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ASG to Host Open Forum with President Bienen, Vice Presidents Banis and Sunshine

ASG announced today that it will host an open forum with Northwestern President Henry Bienen and Vice Presidents William Banis and Eugene Sunshine. The event is open to all Northwestern undergraduates and will take place on Thursday, April 9 from 5:00 to 6:30pm at McCormick Tribune Center.

This forum is the third in a series of conversations designed to bridge the gap between students and administrators. As at the previous two forums, students will be able to ask any question of the panelists concerning Northwestern. In particular, this forum will focus on President Bienen's legacy, the financial state of the university, minority enrollment, financial aid, housing, and meal plans, among other issues.

The forum is an unprecedented opportunity for students to engage in a dialogue about Northwestern with the top administrators. In addition to President Bienen, the forum will include Vice President for Student Affairs William Banis and Senior Vice President for Business and Finance Eugene Sunshine. Vice President Banis supervises various offices that directly affect student life, including Residential Life, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Judicial Affairs, Norris, CAPS and Career Services. Vice President Sunshine supervises the university's budget and police department, as well as University Services, which includes the shuttle system and the fitness centers.

"Students will be surprised by how much our administrators are willing to listen when they finally get to meet with them face to face," said Maggie Jim, a junior who is coordinating the event. "But you can't be heard unless you're willing to speak. This is the chance to speak to the ones who really matter at this school," she added.

ASG encourages all students to attend these forums and ask administrators their questions. The organization hopes that both students and administrators will benefit from respectful, informal and fruitful dialogue.

ASG is hosting these forums as part of its first-ever Winter Campaign, an effort to bridge the gap between ASG and students.