

Austin College

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Opportunities Fair

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Background Opportunities Fair currently serves as a means to promote student involvement and display opportunities for incoming freshmen to get involved on campus. However, there has been a decrease in student involvement and leadership on campus, including fewer applicants for leadership positions in departmental organizations, lower retention rates within student organizations and Greek Life, and fewer student organizations having numbers to submit effective charter renewals.

- Noting** that Opportunities Fair currently takes place during the first full week of school,
- Observing** that there is a decline in involvement and awareness about student organizations, and fewer student leaders on campus,
- Considering** that the Opportunities Fair takes place during a tight time slot during lunch hour and in-between classes,
- Convinced** that many students, especially freshmen, are not coordinated enough during the first week to effectively experience Opportunities Fair, while managing academic responsibilities and lunch hour,
- Knowing** that we are one of two four-year institutions in Texas that does not include this an organizational fair in Freshman Orientation,
- Believing** that Opportunities Fair would be more effective and would be more inclusive if placed during Freshman Orientation,
- Understanding** that students are drawn to campus events that offer food and refreshments,
- Be it resolved** that Student Assembly strongly recommend that the College integrate Opportunities Fair into Freshman Orientation in order to promote more on-campus involvement and leadership, as well as provide a more inclusive and orderly environment for incoming freshmen to receive more adequate information and interaction with organizations and departments;

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that Student Assembly strongly recommend that the College coordinate with Aramark to offer regularly scheduled lunch on the College Green, at the site of Opportunities Fair, rather than in the cafeteria to incentivize students to attend.