



Year 1: Accomplishments in 2021

SGAC Task Force on U.S. Space Policy

Since its founding in January 2021, the SGAC Task Force on U.S. Space Policy has accomplished a tremendous amount. As part of SGAC's mission to represent the young space generation, this Task Force has brought students and young space professionals from around the world together and begun the vital task of communicating our vision of a sustainable, fair, and cooperative future in space to U.S. policymakers - something that SGAC has not done at this scope in its 20-year history. After a successful Year 1, The Task Force is proud of its growing reputation and looks forward to evolving in Year 2 to become an increasingly valuable and effective part of SGAC's policy and advocacy efforts.

In 2021, the U.S. Task Force was organized into three subteams. The following are highlights from the year.

General

- The Task Force collectively developed a vision and mission statement that defines our core values and vision for the future of space.
- The Task Force created a <u>website</u> to share our vision and mission statement, our policy briefs, and our webinar recordings.

Policy

- The Policy subteam completed policy briefs for educating policymakers on space debris and space diplomacy. Additional memos on space weaponization, Earth observation, and commercialization are being prepared for release next year.
- Significant progress was made in drafting specific policy recommendations for space debris, including economic incentives, a centralized debris database, and more.
- The subteam has communicated with expert advisors and looks forward to building a broader expert network.
- The subteam began a collaboration with the SGAC EAGLE Action Team focusing on policy recommendations for effective lunar governance.

Congressional Strategy (Government Relations)

- The Congressional Strategy subteam hosted five Zoom briefings and additional email communications with Congressional staffers on space debris and space diplomacy from both the House and Senate.
- Task Force members learned how to efficiently communicate with Congressional offices to both educate staffers and foster ongoing relationships to serve as future resources.





• The subteam developed our playbook for Congressional advocacy and strategy, and the team looks forward to expanding our engagement significantly in the next year.

Partnerships & Events

- The Partnerships subteam hosted two webinars with expert panelists on space debris and space diplomacy. These experts provided invaluable insight on questions such as: How can we combine insights from government, industry, and academia? How can young people take action? How do we encourage opportunities in space for all?
- The subteam has begun fostering relationships with compatible organizations and looks forward to building on these relationships and forming new ones in the next year.