

LNC Student Government Association

Student Report

Overview

The LNC Student Government Association is working collaboratively across the college and the region to create virtual programs that provide students with a connection to Valencia and a sense of belonging. We are now developing plans for welcoming back students virtually, including planning our Annual Fall Kickoff. We want to focus on achieving our goals while at the same time providing an enjoyable experience for students.

Goals

1. **Virtually introduce students to Valencia, the Lake Nona Campus, the faculty, and staff:**

As SGA, we aim to build that interrelationship between faculty, staff, and students. Whether it is through an event or a video, we plan to continuously provide students with the human interaction that we as Valencia hold so dear.

2. **Build community:** While campuses are closed, we need to find new ways to connect with each other and the College, in amongst all the repetitive homework and videos. Now more than ever, it is important to be together as a community and experience a sense of belonging.

Student Point of View

Part of the role of the SGA President is to speak for the Valencia students. Having discussed it with my friends, many students feel as though there's been a lack of connection with Valencia, now that we're online. As the incoming SGA President, though, I have never been so invested in an institution. That feeling of belonging is something I got since I started Valencia on the Lake Nona Campus. That's my reason being here and I want every student in Valencia to feel safe and to be 200% sure that they belong in Valencia.

I'm hoping to help them find this connection through our online programs, like the Fall Kickoff. It's honestly a huge honor to write directly to you. As a student in SGA, I have participated in several Provost Student Advisory Board meetings, I have talked to many other students, and now I'm speaking to the District Board of Trustees. Every week is something new and these experiences keep teaching me to be resilient, understanding, and quick on my feet.

Collaboration

1. Student Development Newsletter

The Southern Region (OSC, LNC, PNC) Student Development offices created a weekly newsletter, which showcases campus news and important events in our community.

2. Provost Student Advisory Board

SGA Leadership participates in board meetings with the college provost and provides important feedback on new initiatives and college concerns. One example is the purchase of laptops for students who needed them for online summer classes.

3. Registered Student Organizations

SGA oversees the Registered Student Organizations (RSOs). We have emailed all the RSO advisors at LNC to invite them to participate in our Welcome Back activities. We want all students, even while we're remote, to have the opportunity to connect to other students with the same interests.

Virtual Kickoff

For the start of our 2020 fall semester, we are planning a virtual version of our traditional Kickoff. It will be a wonderful one-week event starting from August 17 until August 22. The event will possess all the components of previous Kickoffs but with a smart twist. Along with transforming the aspects of our traditional event (intro to the campus, resource fair, meeting faculty), we will add new virtual experiences. So when we do come back to campus we have a base of students already familiarized with all the physical and virtual tools available to help them in their path to success here at Valencia.

- ❖ We would like to create Meet & Greet breakout rooms on Zoom for departments and faculty to meet the students.
- ❖ We want to create a tour type video to increase the sense of belonging of our students and also provide them with the information needed to cruise the halls of our campus once we return.
- ❖ Select faculty and staff would create intro videos that students could access.
- ❖ We will recreate a 'Club Fair' space to promote all our Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and opportunities for students to get involved.

