

Saint Francis University

Student Government Association Assessment


Fall 2008

*“Leadership, Service, Community”*

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**SGA Status Update**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**



**Leadership**  
Responsibility to develop leaders today for tomorrow

**Service**  
Service to our SFU community & community at large

**Community**  
Creating a tighter community through communication

**SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY**  
Joseph A. Lenczowski III, President    Curtis Webb Jr., Executive Vice President

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**THE MISSION OF SGA**

- The mission of the Student Government Association is to serve as the voice of the student body by providing Saint Francis students with representation, services, and advocacy within the University structure. It is our purpose to cultivate strong student leadership, to build connections between students, faculty and administration, and to better our campus community.

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**SGA ANALYSIS**

- Phase 1- Purpose
- Phase 2- Research
- Phase 3- Recommendations and Implementations
  - Amending Constitution
    - More inclusive representational model
    - Ensures diversity of student opinion
  - SGA Promotional Video
    - Increased visibility, more transparency, more marketability
  - SGA Town Hall Meeting
  - SGA Spending Plan

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**SGA SPENDING PLAN**

- Met over eight months to discuss and develop a responsible strategic spending plan. In essence, the plan is to responsibly spend down monies accumulated over a period of four years in areas of concern.
- The most important tool available was the results of the Spring 2008 Student Satisfaction Survey co-sponsored by SGA and Academic Affairs. Using the results along with the core values of SGA and assessment information from focus groups, the following spending plan has been developed to address three major areas: leadership development, student life (i.e. recreational activities), and the sustainability of the new SGA.

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**SPENDING PLAN 2008-2009**

- **Leadership Development-\$30,000**  
 To improve and grow leadership training to all SFU students and groups through attendance at conferences, the I-LEAD program, and the enhancement of F.L.A.S.H. programming.  
 I-LEAD Speakers Series - \$7,000  
 SAIL/Low Ropes Course for Michael McGuire Park- \$10,000  
 Greek Life Leadership Development- \$8,000  
     \$3,500 evenly divided among 7 Inter/National Organizations for Conventions/Conclaves  
     \$3,500- Northeast Greek Leadership Academy for Presidents  
     \$1,000- Speaker on Greek Life and Greek Leadership on campus and in the community  
 FLASH Leadership- \$5,000  
 Funding approved; currently in process of utilizing funds

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**SPENDING PLAN 2008-2009**

- **Freshmen Scholarships**  
 Three scholarships awarded annually to involved and engaged high school students who plan on attending SFU  
 \$3,000.00 per year
- **Upperclassmen Leadership Scholarship**  
 Two scholarships awarded annually to deserving, involved and engaged student  
 \$2,000.00 per year

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**SPENDING PLAN 2008-2009**

- **Campus Ministry Center Outdoor Community Project**  
Funds to complete the project  
\$16,000  
Funding approved; construction in progress
- **Victory Bell Tower**  
DeGol Field House  
\$7,000.00  
Completed

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**SPENDING PLAN 2008-2009**

- **SGA Graduate Assistant**  
Includes stipend and tuition for IUP Students in Higher Education Program  
\$18,000.00
- **Subtotal: \$84,000.00**

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**SPENDING PLAN 2008-2009  
(RECREATIONAL FACILITIES)**

- **Club Baseball Loan (completed)**  
\$12,000.00
- **Disc Golf Course**  
\$11,000.00  
Funding approved; Construction expected to start soon
- **Hockey-size Portable Ice Rink**  
\$12,000.00
- **Snow Tubing "Park"**  
\$32,000.00
- **Improvements to the watershed hiking trail**  
\$12,000.00
- **Subtotal: \$80,000.000**

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**SPENDING PLAN TOTALS**

- **Total:**
  - Subtotal (Leadership Development, Sustainability, etc.): \$84,000.00
  - Subtotal (Recreational Projects): \$80,000.00
  - Grand total: \$164,000.00
- **Expected Completion of entire plan:**
  - 12 to 18 months

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**STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY COMMITTEE**

- In conjunction with University administration, SGA formed a Student Satisfaction Survey Review Committee to examine the results of the Student Satisfaction Survey from Spring 2008. This committee was charged with creating a list of the top ten concerns that students have. This list was finalized, discussed and approved by SGA, and is now being presented to you today.

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**STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY COMMITTEE:  
TOP TEN LIST OF CONCERNS**

- **Scholarships**
  - Full Academic
  - Academic Standards
- **Recreational/Sports Facilities**
  - For non-student athletes
  - Sports Bubble for DeGol Stadium

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**Top Ten List (continued):**

- School Spirit  
Lack of Enthusiasm for Athletics/  
Suitcase Campus
- Green Initiative  
University- Efficiency/Sustainability  
Develop an Environmental  
Oversight Committee

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**Top Ten List (continued):**

- Campus Technology  
Internet access, printers, etc.
- Diversity Issues/Awareness  
Need more inclusion  
Less focus on numbers and  
statistics, more focus on people

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**Top Ten List (continued):**

- Counseling/Mental Health Services  
Inadequate- two counselors for 2,000  
Do not want to talk to a Stranger  
Extra burden on Residence Life
- Liberal Arts Tradition: General Education  
Program, Educational Programming  
Diminishing perception of tradition  
Struggling academic departments

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### Top Ten List (continued):

- Franciscan Tradition/ Day of Reflection  
Not taken seriously enough  
Approach DOR differently to increase student participation
- Parking  
Inadequate  
Students not willing to walk from further spots  
Future problems? New buildings on campus

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### FIVE AREAS OF QUESTION

- Campus Safety  
Updates on Lights, Cameras, Arming of Officers, etc.
- Athletics  
Facilities, scholarships, school spirit, recruitment, coaching evaluations, sports medicine/training facilities
- Fine Arts Program  
More programs, future of Boiler House
- Transportation  
Shuttling service on campus, transportation to off-campus activities
- Course Registration  
Problems, closed courses, fairer scheduling, unwilling to sign people into classes, etc.

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### FUTURE OF TOP TEN LIST

- The Top Ten List forms measurable objectives which can be worked towards improving
- SGA will hold Town Hall Meeting every semester to keep the student body updated and informed, and also to field any questions they may have
- SGA will seek to administer the Student Satisfaction Survey every Spring and present the findings during President's Retreat
- Review Top Ten List bi-annually to track progress and to ensure objectives are being worked on

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**FUTURE OF SGA**

- Ensure Sustainability of Organization
  - Develop a Long Term Vision
    - Spending Plan
      - Leadership Development
      - Scholarships
      - Recreational Activities
    - New Officer Training and Orientation for Transition
    - Future of the SGA Leadership Conference
- Future of SGA...

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**THANK YOU**

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