



**West Virginia University SGA
Meeting 11/18/2020,
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I. Call to Order at 7:30PM

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

College Senator Cade - present

Senator Colbert - present

Senator Daniel - present

Senator Donnelly - present

Senator Eby - present

College Senator Eyler - present

College Senator Glass - present

College Senator Hanson - present

Senator Harman - present

College Senator Hitt - present

Senator Ihlenfeld - present

Senator Jernigan - present

Senator Knotts

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 Zanolli - present

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

President Pro-tempre Jones: Um okay we're gonna go ahead and get started. I will now call this meeting to order. We will start with the 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." So just a few housekeeping things in terms of zoom procedures. Um I have you all muted. If you would all would like to speak please use the hand raise feature under participants. We will also take motions and seconds using the raise hands feature. Um, and can use chat for the um point of order, and please change your name to the appropriate title and last name. Moving on the executive secretary will now take role from the zoom participants list. The minutes from our last meeting have been posted. I will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes via show of hands. Senator Daniel

Senator Daniel: So moved

President Pro-Tempre Jones- Senator Nichols

Senator Nichols: second

President Pro-tempre Jones: All in favor. All opposed. This motion passes.

V. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Moving on the agenda for today's meeting is before you. I will now entertain a motion to approve the agenda via show of hands. College senator Eyer.

College Senator Eyer: So moved

President Pro-tempre Jones: College Senator Smith

College Senator Smith: Second

President Pro-tempre Jones: All in favor. All opposed. This passes. We will now move into Open Student Forum 1. I will now like to invite Eric Murphy the assistant director for the center of service and learning to the floor. Eric the floor is yours.

VI. Open Student Forum I

Eric Murphy: Thank you very much mam. Um this is I love how the format of this is. Um, so the reason why uh Colton invited me this evening and thank you Colton is because tomorrow we are having a discussion with our pan we have a program called Perspectives In and this was called Perspectives In and now what. This aligns with the day the transgender day of remembrance and we have Rosemary Ketchum coming down to do a 1 on 1 with Colton. Colton has developed the questions with support from our staff and he doesn't know anything about there's a book called the Erroneous Zones. The Erroneous Zones is by Dr. Wayne Dyer he is a counselor therapist kinda guy he's a very clinical person. All the questions that we developed for the workshop are within the alignment with the book Erroneous Zones. Erroneous Zones means those places of error within yourself. So I'm saying this because the questions we had developed for this discussion is not your typical questions whatsoever. The questions are about the journey to civility and the journey to be able to engage in the community and actualize your true self. So this will be a different panel discussion or a different discussion that you have ever been apart of I believe. We would really love it to have you guys attend this because we believe that this is a thing that is going in a different direction. This is truly student led. This truly a student who is we're embracing his passion and providing an opportunity for us to bring in a civic leader to really discuss the journey. Not just being the job of uh this city counsel person or being the first transgender woman but to really talk about the journey. It could be it will be an amazing I think event. The sign up oh thank you very much. The sign up has already been out there uh we also have some I I don't wanna say incentives because the incentive will really be the contentive information but I was able to talk to someone about helping us out to provide an opportunity. Some lucky student will either receive either airpods or will receive a Apple TV. Uh an Apple TV streaming device. Our goal is to get 200 students to be involved with this and truly engage in this conversation uh having talking to uh Mrs. Ketchum uh she is just a dynamic speaker. Colton has done an amazing job.

Colton I know you're on this so I'm not tryna blow you up like that but he has done an amazing job of uh creating these questions working with us. So I just wanted to bring that to you guys's attention. Uh we will love to have you guys come out. Um Ms. Jones has all the information about this uh program. We are you know uh just a does anyone have any questions I can offer them like if it's truly about the journey to being your true authentic self so how did she you know one of the questions is how did she uh break convention and allow herself to be uh herself. How do you deal with the cancel culture? How perceive yourself on social media the way that is affectivated from your own lens all the things that is I think you guys as future leaders and I know you guys are leaders on this campus right now but all of you it is what it is this is gonna be I don't really wanna blow things up too much unless it's gonna be hot and I would say it's gonna

be hot. Uh I'm flexin my bonnacular here I'm gonna talk the way I talk. It's gonna be dope. I would suggest you come though, I would suggest you come through and sit in for a moment even if you just sit in for a half hour just to see how it goes. I think you guys will be very surprised. I don't think anyone's surprised about Colton's skillset.

I I don't think you'll be surprised about that. But I do think you'll be surprised at the comfort that I do think that Colton is gonna have with this person talking about her journey talking about everything that is going on and I wanna play for you guys real quick the song that will be played in the waiting room and this will kinda set the vibe of what this thing is gonna be and i'm not making this up . You know I feel it, I feel it. That's all I'm gonna give you. That's all I'm gonna give you. My our goal is to break convention and do something different to truly engage the students from the position and to embrace the students passion to move this institution forward. We would love to have you there Amelia I know will send out the invite to all of you guys please get engaged and the beginning well no I won't say that because it's not that this is part of us moving in a direction that truly embraces the passion of our students and I know all you guys's SGA members are very passionate and want to move our campus forward and this is the opportunity for us to see it from a groundbreaking person not just because of our gender expression but because of how she moves and her conversation. I think you can gain a lot from this and this is an opportunity. Amelia, Colton, thank you for inviting me. Um, Advisor Le thank you for thank you very much I appreciate you guys inviting me. Thank you for your time this evening. I hope that and look forward to seeing all of you guys there tomorrow evening from 6-7:30.

President Pro-tempre Jones: Thank you.

Eric Murphy: That's all I got.

President Pro-tempre Jones: Does anyone have any questions for Eric? *Music playing in background.

President Pro-tempre Jones: Chuckling. Alright. Thank you. Alright does anyone else have anything for Open Student Forum 1? Going once, going twice okay. We'll now move into the President's Report. President Riggs you have the floor.

VII. The President's Report

President Riggs: Alrighty thank you. Hello everyone. Happy Wednesday hope everyone is having an outstanding week so far. Uh so just a reminder this is uh our second to last um meeting for the semester. Uh, we will not be meeting next Wednesday. So I hope you all have a fabulous thanksgiving break next week and then we will meet again on December 2 for our last official meeting of the fall semester. Uh I did want to remind you all that um this also mean um per article 5 of our elections code the potential candidates for Student Government Association elected positions can begin to uh announce their uh intentions to run at that meeting. Um but with that just some um updates on some things that I have been working on. Uh, this Friday we will be sponsoring Swipe Out Hunger with the WVU Dining Services and the uh office of um student engagement and leadership um, and the rack. Um, but starting Friday at 7 um am

students will be able to donate one extra meal swipe at either Hatfields and uh or Kevin, uh excuse me Cafe Evansdale. Excuse me. Uh, these donated swipes will then become vouchers um available at the rack and um many of us have starting promoting this event already but we are in need of all of our members help. Uh so if you have a Twitter uh one follow us which you guys should already be doing but then two um be sure to retweet or um quote that tweet of our Swipe Out Hunger graphic.

Um send it in different student org group chats that you're all in, send it to friends with with meal plans that might be willing um and in a position to donate. Just some facts regarding food and security so nationally 1 in 3 college students uh face food insecurity. Um I was reading an article just the other day from inside higher education um that in the article referenced a study um and its data revealed that 22% of students surveyed um before the pandemic er 22% of those students um were were food insecure so a student's ability to focus in in the classroom to stay in school um they're they're threatened by food insecurity so this is um definitely an important event to um promote and it's it's definitely something that we should continue to prioritize among our own college campus. Um I wanted to take the time to uh to briefly um thank Senator Zanabli uh for her work and organizing the Naloxene trainings that were hosted one two weeks ago and then another one that was hosted last week. Um, both of those were extremely successful and well attended I believe well over 250 participants tuned in which is phenomenal. Um, students were able to pick up their own Naloxene um kit uh following the training at the refresh booth um and then just wanted to say you know learning how to properly administer Naloxene in the case of an overdose that's another important issue. So, thank you Senator Zanabli for for your work. Um, uh President Pro-Temple Jones and I we've been promoting on this multiple times but I'm gonna send our survey for the third party platforms in our group chat. Um, again following this meeting so please be sure to to fill that out if you haven't already um and then also send it to students within your college, friends, um continue to promote that as well, and then finally uh Chief of Staff Kemp-Rye, Satterfield, and I are going to be planning a Secret Snowflake uh gift exchange uh to celebrate one another to celebrate the end of the semester um again all the work your guys do um so we'll be sending our more information uh for that soon to see uh who all would be willing to participate in that and then with thanksgiving approaching.

I did just wanna take a second to thank you all uh for all the work you guys have done this year. If it wasn't for you all our organization would not be able to do half of of what we do so uh in all sincerity I I truly am thankful for this university, for this organization of course and then for every single one of you um and the work that you do. Um, I really cannot cannot thank you all enough. Um, but with that I hope you guys have a fabulous break. For those traveling home this weekend safe travels um and I will see you all back on Zoom December 2 at 7:30. Um, but with that Mrs. Chairwoman that concludes my report for this evening.

Senator Pro-tempre Jones: Thank you President Riggs. Does anyone have any questions for President Riggs? Alright moving on to assembly reports. Do any assembly reports have a report? Senator Ihlenfield.

Senator Ihlenfield: Hey guys um, i've been talking with President Riggs about working on scheduling a meeting with some state legislators so we can meet with them to talk about um some things that we might be interested in lobbying for this coming legislative session which

will be coming up really quickly I assume as the spring semester starts. So, I'm hoping to send that to get some dates for us to meet between Thanksgiving and Christmas ideally so um keep a lookout for that in the groupchat and the more people that show up the better. Anyone is welcome.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Thank you Senator Ihlenfield. Senator Kumar.

Senator Kumar: Hey guys so um in the last meeting I mentioned that uh a couple of us were working on a survey to engage students uh mental health during this time and to see uh different outlets for how to help uh alleviate burdens on them and uh the main focus is seeing intermittent uh if the addition of an intermittent days of break would help. So um that survey I will be dropping in the chat after this meeting in case anyone wants to share it on their personal accounts.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Alright, thank you Senator Kumar. College Senator Backus.

College Senator Backus: Hello everyone um, so last week um my fellow college senator um Megan Sorrells and I finally went over to meet with our dean and associate dean to deliver some um issues we have with the college like to talk with them about what we can do for the college and it was a very productive and um I can't wait to meet with them again to try to help out the students of the college of ag. Um, and also I am wanting to start some legislation regarding um putting a gender neutral bathroom in the downtown library um it's in the very early stages I feel like that needs to be done. Um, so yeah that's all I have to say.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Thank you College Senator Backus. College Senator Smith.

College Senator Smith: Hello everyone um, I just wanted to say that one of the goals um for SGA was to bring more awareness to SEP students like myself and tonight shout out to Sohan um tonight we organized a guest speaker um Adam he's a grad student um from WVU and a Sports Psychology major and we got to have a guest speaker tonight and it was really interesting for all the students to hear um his experience as a Sports Psychologist and the struggles he's dealing with, um what we should look out for and give us a lot of advice and it was just really cool to see everyone there and intrigued.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Alright, thank you College Senator Smith. Um, just really quickly on my end um I am asking each and every one of you please write at least one letter for my care package initiative um that my intern Addison and I are working diligently on. We need at least 44 letters to send to each individual care package they don't have to be too terribly long just say um hey camper hello, howdy, what have you and introduce yourself um what your studying why you chose WVU um encouraging them to have a good school year um just keep in mind these campers are around thirteen years old um and we are encouraging them to pursue higher education. Um we do have a tote outside President Rigg's office where you can drop them off and I will be collecting those. Um, please have them in by Friday um like I said you can handwrite them you can print them off, however is most convenient for you. Um I would appreciate it greatly um, if each and everyone of you could at least write one. It's a special initiative and something that is really close to my heart as well and I would really love all of your

help on this. Um, if you have any questions about it please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Ok so moving on. Do any executives have a report?

Elections Chair Pressley: Hello, so I have a couple things to report on um last November 4th I put in a request for flyers to post in residence halls because it's gonna be really hard like I said to always get 41 seats on on the assembly next semester filled. I have not received those flyers I am still waiting um Senator Backus and Senator Knotts filled those out with me um just so that we could have social media blasts um detailing basically detailing stuff about you know SGA their meeting times, hours, I know today at the intern meeting Senator Daniel and I talked about elections. I'm gonna have another flyer blast about that. Um, yesterday I had elections committee info session and that went really well um and today I wanna post in in the chat I created a google form fill that out if you can. Um we have more than 8 applicants already. Attorney General Laub and myself will figure that out during committee sessions on how we're going to debate who can get on the elections committee. Um, I'm also figuring out um trying to do more outreach um to diversity um organizations on campus to discuss them, to discuss them you know being involved in elections um just because um I sit on multiple um eboards for organizations and they don't really talk about SGA that much. I don't know if they don't know that SGA exists which is a problem um also I you know talked in the group chat with several um yesterday Senator Backus about the gender neutral bathrooms so thank you for taking that on. My friend was very upset that they were not able to use the bathroom and can only go to Evansdale to study because Downtown does not have any but thank you um if you have any questions about elections or anything I'm doing don't hesitate to reach out out.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Alright, thank you Elections Chair Pressley. Chief of Staff Satterfield.

Chief of Staff Satterfield: Um thank you, hi everyone just so that I know we don't have a meeting next week so I just wanted to remind you about assembly and executive reports our favorite time of the month is here. It's approaching quickly. Um they open on November 27th which is next Friday and they are open until December sec first haha sorry some quick math so they open November 27th close December 1st, um please get them in um as soon as they um I guess open um again you know how passionate I am about those and they are posted on our website on the WVU engage page so if you have any questions or any issues accessing those just always let know um but I will send a reminder in our group me thanks.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Alright, thank you Chief of Staff Satterfield. Do we have anymore executive reports? Okay moving on, since there is no unfinished business nor either any new business we will move in I will now entertain a motion to recess for committee sessions. Senator Daniel.

Senator Daniel: So moved.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: Senator Kumar.

Senator Kumar: Second.

President Pro-Tempre Jones: All in favor. All opposed. Alright, this motion passes alright you will be uh getting a invitation for your break out room and we will recess for approximately 25 to 30 minutes.

President Riggs: Hi friends, just give me a couple minutes um you guys were done faster than uh you usually are um so within 5 minutes if not 5 minutes someone come check on me.
*Chuckling.

College Senator Backus: I think the um new zoom update it lets you um choose your own breakout rooms. So, we could do that.

President Riggs: Is that option available for you all on your end?

You just have to launch em.

Advisor Le: Chase you just have to be able to create em so people can launch it and get in the room.

President Riggs: They should be launched.

Advisor Le: Oh

President Riggs: At least they are on my end.

Advisor Le: Clears throat.

Chief of Staff Satterfield: Senators, and College Senators are you seeing breakout rooms?

Chorus of no's.

Chief of Staff Satterfield: Anyone? Cool. *Chuckling.

Senator Daniel: It looks like you hated my presentation today.

What

Senator Daniel: You hated my presentation today.

I did not hate it. Did it look like I looked upset?

Senator Daniel: No you were just like this the whole time and like um tough crowd.

Chuckling, oh I'm sorry I really enjoyed it.

Senator Daniel: Tracey how you doing?

Secretary Picou: I'm good how are you?

Senator Daniel: I'm great, I'm great you know how you doin Theo I see you have the whole blanket thing.

Theodore Stackpole: Yeah, I'm comfy over here.

Senator Daniel: Convenient, convenient uh College Senator Smith how you doin?

College Senator Smith: I'm doin great woke up in a positive mood. Nice workout, it was actually kinda terrible but it was nice. You know now I'm just eating some grapes. Very yummy.

Senator Daniel: That sounds good. Intern Coordinator White, how we doin?

Intern Coordinator White: I'm good, I'm working on a paper that's due at midnight and then I have a lab that's due at 11am tomorrow. So, I'm just thriving today.

Senator Daniel: Yeah that's fun.

Intern Coordinator White: Mhmm.

Senator Daniel: Um you know before we do anything does anyone wanna talk about anything that's happening on their end? Um I was in South Park this past weekend. Stopped by the Healthy Street. I sent a picture to Madison, I was like oh this is tough. Haha. Um yeah, does anyone have anything else they wanna talk about? Cool:

College Senator Smith: I actually..

Senator Daniel: Oh wait hold on, oh okay we have something! That's different.

College Senator Smith: It's something pertaining about Thanksgiving I'm just really excited to go home and see my dog. *Chuckling. For Thanksgiving that's it.

Senator Daniel: I was actually really excited too yeah go home. I've just found out today that I've been exposed to Covid.

College Senator Smith: What No!

Senator Daniel: I uh got dinner with someone and one hour later tells me oh I tested positive and I'm..*chuckling. Yeah so I might not be able to go back home, but it's okay. I'm chillin man. Yeah, back into the swing of things because no one else has anything they wanna talk about. Um Theo do you wanna talk about the syllabus improvements now?

Theodore Stackpole: Um yeah sure so I uh I guess well it was the last meeting now but uh Sohan, College Senator Sorrells and I are currently working to update the campus safety syllabus to update in our information like the run, hide, fight active shooter procedures and we're tryna

make a new syllabus statement that includes mental health information like carruth center phone number and the link to the mental health services page. So we've been doing some research on this and we looked at a few examples of um mental health statements at other universities. The one in particular we liked was from Michigan State and so we presented that to a Allison Cochran the chair of the faculty senate we reached out to the Carruth center to talk to uh TN Hawkins and we're currently scheduled to have a meeting on November 23rd about it, and also Health Coordinator Hernandez reached out to us and I just sent her over current drafts of the resolutions so things are going well so far. We've gotten some meetings planned up. Looks like uh we're gonna have everything we need soon and hopefully we can introduce it to the assembly.

Senator Daniel: Yeah it will be good if we can put it out. Um, Theo real quick do you wanna try and meet this weekend 3 or 4 of us um and kind of overview before we go into that meeting?

Theodore Stackpole: Uh, yeah I'd like to do that.

Senator Daniel: Cool, i'll text you about that. Um so.

Theodore Stackpole: Okay

Senator Daniel: Um, anyone have any comments/ questions on that? Cool so

Intern Coordinate White: I really like that, oops, sorry.

Senator Daniel: Comment, there we go!

Intern Coordinator White: I was just gonna say I really liked it and I can't believe we haven't um already had those. It's 2020 and um we don't already have those. Like we don't have those so far.

Senator Daniel: I'm honestly so shocked this made my day. I'm pretty sure I mentioned it the idea of like having people post on their Instagram stories that way about people wearing a mask and then we enter them in some raffle and give somebody something away. Um, uh just like a positive way to promote like wearing a mask and we all go on our story post wearing a mask and enter in the raffle. So wanted to throw that out there see what people have to say. If people like, hate it, don't like wearing masks whatever you have to say just say it.

XII. Open Student Forum II

Pro Tempore Jones: We now move into open student forum II. I will now allow the committee chairs to share what they talked about in their sessions.

Senator Daniel: Hello, everyone. The safety committee. We talked about the legislation that is about mental health and safety statements. We also talked about the possibility of re-enforcing the wearing of a mask, you know if you go on your story and you post a picture of you wearing a mask and tag SGA. We kind of talked about spring 2021 a bit and we have no idea what things will look like so we can not really do a lot so we just did some brainstorming but that is all on

my end. Have a good night all.

College Senator Eyler: Hi, in the health committee we talked about starting some mental health initiative because I personally am feeling super drained and I am feeling like everyone else might be too, we talked about mental health Mondays, and we will be reaching out to people who would be interested in joining the zoom call and giving professional tips and tricks.

Senator Donnelly: A quick update from the inclusion committee, we started off with talking about some upcoming events including Senator Nichol's upcoming wonderful event tomorrow evening, hope to see you all there. We then went on to talk about any legislation that any of our assembly members are working on, it seems that most legislation that is being worked on has been kind of pushed into next semester. Most of our discussion was about our next intersectionality coalition which will be in January and it will kind of feature a definition word guessing game which will feature prizes and collaboration with some local businesses. Thank you all very much!

Senator Harman: Hello everybody, I am going to talk about what the student experience committee talked about and not to steal college senator Daniel and senator Eyler's thunder but we also talked about mental health concerns and we talked about the legislation that senator Kumar and I are writing for the spring hopefully getting more break days or adding more mental health days or looser attendance policies within the syllabus. We also have some new initiative programs in the work for the upcoming semester. That's all. Thank you.

Pro Tempore Jones: Does anyone else have anything else to present for open student forum II? Seeing none. We will now move into the advisor's report. I will now invite Dr. Le to take the floor.

Dr. Thanh Le: Good evening everyone. Hopefully everyone is doing well and is wrapping up your time in Morgantown. A few initiatives I want to mention for this week is that Toy Mountain is wrapping up this week so there's still time. We're gonna actually do two trips to deliver toys, we will be delivering at the end of this week or beginning of next week and then we will do it again over the break. Any questions please reach out. Another thing we do have a challenge going on for student organizations, the student organization that donates the most toys will get a grant from our office and also for those who do not know we are also providing thanksgiving boxes in our office as well and so we have been broadcasting that for the past couple of weeks so I believe we only have about three slots left but I will put in the chat if anyone knows of anyone who is interested or if you are interested and needs some food over thanksgiving break we will be providing that as well. That's it on my end, I hope you all are taking care of yourselves and be vigilant and don't let your guard down and continue to do the things you suppose to do and let us know how we can support and that's all I have for tonight.

Pro Tempore Jones: Thank you Dr. Le, does Advisor Sydner have a report?

Advisor Sydner: Nothing, just have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Pro Tempore Jones: Thank you very much. Now we are moving into snaps.

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XIV. Adjournment

Pro Tempore Jones: I will now entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Nichols: So moved.

Senator Smith: Second.

Pro Tempore Jones: All in favor. All opposed. This motion passes. The meeting is adjourned.