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MONTHLY REPORT

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Project Updates:

- CBA Town Hall- This event is targeted to attract students from the CBA community where they will be able to get updates, organizational changes, meet various faculty and staff from their College, and interact with their constituents. This event is to take place on Thursday, October 6th from 7:30-8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.
- Ryder Hall- Has extended hours! Now open and proctored Monday through Saturday until 1 am, and Sunday until midnight.
- Blackboard Mobile Learn application- looking into expanding it so that all cell phones can access it
- Academic Affairs How-To Binder- created a binder so that any Senator/student-at-large can easily and seamlessly spearehead an academic project. Resource located in 332 CSC.
- Academic Integrity Policy- OSCCR hosted a seminar in late August with numerous faculty and staff in attendance to discuss a possible implementation of such a policy. I have been working closely with OSCCR and Faculty Senate, and this is still in the brainstorming process.
- Faculty Senate has been charged with handling the Faculty Textbook Agreement overhaul. A student representation will be sitting on this committee, and SGA will continue to play an active role with this new approach.

Scheduled Meetings:

- Meetings with Vice Provost for Undergraduate Eduacation Bruce Ronkin – weekly
- Meetings with Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Mary Loeffelholz – as time permits
- Meetings with Vice Provost for Honors and First Year Programs – as time permits
- Meetings with Lesley Milner of Snell Library – bimonthly, or when time permits
- Meetings with Tim Miesel of Northeastern Bookstore – monthly, or when time permits
- Meetings with Lou Kruger of Faculty Senate's Agenda Committee – monthly, or when time permits
- Meetings with Kostia Bergman of Center for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching & Learning – bimonthly
- Meetings with Derek Navisky and Scott Cann of IS Customer Services – monthly
- Meetings with the Dean of all eight schools and colleges – once a term, or on need basis
- Meetings with various Department Chairs – on need basis
- Faculty Senate- has not begun
- University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – has not begun

Individual Concerns:

- Students from chemistry course faced a textbook dilemma where the professor wanted the students to purchase a certain book for the course, but the online bookstore told students that they needed a different book. This resulted in students purchasing the wrong book. Worked with bookstore management to resolve this issue.

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- Addressed a concern from a student who had a hold on their account due to an invalid student status, inhibiting this student from registering for courses. Worked with Registrar to resolve this issue.
- Assisted a student who had trouble adding/dropping courses due to illogical CRN/course numbers. Worked with Registrar and student to resolve this issue.