Cabinet Meeting #1 of the Summers Administration

DATE: Thursday April 9th

TIME: 8-9pm

LOCATION: Student Government Suite - Union 2501

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana Dayal (David Price event). Joseph Lucido (studying abroad). Debanjali Kundu (Body Politics). Sowmya Mangipudi (?).

* An Introduction to the purpose of Cabinet - Harry (5 minutes)
	+ This year Cabinet will involve both EBO and Policy Chairs to foster collaboration
	+ We will seek to solve problems during meetings rather than updating each other extensively on our work
	+ These meetings will be entirely open
		- we will be inviting student leaders and administrators
		- feel free to invite members of your committees
* Personal Introductions - all members (10 mins)
	+ Paige Waltz- EBO Secretary
	+ Andrew- EBO Senior Advisor
	+ Rachel- EBO VP
	+ Jared- Environmental Affairs Co-Chair
	+ Kate- Environmental Affairs Co-Chair
	+ Spencer- SPO Chair
	+ Bradley- Multicultural and Diversity Chair
	+ Cecilia- Senior Advisor
	+ Usman- Deputy Chief of Staff
	+ Lee- EBO Treasurer
	+ Harry- EBO Chief of Staff
	+ Houston- SBP
* Talk through the welcome packets - Harry (10 mins)
	+ ground rules
		- see Best Practices document in the Cabinet folder
			* spend a lot of time in the Student Government suite
			* read Title V - Financial Regulations ASAP
			* copy all relevant people on all emails
			* make sure that if you can’t make it to Cabinet then your deputy can
			* inform Paige of all communications with the media for the sake of coordination
			* include more people than necessary in meetings to build knowledge and leadership potential within committees
	+ committee transition process
		- meetings will continue to take place over the next couple of weeks under the oversight of the outgoing chair
		- detailed transition meetings will be arranged between outgoing and incoming transition chairs
		- we will work to put committee leadership in place before the end of the semester
		- and then conduct an extensive recruitment drive in the fall
	+ plan for the remainder of this semester
		- each of you have a welcome pack in your committee’s folder
			* this includes the relevant platform content
			* and a transition letter from the outgoing chair
		- use this information to create a provisional agenda for the year ahead
			* due next Thursday
			* then we will discuss in much greater detail
			* all platform points must be fully accounted for
* Productivity Tools (10 mins)
	+ Exec Branch Google Drive for document sharing
		- Upload absolutely every document relevant to your committee!
		- Talk to Harry if there are any issues with accessing documents
	+ Trello for project management
		- This will help us to keep track of all of our operations
		- To measure our progress over the course of the year
		- And to collaborate across different policy areas
	+ share Google Calendars with each other
		- This way we won’t have to create a doodle poll for every meeting
	+ instant messaging platform
		- We’ll create a groupme unless everyone has an iphone
* BIG ISSUE - What is Student Government’s role in the Saunders Hall debate? (10 mins)
	+ Will be voted on in the BOT meeting in late May
		- This means that few students will be present
		- Somewhat unavoidable since it is the last BOT meeting for several of the trustees which have been heavily involved in researching this issue
	+ Houston will be voting in favour of renaming
		- Saunders Hall is different from some other buildings on campus because the explicit purpose of the dedication was to honor his involvement in the KKK
		- He was not a man of his times. He was one of the very worst men of his time. His actions were illegal then as they are now
	+ At the very least, Saunders Hall will be contextualized
		- This will happen whether or not it is also renamed
		- This must be a transparent process with a lot of student input
		- Assignment of a new name would be a separate process
	+ We will do our utmost to convince the Trustees to rename Saunders Hall
	+ We must communicate closely with relevant student groups throughout
* Bring important upcoming events to Cabinet’s attention - all (3 mins)
	+ Thanksgivspring on Friday (SPO)
	+ Around the World in 80 minutes and Holi Moli on Friday (MADO)
	+ Earth Day events next week (EAC)
* Decide on a meeting time for the remaining weeks of the semester (2 mins)
	+ Thursday 8-9pm works for all of us