committed to best aligning its product with customer needs – this is the business school after all.

EnCouncil

EnCouncil had another great year! Under a great leadership team and with higher student participation than years prior, we were able to fulfill our mission of being an effective governing council for the undergraduate engineering community as well as effectively programming for both the engineering community as well as the entire undergraduate community. Some of our favorite events from the past year that we’d like to make note of were the St. Louis Cardinals game Study Break, Safe Trick-or-Treat, Dean’s Forum, and of course… VERTIGO! These events ranged from being purely social to very academic-focused. Being an entity that could further the student experience both socially and academically was a point we strived to emphasize before the year started and we’re very proud to say we accomplished that mission. Our biggest event of the year, Vertigo was a great success as usual. Aside from the success of the event, one of my favorite parts was to watch the engineering students get involved in very hands-on ways. One student even made a light display for the dance floor. Seeing that student-driven passion for engineering projects put to work in a way that can marry the synergy of fun and school is what we are all about.
SOCIAL PROGRAMMING BOARD

This has been a year of innovation for the Social Programming Board (SPB). Spring 2016 marks the four-year anniversary of SPB's founding, and we have been working hard to establish the organization on campus and consistently improve branding and programming. Over the past year, SPB has focused on engaging with the student body by collaborating on events with student groups and outside organizations. Some highlights have included attendance increases (our comedy show featuring Bo Burnham exceeded the capacity of Graham Chapel), heightened levels of student outreach (record numbers for talent survey responses), and a greater social media following than ever (the Fall WILD event page organically reached over 200,000 Facebook users). The outline below provides greater insight into the key achievements of each of our divisions over the past year.

WILD

This year, SPB brought Kygo and The All-American Rejects as the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 WILD headliners, respectively. The spring show marked the first rock artist to headline the event in several years. New additions to this year's experience also included the addition of outside food and drink vendors, such as Jimmy John's, Morgan Street Brewery, and Noodles & Company. Both events also saw the presence of an expanded “WILD Week,” a series of events leading up to the traditional music festival.

Concerts

Spring 2016 marked the first SPB concert hosted off campus. Headlined by Cherub, the event was held at The Pageant, a larger and more professional venue than those located on campus. The show, which featured a student opener, was sponsored by FroYo, who provided free frozen yogurt for all attendees.

Comedy

Over the past year, SPB has hosted comedy shows featuring Bo Burnham and B.J. Novak, two performers that received strong positive feedback from the student body, as both artists finished in first place on their respective talent surveys. Spring 2016 also marked the first time a student has ever opened for a comedian in Graham Chapel. As a junior undergraduate student, Matt Herman performed in front of over 700 students before B.J. Novak took the stage as the headlining act.
Promotions

Some notable achievements of the promotions division are the implementation of paid Facebook marketing, the increasing professionalism of the SPB brand, and increasing our social media following to 4,383 Facebook likes, 589 Instagram followers, and 863 Twitter followers. Lastly, we have continued to expand our social media offerings by posting behind the scenes updates on our Snapchat account.

Production

SPB has increased the overall production budget to heighten the impact and professionalism of production in our events. This means more lights, video screens, full backlines, and more. We hope these changes will be noticeable to students and make our events that much more enjoyable.

Sustainability is also a division in which our production team has been working hard to improve. Some initiatives include working on ways to increase compost volunteer recruitment and retention and lower compost contamination rates.

Outreach

We have continued to survey the student body on its preferences for the details of our major events, including talent. We have seen a record number of responses on our talent surveys and hope that the student body will continue to voice its input on SPB events.

We have also seen the continued growth of the SPB sponsorship program by developing strong relationships with local brands and companies. This year’s sponsors include FroYo, Coca-Cola, Fresh Prints, Jimmy John’s, Noodles & Company, RECESS, and more.

Membership

Our Membership Director led a successful recruitment in Fall 2015, during which we saw the selection of a new executive board as well as a new general body (SPBoard).

This year, SPB adjusted positions for better streamlining of internal processes. These changes included merging the Apparel and Media Coordinators to create the Apparel & Design Coordinator position. SPB also added a Film Director in Spring 2015 who began programming in Fall 2015. Lastly, SPB replaced its individual programming committees with a more unified programming body which operates in conjunction with all SPB directors and cabinet members.
Film

This year marked the introduction of SPB’s film branch. Over the past several months, SPB has screened movies both on and off campus, including advanced showings of Trainwreck, Steve Jobs and Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping. In addition, SPB has found success in screening popular television shows on campus, like The Walking Dead and Game of Thrones, as well as national film events, such as the Oscars.

Special Events

The backbone of our Special Events program is weekly happy hours. They are held almost every Thursday in the Gargoyle from 5:30-6:30 pm and see 200-300 attendees each week. The Pre-WILD Happy Hour (the Thursday before WILD) is consistently the largest of these events with 500+ attendees.

SPB has continued to increase its sponsor and partner presence at happy hours this year with events hosted by groups and companies such as ALAS, class councils, Jimmy John’s, Bedsider, LouFest, and Chiller. SPB has also continued to creatively theme certain happy hours by hosting Valentine’s Day, Halloween, and New Year’s events.

This past year, SPB also hosted several unique special events, starting with a “Welcome Back Waffles” event serving as a kickoff of the spring semester. This event featured hot beverages, like coffee and hot chocolate, as well as a waffle truck that provided students free Belgian waffles. To wrap up the spring semester, SPB brought a hot air balloon to Mudd Field in collaboration with the Danforth University Center. Students were able enjoy an amazing view while they soared over campus. Both of these events attracted over 200 students.
STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FUND

“You cannot protect the environment unless you empower people, you inform them, and you help them understand that these resources are their own, that they must protect them.”

Professor Wangari Maathai

The Student Sustainability Fund (SSF), previously managed under Office of Sustainability, transitioned into an Executive Entity of the Student Union in Spring 2015. SSF brings students’ green creations to life by sponsoring undergraduate and graduate projects using funding from Student Union and Office of Sustainability, respectively. In Fall 2015, we funded one undergraduate project out of two applications with a total allocation of $142. The project provided a communal supply of eco-friendly wool dryer balls to be shared within a residential hall’s laundry room. These reusable, 100% natural dryer balls could lessen the use of disposable, chemical-loaded items, reduce residential energy use by reducing drying time and heat requirement, and keep students’ laundry soft and static-free.

In Spring 2016, SSF funded three undergraduate projects for $5,371.85 and one graduate project for $2830.5 out of five applications. One project was a Green Activism Training Workshop that was co-organized by Green Corps and Green Action to teach students invaluable group development skills. The second project, Labeling the Lights, aimed to facilitate energy savings while improving occupant comfort, by affixing detailed labels above light switch panels informing occupants of the energy consumption and illuminance associated with each switch. Last but not least, Camp Kumquat, a long-time tradition of WashU sustainability community, was a summer day camp for young St. Louis students designed by members of the Burning Kumquat, WashU’s studentrun organic garden. The camp focused on healthy eating practices and an understanding of where food comes from. In the process of learning and growing together, they worked towards creating a community among Washington University students, young St. Louisans, and local figures devoted to sustainable living.
TREASURY

This year the Treasury critically evaluated and reformed how it allocates funds to student groups. Through the creation of three task forces, we released the first public Budget Allocation Manual, restructured the Activities Committee, and re-integrated the allocation and recognition of sports clubs into our body. Although fairness and transparency were always trademark themes in Treasury, the finance reforms culminated from an impetus to truly improve allocations for the better. Over the course of the academic year, Treasury has seen over 50 appeals from a variety of student groups for speakers, conferences, and competitions. This Spring semester, the release of the Budget Allocation Manual proved to be a success – with student groups funded at historical highs. Sports clubs, who were previously underfunded in Sports Club Board, saw a $40,000 increase in budget allocations. At the end of the year, Treasury chose to allocate $124,000 for the Trending Topics series - which was overhauled from Speaker Series. Moving on, we will continue the conversation on how to better improve Treasury and its ability to meet the needs of student groups and the campus community. Treasury, Activities Committee, and Budget Committee will critically evaluate their processes in preparation for the following years to come.