



**West Virginia University SGA  
Meeting 11/11/2020,  
2020 - 2021 Administration**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement**

“We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University and the Student Government Association, an atmosphere that helps to foster and open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected, and to promote the principles of diversity and responsible self-governance.”

**III. Roll Call**

President Pro Tempore Jones - present

College Senator Backus - present

College Senator Bonar - present

Senator Brooks - present

College Senator Cade - present

Senator Colbert - present

Senator Daniel - present

Senator Donnelly - present

Senator Eby - present

College Senator Eyer - present

College Senator Glass - present

College Senator Hanson - present

Senator Harman - present

**College Senator Hitt**

Senator Ihlenfeld - present

**Senator Jernigan**

Senator Knotts - present

Senator Kumar - present

College Senator McKnight - present

College Senator Moore - present

Senator Nadeau - present

Senator Nichols - present

College Senator Rawson - present

College Senator Robinson - present

Senator Rosello - present

College Senator Seidel - present

College Senator Zanabli - present

#### **IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

*VP Bragg:* The meeting minutes from last week are before you. At this time, I will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

*Senator Donnelly:* So moved.

*Pro Tempore Jones:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes.

#### **V. Reading and Approval of Agenda**

*VP Bragg:* The agenda for today's meeting is before you. I will now entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

*College Senator Bonar:* So moved.

*College Senator Backus:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes. At this time we will now move into open student forum I.

#### **VI. Open Student Forum I**

*VP Bragg:*

*Chief of Staff Kemp-Rye:* Hi everyone, for tonight's meeting we have a very special guest, we have Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson with us. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson is an assistant professor of secondary social studies here at WVU. Before that, she taught middle school for ten years in the DC area. She has a variety of research interests which include diversity, action and engagement, social issues and movement. Advocacy, Activism, Intersectionality, Social Justice and Anti-Bias education. We feel so lucky to have her here today to discuss the importance of faculty and community engagement. Without further ado Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson the floor is yours.

*Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson (special guest):* Hi everyone thank you for having me. I am excited to be here.

\*Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson shares screen and gives a wonderful presentation about Unpacking Civility\*

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson, speaks on some of the issues going on at WVU and what matters to us the most as students whether it was personal or someone close to you has dealt with it. She allowed us 2 to 3 minutes to discuss a few issues that resonate with us.

*Devin Price(Intern):* Mental Health, I think is personally a majority issue here at this institution.

*Olivia Dowler(Intern):* The rape culture is one issue that resonates with me because it is not talked about enough.

\*Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson does many other activities such as do you feel comfortable talking about politics\*

\*Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson gave a great presentation\*

*VP Bragg:* We are still on Open Student Forum I, does anyone have anything for open student forum I?

Seeing nothing we will now move into the President's report.

## **VII. The President's Report**

*President Riggs:* I want to first thank Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Patterson for having such a wonderful conversation on civility. That is certainly a topic that should always guide our conversations and debates. Briefly just some housekeeping things, there are meetings schedule for the remainder of the semester, believe it or not we are almost halfway through November. We will be meeting next week on the 18th and we will not be meeting the week of November 25th we will be off for thanksgiving and then we will reconvene on December 2nd for our last meeting of the semester, I just wanted to make sure you all were aware of those dates. Next I wanted to acknowledge the work of Sustainability group this week, Annalise has been working very closely with the Sustainability week to plan this entire week and to host these events. Make sure you are following our social media page to see the upcoming events for sustainability week. Again snaps to Annalise. President Pro Tempore Jones and I, we met with the faculty senate committee about third party applications, I will send our student survey in the chat again if you are a college senator send it out to your college, the organizations within your college, to your friends, anyone. The committee is really trying to gather as much information as possible. Finally, I wanted to take a minute and recognize all of our veterans, it is veteren's day.

## **VIII. Assembly Reports**

*VP Bragg:* We will now move to assembly reports. Do any assembly members have any reports?

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* Hi everyone. I hope you all are having a good evening. \*reiterates what President Riggs says\* At this time I would like to ask VP Bragg to recognize intern Addison Walles as she helped with our care package initiative.

\*Addison speaks on the care package initiative\*

## **IX. Executive Reports**

### **X. New Business**

*VP Bragg:* I will now entertain a motion to go into breakout committee session or to by pass committee sessions.

*Pro Tempore Jones:* I would like to make a motion to skip committee sessions tonight, in terms that the meeting is already running kind of late. I do encourage committee sessions to meet outside of the meeting and if need be I can add committee sessions to the agenda for next week, but I do entertain a motion to skip committee sessions.

*VP Bragg:* IS there a second to this motion?

*Senator Donnelly:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes. We will now move into Open Student Forum II

### **XI. Committee Sessions**

### **XII. Open Student Forum II**

*VP Bragg:* Does anyone have anything for open student forum II? .....seeing none we will move on to the advisor's report.

### **XIII. Advisor's Report**

*Dr. Thanh Lee:* Hello, hello, hello. I don't have much today, I just want everyone to be mindful of a couple of upcoming projects. The Rack currently is sponsoring a "Box it Up" for thanksgiving anyone interested the form is on engage so if you know someone or a few folks who need food during those times, we have ten or eleven boxes left to sign up, it is only fifty bucks for this year. We are also doing a rack challenge this is a challenge for organizations who provide the most food for the rack will be able to get a grant from our office, the top prize is \$300 I believe, all of that information can be found on our newsletter and social media. Mylastthing is that we are starting to build a toy mountain this year so we have an amazon wishlist so you can donate a toy so feel free to do so, all of this is on our social media. If you need some information we will also be doing a student organization challenge with that as well. Other than that have a great night and a great rest of the week.

*Advisor Kara Sydner:* Hi everyone, it's nice to virtually see you all. I do not have areport but just thank you all for coming out to the student organization fair.

Thank you all, have a great night.

**\*SNAPS\***

### **XIV. Adjournment**

*VP Bragg:* I will now entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

*Senator Harman:* So moved.

*College Senator Cade:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes, this meeting is now adjourned.