slaag + griggs platform

slashing textbook costs

Students are tired of selling back their textbooks for pennies on the dollar. Our proposed solution: starting a physical textbook exchange. Students will be able to turn their books in to the library for “textbook points,” and use the points to buy their textbooks for the following semester. We will also partner with deans and professors to refrain from issuing the newest edition of a text every year, and from listing a textbook as “required” on a syllabus if it isn’t truly needed.

Source: USA Today

empowering a culture of consent

Sexual violence is a huge (and often silent) issue that affects our campus, and it’s our responsibility to be a part of the solution. As a part of emphasizing a culture of consent on our campus, we will help bring education and training that will empower every student to actively prevent sexual assault. We will work with the Women’s Center, Title IX office, and advocacy groups to start a campaign that focuses on bystander intervention tactics at Bearcat Bound Orientation, with the Greek Life office, and with local bar staff.

Source: US Department of Justice

real world 101

Co-op students get plenty of help writing resumes, and finance majors have been taught the ins-and-outs of their student loans. Other students may not receive any formal guidance on topics that are essential for success beyond college. We’ll make sure that professional development and financial literacy are emphasized in Learning Communities with all students, regardless of major.

Source: Based on enrollment numbers, UC Fact Sheet

taking a stand for mental health

UC is the only public university in the state of Ohio that does not offer free individual mental health sessions to all students. Costs should not prevent students from seeking help. We’re determined for students to get the help they need through the use of 5 free sessions for students each year.

Source: Original Research (University Websites)
learning

CAPSTONE SNEAK PEEK
First-year courses don’t really give students a great picture of what their major is all about. To give younger students a snapshot of what’s to come, we’ll implement a week long class shadow program where you can sit in on upper-level courses in any major.

MEET THE NEXT POTUS
Next year the United States will be gearing up for the presidential election. We’ll make sure UC is on the map for presidential candidates during their primary campaign trail. #hottestcollegeinamerica

RATE MY CO-OP
We have heard students’ feedback about the Office of Professional Practice and the Career Development Center. As a start, we’ll collaborate with these offices to revamp the end-of-co-op survey and find a way for students to share their co-op and internship experiences with other students.

EASY ADD, EASY DROP
Students shouldn’t need to trek across campus with a piece of paper in search of multiple signatures to add or drop a class. We will move this process online. No more trekking.

people

GENDER NEUTRAL SPACES
The students of GenderBloc and the faculty & staff of the LGBTQ Center have been working hard for the past few years to increase the amount of gender-neutral housing and bathrooms on campus. We want to help in any way possible to accelerate the creation of these spaces, especially in new (temporary and permanent) construction projects. As an example, the Clifton Court Pavilion and Commons Edge classroom trailers don’t include gender-neutral restrooms because they’re labeled as “temporary” – even though they will be here for several years.

CLASSROOMS AS SAFER SPACES
Students should feel safe and welcomed at UC, inside and outside the classroom. We will team up with faculty to make sure each instructor is equipped with the training to create a safe class environment. This also means more fully funding our social justice resources on campus.

FIGHTING STUDENT HOMELESSNESS
The FAFSA asserts that there are 58,000 homeless students on campuses nationwide. Many members of our UC community find themselves in this crisis, but it’s a largely unsolved problem. Amongst homeless students, most of whom belong to marginalized populations, graduation rates are significantly lower than rates for students with secure housing. We will work to create an Economic Crisis Response Team that will take measures to help a student stay in school through providing temporary meal vouchers, low-cost housing, and information for resources in the community.

affordability

PUSHING BACK ON TUITION HIKES
If you started at UC five years ago, you would’ve paid $5,700 less in tuition and fees while getting a degree than if you started today. Tuition is up 10% and fees have nearly tripled since 2010. The current trend is unsustainable. College affordability for every student is crucial.

FINISH ON TIME
We need a better system for students to track their progress toward graduation, especially when it comes to matching semesterly course offerings with degree requirements. In order to avoid the cost of an extra year, we’ll make sure students are provided with the resources to graduate on time.

services

YOUR FLIGHT CONNECTION
Student Government got this service “off the ground” last semester. Currently, students can catch a free ride to CVG Airport after final exams in the fall and spring. We propose expanding the program for Spring Break and Thanksgiving Break, as well as providing pick-up service in addition to drop-off.

SWIPE-O-BELL
Over the past two years, students have seen their swipes extended to DAAP Cafe and Quick Mick’s. Now what about the restaurants in TUC such as Papa John’s, Burger King, and Taco Bell? We know from experience that it’s possible, and we will push to make it happen.

RENTER’S GUIDE FOR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
Landlord availability, response time, and follow-through are examples of things students want to know before signing a lease. We will develop a platform for students to share their renting experiences with each other.

GTL: GET THAT LAUNDRY
Is there a washer or dryer open? Are your clothes ready? Many universities already have a system in place to let students know, either by text or by mobile app. It’s time to connect our laundry rooms to students’ smart phones.