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STUDENT GOVERNMENT MID-SEMESTER UPDATE

University of South Carolina's Student Government has worked diligently this fall semester to implement new programs and initiatives.

The office of the Student Body President successfully executed Stigma Free USC Week earlier this semester. This week involved daily events on campus that related to breaking the stigma associated with mental health. The office also facilitated the collaboration of student leaders from various universities throughout South Carolina to create the SC Student Collaborative, a group of collegiate leaders working to improve communication between campuses and the SC Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE).

The office of the Student Body Vice President has worked diligently to introduce a revamped Carolina Closet. The closet officially reopened September 25 and features a variety of professional attire for USC students to use. In addition, this office partnered with University of South Carolina Transportation services to provide a shuttle from campus to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport during Fall, Thanksgiving and Spring Break. Finally, the office organized and will implement a new campus tradition next week, the USC Bucket List Week.

This semester, the office of the Student Body Treasurer launched a Treasurer's workshop training video on the Student Government website to assist and benefit student organizations. The office also completed additional training of Comptrollers to ensure they can effectively assist their assigned student organizations in managing requests of funding through Student Activity Fees. The office is working to maintain the budget for both Student Government and student organizations as the semester progresses.

The Office of the Speaker of the Student Senate has been working with Aramark this semester to implement their Swipe Out Hunger initiative. This program will work to donate left over meal swipes to USC's food pantry. In addition, the Senate Student Fee Committee has been working to review student fees and will release a report of their findings in December. To ensure transparency, the office will be facilitating a Student Government wide town hall on November 7 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Russell House Theatre. All USC students are encouraged to attend.

About Student Government: The University of South Carolina Student Government is a student-run organization that represents and advocates for the opinion of all students on campus. Student Government works closely with university administration, faculty, and staff to represent the interests of students, to preserve and protect the traditions of the University and to support students and student organizations in their academic and community endeavors.

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