

# ***GUIDE TO ASGA WORKSHOPS***

## ***2026 SPRING SG SUMMIT***

How do you choose which workshops to attend? Look for these icons on the conference schedule to decide which workshops will best meet your needs.



### ***GOAL-SETTING TECHNIQUES***

Often our SG sets goals at the beginning of the term, but by mid-term we have lost our way; not made the kind of progress we wanted; or, found that we cannot achieve what we set out to do. Sometimes it is the loftiness of our expectations that were a problem from the start. Other times, we just did not operationalize the goals with action plans. These sessions are designed to provide your SG with techniques for realizing your full potential. If the outcome of your SG work does not measure up to the goals you established, then someone from your delegation should attend one of the sessions with this icon.

**Q** ***How to Hear the Needs of Your Students & Know For Sure What They Want – Butch Oxendine***

**T** ***What Are Your Superpowers? What Your SGA Can (And Can't) Do – Butch Oxendine***



### ***ORGANIZATION EFFECTIVENESS***

Whether you are a newly established, struggling, or high performing SG, organizational effectiveness is an essential aspect to your fulfilling your mission and established goals. These sessions are designed to set your SG up for success with tools. If your SG identifies this as a potential issue, do yourselves and your student body a favor-- ensure that someone from your delegation attends any of the sessions with this icon.

**A** ***Your SGA Report Card: 13 Steps to Raise Your Grade to A+ – Butch Oxendine***

**E** ***The 25 Worst Mistakes Your Student Government Can Make (And How to Fix Them) – Butch Oxendine***

**I** ***How to Make Students Care About Your Student Government – Butch Oxendine***

**K** ***The Engagement Playbook: Strategies for Student Leaders – Suzette Walden Cole, Ph.D.***

**M** ***The SG Game Show: How Much Do You Really Know About SG? – Butch Oxendine***

**O** ***Less Words, More Action: Building Spaces where Belonging Matters – Suzette Walden Cole, Ph.D.***



### ***CONFLICT RESOLUTION***

Conflict is an inevitable part of any effective SG. If you do not have it, then something is probably "off" within your organization. It is not a question of if you will experience it, rather it is how you will deal with it that is important. If your SG gets bogged down by the drama, or you feel you can improve in this area, be sure that you or someone from your delegation attends any of the sessions with this icon.

**C** ***Knowing When and How to Call Someone Out: Confronting Members within the SG – Suzette Walden Cole, Ph.D.***

**J** ***No More Drama: Conflict Resolution the "Right Way" – Christopher C. Irving, Ed.D.***

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## **STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS**

The operations of any SG are regulated by the structures and systems in place. If your SG is not performing as effectively as it should, then we encourage you to assess whether those structures and systems are an obstacle in achieving your goals. If your SG identifies this as a potential issue, you should ensure that someone from your delegation attends any of the sessions with this icon.

**H** **NEW WORKSHOP** *Reviewing Your Governing Documents for Clarity and Purpose*  
– Christopher Jachimowicz

**N** *Hail to the Chief: The Power and Purpose of Being SG President* – Christopher C. Irving, Ed.D.



## **TEAMBUILDING**

Sometimes, as individuals, we are so focused on getting things done that we forget that it takes teamwork to make the dream work. These sessions are designed to enhance the “feel” of your SG to allow you to work together to accomplish more, while also enjoying the experiences with those with whom you are working. If your SG struggles with teambuilding, then someone from your delegation should attend one of the sessions with this icon.

**P** **NEW WORKSHOP** *Building a High-Impact SGA: Strengthening Team Culture and Collaboration*  
– Kimberly Jones, Ph.D.



## **PERSONAL GROWTH**

No one is perfect! As leaders, we all have areas in which we can improve. These sessions are specifically designed to focus on SG members’ individual leadership development. If you are working to try to enhance your own skill set, be sure you attend one of the sessions with this icon.

**L** **NEW WORKSHOP** *Building Influence Through Strategic Networking in Student Leadership*  
– Kimberly Jones, Ph.D.

**S** **NEW WORKSHOP** *Leading with Confidence: Strategies for Self-Awareness and Growth* – Kimberly Jones, Ph.D.



## **EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY**

A core responsibility of every SG is to effectively advocate for the wellbeing and best interests of the student body. If we are not focused on serving all students, then we are not doing our jobs as SG leaders. Whether it is administrators on campus, individuals within SG, or your SG’s approach to advocacy, if you feel your SG needs help in this area, be sure that someone from your delegation attends any of the sessions with this icon.

**D** *Administrators are NOT the Enemy: How to Get Along With Yours* – Christopher Jachimowicz



## **TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT**

New leaders cycle into SG every year, and in some instances, multiple times a year, so quality training and development of your SG officers and legislators is essential. If not everyone is on the same page, or functioning with the same information, it will drastically impact your operations. If your SG struggles in this area, be sure that someone from your delegation attends any of the sessions with this icon.

**F** *SG Training With an “Attitude”* – Christopher C. Irving, Ed.D.

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## **MEETING MANAGEMENT**

SG members spend a tremendous amount of time in meetings for planning, programming and passing legislation. Ensuring that your SG's meetings run efficiently is an essential component to your overall productivity. If your SG struggles with Robert's Rules, or what can feel like excessively long meetings, be sure that someone from your delegation attends any of the sessions with this icon.

**R** **Ten Toxic Timewasters (that Poison Productive Meetings) – Christopher Jachimowicz**

**U** **NEW WORKSHOP Making Meetings Work – Christopher Jachimowicz**



## **ADVISOR**

ASGA recognizes the invaluable contributions advisors make to the overall productivity of their institution's SG which is why we have specially tailored sessions just for you. While all of our SG sessions have learning outcomes associated with them, these sessions provide advisors with tools for your toolbox. Whether you are new to advising, or just need to refresh, be sure to check out any of the sessions with this icon.

**B** **FOR ADVISORS Keeping HOPE Alive: How to Sustain & Grow Your Student Leaders – Christopher C. Irving, Ed.D.**

**G** **FOR ADVISORS Adjusting Your Advising Style to Your SG's Developmental Stage – Suzette Walden Cole, Ph.D.**

**V** **NEW WORKSHOP FOR ADVISORS Advising with Intention and Impact in Student Government – Kimberly Jones, Ph.D.**



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

These sessions are designed to ensure your student government is well poised to gain exposure for your initiatives, programs and services. If your SG struggles with marketing and messaging, then we encourage you to ensure someone from your delegation attends any of the sessions with this icon.

**BONUS WORKSHOP How & Why You Must Improve Your SGA's Web & Social Media Presence – Butch Oxendine**

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