



Board of Visitors Report November 16-17th, 2023

Meet the Visionary Administration





Goals-Mission-Values

Motto: We are the Vision Come to Fruition

Mission: To have VSU undergraduate and graduate students complete their degree(s) fully prepares for their life and career; having applicable skills, lessons, and experiences to propel them into the professional, academic, and social arena of life.

Brand: Servant Student Leadership. We are not above or below anyone. Change is achieved through advocacy and pressure.

End Semester Overview

- The campus environment is thriving and at a high from Homecoming, organizational events, and class schedules. Students are nearing the end of the semester and some are preparing for graduation and life after VSU. The campus community, after the activity of the semester, has left students with a sense of what the Trojan Pride/Spirit is and the life on the Hill experience.

Semester Accomplishments

- Facilitated three full Student Senate meetings
- Presided over three Town Hall Meetings with Administration throughout the semester
- Presented a Tax workshop for students to learn and refresh comprehension on taxes, financial literacy, and the value of budgeting
- Coordinated a Financial Aid workshop to navigate students through the process of applying for FAFSA, scholarships, loans, and options for financing future education
- Successfully hosted a Canned Food Drive for the student body towards donations at the JD Heart Foundation
- Promoted and communicated with students on the necessity of taking out trash to proper locations
- Hosted a Midterm session, in collaboration with the Academic Center for Excellence, TAB, and other student organizations
- Successfully hosted back to back community service weekends cleaning VSU dorms, followed by UAE living spaces

Semester Accomplishments

- Successfully hosted the Annual Homecoming SGA Talent Show with 10 acts and a special VSU guest host
- SGA has advocated and secured gate hour extensions for the Chesterfield Avenue Gate, operating now Monday-Friday, 8 am to 6pm
- Successfully met and communicated student concerns and issues with Thompson Hospitality and the building managers about the dining hall experience
- The SGA met with VSU Police, Housing, and Residence Hall Security to work through campus security
- The SGA has successfully advocated for the need for parking spaces and lines at Daniel's Gymnasium and safety speed bumps around Gateway and Moore

Semester Accomplishments

- Successfully advocated for Breakfast Bar, Ice Cream Machine and Waffle Machine for next year
- Secured approval for \$130 of free laundry for students
- Advocated for discounted printing service rates for students
- Advocated and secured more seating areas for students at shuttle bus locations
- Successfully advocated for reimbursement of laundry funds for students at hotels
- Advocated with Student Success and Engagement for renovations to Daniel Gymnasium exercise equipment
- In partnership with University Counseling, SGA achieved an after hours 24/7 telephone counseling service for students
- SGA addressed the need for more information regarding the new security app to open residence hall doors, and has successfully produced more media and information about the update for the student body







Current Initiatives

- ❖ Gun Violence Prevention walk
- ❖ Trojan Statue in front of the MPC
- ❖ Financial Wellness and life courses for students
- ❖ Trojan of the Month Award and Scholarship
- ❖ Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day



Current Issues

- ❖ Professors have in-person classes until the day before Thanksgiving and students would like consideration for a hybrid option
- ❖ Students would like more communication with their Advisors
- ❖ The Pass app is logging students out of the app and denying access into the residence halls
- ❖ Security cameras requested to ensure safety in residence halls
- ❖ Students would like more options for shuttle transportation including South Park Mall, Walmart, Target
- ❖ Wi-fi outages in Moore and Gateway and a lack of cell service for reception. Students often lack internet or cellular access in residence hall rooms-SOS signal is given. Some class buildings lack Wi-fi.

Questions and Dialogue

Thank you for your time!

