

Good afternoon!

We are excited to be with you again today during our SGA Week. This week, we are hosting SGA Week for the student body to get to learn more about what our three branches do. We really use SGA Week as an opportunity to meet the students where they're at and engage on a more personal level. Today we hosted Ask SGA Day, a new program that lets students share concerns and questions with SGA. We will later answer these questions in a social media post. We hope to use this information to provide important insights about the issues students are facing, and I look forward to sharing those with you all.

Tomorrow, we will be hosting our annual Dawg Tag Day to promote inclusion and community on campus. Our members will be all around campus passing out name tags, which we call Dawg Tags. We highly encourage you all to join us in wearing a Dawg Tag and encourage your colleagues to wear one as well. Several organizations, including The Arch Society and Orientation Leaders, will join us as well in this event. To wrap up the week, we will be on Tate Plaza for Pizza with the President. And this might be a let down to some of you, but it's pizza with me not President Morehead.

Over the summer, we worked to optimize bus routes for safety and efficiency, promote the Global Buddies program that pairs international and domestic students to ease the college transition, and placing the Tate Deck check feature on the UGA app. Moving forward, we will continue to offer access to the Wall Street Journal through the Collegiate Readership Program and add a gender neutral bathroom map to the UGA app. We are also very excited to continue working with Provost Hu and University Libraries on expanding access to open educational resources. If you are a professor in this room and your class requires an expensive textbook, I greatly encourage you to consider applying for a grant to allow your certain portions of your textbook to be converted to free online PDF version. Not being able to afford textbooks is a common concern we hear among students. We are thankful for Provost Hu's support of open educational resources, and we encourage you to take advantage of this grant funding.

Last, I have two final updates to loop you in on. First, we are excited to have provided \$1,624.05 to 6 different student organizations on campus through the small clubs allocation process. Second, we are seeking student input on a creed or values statement made by students for students. We will host student town halls over the next month, but we would also be honored to hear any input that you have for this student-centered initiative that will hopefully last well beyond all of our times here in Athens.

I know I've met with many of you in this room thus far to discuss different initiatives SGA is interested in, and I just want to say thank you for your willingness to work with SGA and hear students' concerns.