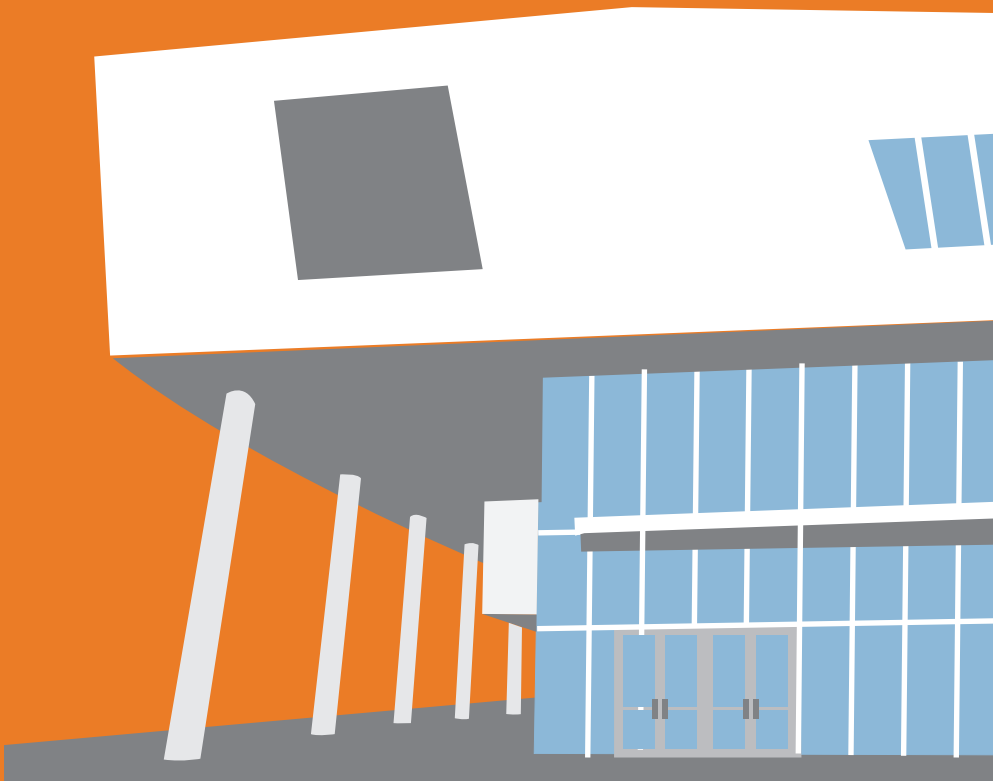


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# EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of Student Government works with the administration to create and implement new initiatives and ideas on campus. Additionally, the board works to be the voice of the student body to help foster the best college experience.



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# HIGHLIGHTS



Left, Category 5 solidified the creation of the Mark Light Maniacs Student Section for UM baseball games.



Above, SEPA was able to bring Megan Rapinoe and Gov. John Kasich for What Matters to U.

Right, members of UOutreach distribute pizza during their December event, Study Space @ the Rat.



Right, President Emily Gosset threw out the first pitch at a 'Canes baseball game this season.



Above, Keegan Gibson got his annual flu shot from the Student Health Center during a meeting.



Left, the Freshman Leadership Council celebrated their first meeting in September 2019.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow 'Canes,

What an incredible year! I could not be prouder of the hard work put into this organization by each member this year. Although we had a rough start to the fall this year with Hurricane Dorian, we have had an incredibly successful year across the board. We planned successful programming events such as the Cat 5 Pep Rally BBQ, Study Space at the Rat, Connecting Canes, and WMTU with Megan Rapinoe and John Kasich just to name a few. Our



senate implemented listening tours as a way to better hear student concerns. In partnership with several departments on campus we have been able to implement epi pens and release course evaluations to students online. Although we have unfortunately had to make the switch to an online last two months of the semester due to the coronavirus, I am proud of the hard work put into this second half of the year. I recognize that it has been very difficult to have to end the years events and programming earlier than expected, and that there are many things students are missing out on due to the global quarantine taking place. I am very impressed with the maturity of how everyone has handled this situation given how unprecedented it is, and for how we, as an organization, have been jumping to students needs and truly advocating for them during this difficult time. I know that we have all grown and become more resilient from this experience and will continue to be great leaders in the years to come. Thank you to my incredible executive board for all you do to support the rest of our members and to our fantastic advisors for going above and beyond to guide us in reaching out goals. I am excited and proud of the newly elected officers and can't wait the change they bring to campus in the coming year. Leading you all has been an incredible experience and I am grateful for each and every one of you.

Best,

Emily Gossett

# A YEAR

Scan the code to watch the episode of our monthly report!

SEPTEMBER

Monthly Report  
Episode 1



AUGUST

NOVEMBER

Monthly Report  
Episode 3



DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Monthly Report  
Episode 4



OCTOBER

Monthly Report  
Episode 2



MARCH

# IN REVIEW

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Through the leadership of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore and the Council of Chairs, Senate used different methods such as social media, free food and tabling to reach out to students. Senate's hope was to explore the initiatives that best encompassed student needs, so that senators could more effectively do their jobs as student representatives. Even though the year is coming to a close, their jobs are not. Senate will continue to pursue and complete initiatives that they have started and start new initiatives as addressed in meetings. As representatives of the student body, Senate believes that they can help create the UM that students desire and deserve.



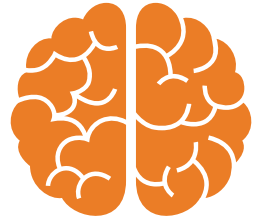
# SENATE BILLS HIGHLIGHTS



Passed a bill with CLC to install epi-pen dispensers in the dining halls.



Advocated for recycling bins in all fraternity houses across campus.



Passed a bill establishing Mental Health Liaison positions on our Campus Liason Council.



Authored bills with recommendations for additional support for Veteran students.



Encouraged dialogue regarding housing options for student groups on campus, including placement in the new Lakeside Village.



Passed a bill supporting the upkeep and replacement of art pieces in the Mahoney and Pearson residence halls.

# JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Supreme Court is the judicial branch of the University of Miami Student Government. It consists of one Chief Justice, eight Associate Justices and a Clerk of the Court. It addresses cases and appeals pertaining to the Student Government and upholds the provisions and powers of the Student Government Constitution and Statutes. Its main focus is ensuring ethical and unbiased conduct between all.

The Court also has the power of judicial review, which is the ability to invalidate a statute that violates a provision of the constitution.

In addition, the Court updates the constitution after a bill or amendment has passed by the Senate. With the guidance of the Student Government advisors, the Court works on maintaining and upholding the Constitution and Statutes so that they remain updated and relevant.



In 2019-2020, the Supreme Court focused on rewriting internal procedures, the creation of Supreme Court Rules of Evidence, the creation of a script for Trial Court, and initiation of the Constitutional Revision Commission.



# ELECTIONS COMMISSION

The purpose of the Student Government Elections Commission is to organize and coordinate all aspects of the spring and fall Student Government elections. The duties of the Elections Commission are to review and approve all SG applications and campaign materials, to enforce elections codes, and to plan and organize election events, including Meet the Candidates and executive ticket debates. In addition, the Elections Commission determines the polling times and locations, oversees polling sites, tabulates all votes and announces elections results.

This year, the Elections Commission hosted a successful fall and spring Election season with over 3,100 votes cast in the spring, and worked on modifications to the elections codes to promote a free and fair election.



# ACADEMIC LIAISON COUNCIL

The Academic Liaison Council (ALC) is comprised of 12 students from all of the undergraduate schools, colleges and other departments at the University of Miami. The liaisons serve as points of contact between different academic areas and Student Government. They work to facilitate and coordinate an overall understanding of all the current academic projects and initiatives within SG.

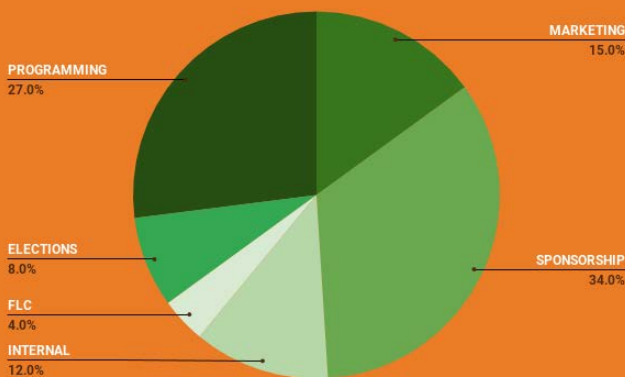
*Projects ALC worked on this year include:*

- Advising Survey - collected data for Administrators to see where advising could be improved and to see what areas they were doing good on.
- Syllabus Policy - a proposal was sent to faculty senate to require all professors to produce an update to date syllabus that would be housed in a centralized location for any student to view.

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## FINANCES

In 2019-2020, SG financially supported funding for Fans at the Rat and introduced a collaboration grant offering co-sponsorship between student organizations planning similar events.



\*\*Adjusted at a 1.8 times rate to fulfill 100% spend



# CAMPUS LIAISON COUNCIL

The Campus Liaison Council (CLC) is comprised of 15 students who work with administrators and decision-makers across campus. They work on projects and initiatives to better the student and campus experience and develop relationships that enable Student Government to be an asset to the University of Miami community.

*Some of the Campus Liason Council's most notable achievements include:*

- Epipen dispensers in Dining Halls
- Counseling Center partnership with MSA
- Partnered with ECO for grow wall in meditation room in the Richter Library
- Saferide hours extended during finals
- Implemented of more bike racks on campus
- Improve Mobile ID
- Bike repair station in UV Albania Garage installed
- Greek Yogurt in dining halls



# FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Led by the Vice President and four Project Coordinators, members of the Freshman Leadership Council (FLC) gain hands-on experience in completing projects and initiatives to enhance student life on campus. The FLC members are paired up to work on a project throughout the year. They also learn a lot about leadership through various activities as well as from guest speakers from across campus. FLC is a great first step in getting involved on campus!



## *Student Center Open House* Chase and Caroline

Chase and Caroline worked on this year's annual SC Second Floor Open House. The goal was to highlight the organization suites and the departments on the second floor to showcase opportunities & applications available for students to get involved. Due to the abrupt end to the semester, the event was unfortunately cancelled.

## *Graduate School Mentorship Program* Kristophe and Alicia

Kristophe and Alicia worked with ALC and GSA to create a graduate mentorship program and a pre-law program for students.

## *UBazaar* Collin, Sebastian, and Ariel

Collin, Sebastian, and Ariel worked on this year's annual UBazaar. They invited local Miami vendors to sell everything from clothing, to food, to accessories, right here on campus. They also incorporated student performers to play some live music during the event.

***Veteran Students Benefits***  
**Philip and Abigail**

Philip and Abigail worked on creating a brochure highlighting the resources available for veteran students. They also worked with the counseling center to add a counsellor with VA background, the parking department to create a map of accessible spots on campus, and the Campus Store to advertise the 10% discount to veterans.

***Energy Conservation Competition***  
**Safia and Jake**

Safia and Jake worked with ECO to organize an energy saving competition between the residential colleges. The goal was to see which residential college could use the least amount of water, energy, and light to help green our planet.

***Food Delivery Discounts during Finals***  
**Meera and Esther**

Meera and Esther worked with Dining and Grub Hub to distribute various food delivery discounts offered for students to use during the final exam period.

***SG Programming***  
**Kat and Julian**

Kat and Julian worked to create fun and exciting events for SG members and students to mingle and communicate by organizing a Holiday Party for Student Government members, with activities like a Gingerbread House competition and White Elephant.

***Affordable Textbooks***  
**Dustin and Lesha**

Dustin and Lesha worked on sharing with students affordable websites to purchase textbooks, advertising the Campus Store's price-match policy, and sharing details regarding textbook rentals.

***SG Apparel***  
**Ally and Tommy**

Ally and Tommy worked to design different apparel items for SG members to wear. They created fun items like t-shirts, quarter-zips, and bucket hats.

***SG Gives Back***  
**Daniella, Piero, and Chika**

Daniella, Piero, and Chika worked to organize and facilitate different service events for SG members to give back to the community. In the Fall semester, they coordinated and delivered thank you cards from the 'Thanks and Giving' project, where members of the UM community shared their appreciation for each other.

# UOUTREACH

The goal of UOutreach is to support students, collaborate with organizations, and reach out to the student body through campus-wide programs. Each semester UOutreach leads #SGDidThat Week, a week of events centered around interacting with students and working with other agencies and organizations such as ECO, Category 5, and COISO. Other Outreach events include Stickers for Suggestions, Donut Forget To Vote, and Study Space at the Rat.



**#SGDidThat Week**

**Monday**


11:30-1:30pm | Breezeway  
*Stickers For Suggestion*  
FREE Stickers!



**#SGDidThat Week**

**Tuesday**


12:00-1:45pm | Breezeway  
*Slice For Your Opinion*  
FREE Pizza!



**#SGDidThat Week**

**Wednesday**

8:45 AM | BrewBike  
*Coffee With SG*  
Free and Discounted Coffee  
(Until Supplies Last!)



**#SGDidThat Week**

**Thursday**

11:00-1pm | Breezeway  
*Come Meet Your Senator*  
FREE Candy!





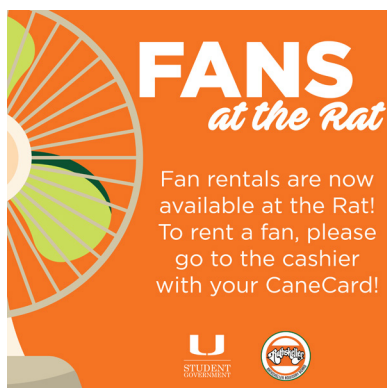
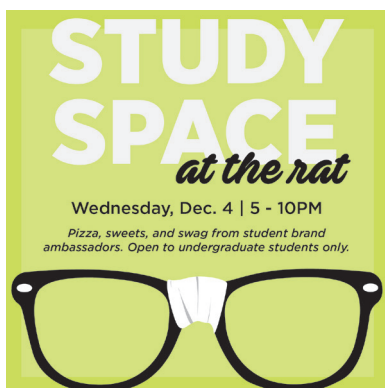
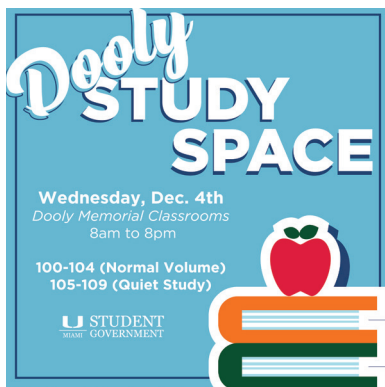
**Spotlight:**  
*Stickers for  
Suggestion*



# BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS

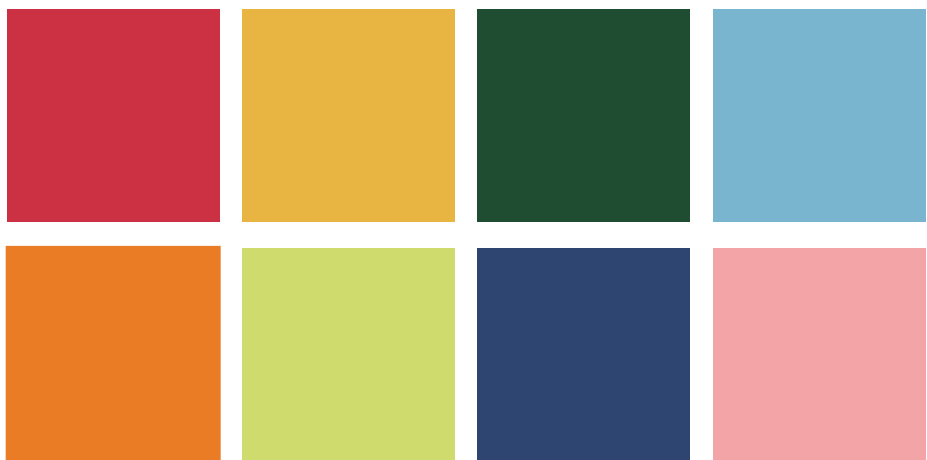
Comprised of ten members, the Board of Communications coordinates all external communications for Student Government. The goal of the board is to inform students of ongoing SG and administrative initiatives that impact the campus community. This board works to directly connect the student body to administration through strategic use of communication channels.

This year, the Board of Communications set out to create and implement a brand guide strategy for designing graphics, continuing the video Monthly Progress Reports and overall engaging more on social media platforms with students.





## BRAND GUIDE '19-'20



**Gotham Black**  
**Gotham Bold**  
**Gotham Medium**  
Gotham Book  
Gotham Light  
Gotham XLight

*Ave Fedan*  
*Hey August*  
*Rushing*  
*Nightshade*



# CATEGORY 5

**Category 5 is the spirit programming board focused on preserving and implementing spirit and traditions relating to our Division 1 athletics teams at the University of Miami. It represents the student body by acting as the link between the athletic department and the students.**

**Category 5 focuses on enhancing in-game experiences for students to promote love of alma mater and cultivate memorable student interactions.**

Cat 5 was able to host six FanZones at six different home football games during the year! Able to give the baseball student section created last year a name along with signage for the designated area. The section branded “Mark Light Maniacs” was created to give students attending baseball games an area to call home as they watch their team take on visiting opponents.



In September, Cat 5 hosted Welcome back BBQ Pep Rally to honor Spring 2019 athletes.

During football season, Cat 5 put on their annual freshman walk at the first home football game of the year, away trip for students to be able to attend the UM v FSU game in Tallahassee and two watch parties at the Rat to watch away football games with other Canes students.



For basketball, Cat 5 hosted multiple tailgates, including a hawaiian themed tailgate.

At the Light, Cat 5 was able to get hundreds of students out to the #1 UM v #2 UF weekend long series by giving out giveaways at each of the three games.





## Giveaways

Throughout the year Cat 5 put on **32 giveaways** within nine different sports along with three events not at sports games to give out over **6,800 items** to students.



# ECO AGENCY

The Energy and Conservation Organization agency creates and implements environmental initiatives that promote sustainable living and a greener future. They are a leading force in educating and furthering awareness of environmentally-friendly practices and green habits. ECO's subcommittees are the Green Committee and ECO Rep program, which aid them in furthering environmental causes on campus.



## *An ECO Year in Review*

1. ECO hosted an environmental-themed room in the Tunnel of Oppression. They educated participants about single-use plastics and gave tips on sustainable living.
2. In the fall, ECO made some major improvements to the Rat. They replaced single-use plastic forks and knives with reusable cutlery. They also added the Beyond Meat vegan burger to the permanent menu.

3. ECO expanded the variety of vegan and plant-based meal options in the residential dining halls. Vegan Mac 'n cheese was a fan-favorite

4. Food Recovery Network was reactivated this year. The sub-branch of ECO works to make use of otherwise discarded food. We operated a text-system in which students with food insecurities were given notice of leftover snacks and meals from official university events and meetings. What we couldn't use we transported to the Miami Rescue Mission

5. UThrift, an ECO original project, underwent a massive expansion this year. The no-cost, no-waste, total re-use 'store' allows students to swap out unwanted clothes, books, accessories, art, etc. and pick up other items that they can benefit from having. UThrift is open every Wednesday at the Farmers' Markets, as well as other pop-up events

6. A new grow wall was added to the meditation room in the Otto Richter Library. Abundant with edible and beautiful plants, the ECO-installation really helps soothe and satisfy stressed-out 'Canes

7. ECO worked hard to gain recycling at tailgates both on-campus and at Hardrock Stadium in Miami Gardens. At one tailgate alone, they saved 157 pounds of bottles and aluminum cans from waste and directed the empties to recycling facilities. Hundreds of pounds of what would've been waste were saved thanks to their members and volunteers.

8. ECO hosted numerous beach clean-ups before the Coronavirus outbreak. Hundreds of pounds of pollution were collected from Miami shores and transported to appropriate placements.

9. ECO had their first ever ECO-Fair@The Rat. They promoted Hungry Harvest, plant-based diets, and our free vegetarian quesadillas were a hit!

10. Hosted a Smoothies & Succulents event on the UC Patio with giveaways, educational tips, and little plants for 'Canes to take care of.

11. ECO made drastic improvements in the Gifford Arboretum. In addition to having regular weekly volunteer gardening sessions, they implemented a composting system in which campus residents in the University Village could bring their food scraps for nutrient-upcycling in the garden beds.



# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PLANNING AGENCY

SEPA and their keystone event What Matters to U (WMTU) were designed for students to explore and engage in topics not necessarily discussed in the classroom. Through bringing leaders, change-makers and disrupters to the speak to students, SEPA hopes to inspire conversation and action among students here at the U.

And the speaker is.....  
**MEGAN RAPINOE**



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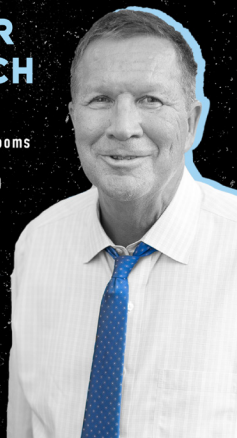
**GOVERNOR  
JOHN KASICH**

2.4.20 | 5:00PM  
Shalala Student Center Ballrooms

Tickets Available: 1.27.20

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TO U

@WhatMattersToU  
[sg.miami.edu/wmtu](http://sg.miami.edu/wmtu)





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Matters  
TO



# EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

**Student Center Complex Advisory Board**

**Appointee:** Albany Muria

**Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee**

**Appointee:** James Lai

**Board of Trustees Academic Affairs**

**Committee Appointee:** Keegan Gibson

**Faculty Senate Representative Appointee:**

Keegan Gibson

**Faculty Senate Committee Library Information**

**and Resources Appointee:** Jason Perez

**Faculty Senate Committee Student Affairs**

**Committee Appointee:** Katie Kean

**Faculty Senate Committee University**

**Curriculum Committee Appointee:**

**Faculty Senate Academic Integrity Proposal**

**Appointee:** Keegan Gibson

**President's Coalition for Sexual Violence**

**Prevention and Education Appointee:**

Shirley Gelman

**WVUM Advisory Board Appointee:** Shrey Patel

**One Book One U Appointee:** Spencer Schwartz

**Student Board of Publications Appointee:**

Jenny Hudak



# SG ADVISORS

We would like to recognize our advisors for their support and mentorship in our endeavors this school year. Thank you!



Dean Ryan Holmes



Heather Stevens



Dr. Josh Brandfon

## *Thank you Dean Holmes*

Advising Student Government since joining the University of Miami's Student Affairs team in 2017, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Ryan C. Holmes has consistently been our advocate, cheerleader and steadfast supporter. He has helped us to achieve the best in ourselves, and understand how to use the privilege of Student Government for the benefit of our fellow Canes. While Dean Holmes is not saying goodbye to the University, we did want to recognize his outstanding impact on our organization over the last three years. Thank you so much Dean Holmes!





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