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