

SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING 2020
COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE ANNUAL REPORTS

Student Affairs Committee Annual Report
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Committee Members

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Summary: Many of the SAC's usual activities were canceled due to the pandemic. However, we have used this opportunity to put together virtual activities designed to help students remain connected and productive. We also made the decision not to attempt to elect new committee members this year, as we believe that the pandemic will make recruiting new members difficult.

Activities since Last Report

Student Luncheon

- Postponed due to the pandemic. All plans that were made for this year's meeting will be carried out next year.

Weekly Productivity Meetings

- All student members of SEAC are invited to join us via Zoom for a work session at noon EST. These meetings have been occurring weekly since August 21st.
- Meetings help members stay on track with their work despite any changes to their usual routine due to the pandemic. Students can also request feedback from one another and the meeting can provide space for discussion as needed.

Social Hour

- We partnered with the Southeastern Archaeology Mentoring Network to organize a virtual social event, which is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd.
- We hope that this will help students to feel connected to the SEAC community, even if they live outside of the southeastern United States.

Committee Membership

The committee decided not to elect new members this year. We rely heavily on the ability to recruit new committee members in person at the annual meeting. Since the meeting has been canceled, we do not believe that we would be able to fill the positions that should be available this year. The decision not to hold an election was unanimous and all members agreed to serve for an additional year.