Constituency Update

1. 9/11 Ten-Year Memorial Event Recap

The UA organized a memorial event to commemorate the ten-year passing of 9/11. The event took place in Houston Hall and the room was filled beyond capacity. It was truly a rousing showing of the Penn community’s sense of unity, family, and inclusion as we remembered a difficult time in our collective history. We would like especially to thank Chaplain Chaz Howard and President Amy Gutmann for their inspirational words and impactful presence at the ceremony. Furthermore, the Chaplain’s Office, the President’s Office, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of the Vice Provost for University Life, and the Social Planning and Events Committee should be recognized for their invaluable contributions and support. Finally, this event could not have happened without our partnership groups: College Republicans, GAPSA, Muslim Students Association, Penn Democrats, Penn Political Review, PRISM, South Asia Society, and the UMC. We hope that the bond of our Penn family continues much past our undergraduate careers.

2. Alcohol Policy Review

The UA is working with the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs to conduct a semester-long review of campus alcohol policy. The task force for this initiative will include the UA President and Student Life Committee director and representatives from the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the Multicultural Greek Council, GAPSA, Lambda Alliance, Performing Arts Council, Penn Consortium of Undergraduate Women, the Assembly of International Students, DART, the Class Boards, and SPEC. One of the largest goals of this effort is education and awareness. We plan to make meaningful recommendations for change, if necessary, to the Alcohol and Other Drug Taskforce by the end of this semester and to key administrators in the spring semester.

3. PennApps Labs Update

PennApps Labs (PAL) is a student-run organization that picks high-profile, student life-related technology projects each semester (Penn Course Review, Penn Book Bazaar, Penn Study Spaces et al.) to develop and launch for the benefit of the Penn community. It is jointly funded by the UA and by the Office of the Provost. PAL had its Open House pitch meeting on 9/12 to gather ideas for the coming semester. Its board of directors will soon
meet to set the agenda. In the meantime, if you have ideas for problems that PAL can tackle, please submit them to Matt Rosenberg, our online services coordinator, at online@pennua.org. While our services are developed with the undergraduate community in mind, it should be noted that they are available to and useful for the entire Penn community.

4. 2011-2012 UA Leadership

Executive Board (as per our previous update):

- President: Tyler Ernst (M&T ’12) | president@pennua.org
- Vice President: Faye Cheng (W ’12) | vp@pennua.org
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Cabinet (appointed after our last update):

- Academic Affairs Director: Abe Sutton (SAS/W ’14) | academics@pennua.org
- Communications Director: Isabel Fan (SEAS ’12) | communications@pennua.org
- Civic and Philadelphia Engagement Director: Dan Bernick (SAS ’14) | civic@pennua.org
- Housing, Sustainability and Facilities: Sam Bieler (SAS ’12) | hsf@pennua.org
- Student Life: Jon Monfred (SAS ’13) | studentlife@pennua.org

Please reach out to president@pennua.org regarding announcements relevant to undergraduates.

More important information on our members can always be found at http://pennua.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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