



West Virginia University SGA Meeting 11/20/2019, 2019-2020 Administration

I. Call to Order at 7:35PM

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 an 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

1. President Pro Tempore Rawson
2. College Senator Buggs
3. College Senator Clutter
4. Senator Cappadona
5. Senator Collie
6. Senator Cunningham
7. Senator Dashaun
8. College Senator Dillie
9. Senator Donnelly
10. College Senator Doran
11. Senator Edwards
12. College Senator Evans
13. College senator givens
14. Athletic Senator Graham
15. Senator Harman
16. Senator Helm
17. College Senator Hopen
18. College senator Hunter
19. Senator Ihlenfeld
20. College Senator Jalso
21. Senator Jones
22. Senator Kumar
23. College Senator Lombardi

24. College Senator Lyons
25. College Senator MacKay
26. College Senator Matus
27. College senator Mcknight
28. Athletic Senator Nadeu
29. College Senator Nash
30. Senator Ovide
31. Senator Pressley
32. College Senator Santiago
33. College Senator Shoemaker
34. College senator Simon
35. Senator Teufel
36. Senator Zanabli

IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Vice President Matheny :The minutes from last week's meeting have been posted. Are there any changes or edits that need to be made to those minutes?

College Senator Pressly-so moved

College senator Lombardi- seconded

V. Open Student Forum I

Vice President Matheny- Does anyone have anything to present for Open Student Forum 1?

Quinn- Mountaineer Thon is a yearly event, this year its in February. We are here to see if your organization would be willing to help. We know you guys helped out last year, you guys actually helped us reach our goal. So yeah we are just here to see if you all would help and offer our assistance if you ever need any help with any of your events. So if you are interested in registering now we have a half off code until midnight so its only 5 tonight, and we have a text code its 51555 and text that to WVUDM. Now is the prime time to register as a team or an individual not only because its half off but theres a huge push for registration with incentives such as a puppy party. Your code is SGA50.

President pro tempore Rawson- Is it 5 dollars per team or single person?

Quinn- Its 5 dollars per registrant. So we do that because it used to be free but we charge now because its a higher quality dancer pool where as we used too get people who would just come and eat. Now the 5 dollars or fee in general helps cover food and t-shirts. We have bingo boards we will be posting on our socials to assist with fundraising as well. At the event we will be able to present stories from children we've helped as well as have games and food.

VI. President's Report –

President Dye- Hello everyone so you should've all saw we sent out the application for the judicial court we have 3 vacancies 2 in the law school and one undergrad. The application closes on the 29th the last day of Thanksgiving break. We have already received a lot of applications already. As some of you may have seen we removed the elections chair Brian Phillips so the application for that shall drop soon. We will need to appoint one by the end of the year. This is because as per the election code the elections chair needs to be appointed before the first meeting of the fall semester which is why its really important to fill that as soon as possible. Big XII on the hill application closes tonight so get those in if you're interested. Previous president Obioma wanted me to share that Virgin's Hyperloop 1 team will be giving a tech talk about the future of transportation at vantage ventures which is one of WVU's new facilities, its right across from Sheets, may it rest in peace, that is tomorrow at 5PM. They are thinking of putting a line from Pittsburgh to Chicago this hyper speed train ride would only be 41 minutes, with seating limited. West Virginia has put themselves in the running for their testing and manufacturing center which would produce a lot of jobs. I feel like I am forgetting something, Im just going to tell you to have a happy Thanksgiving and give you my quote. "You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."-President Woodrow Wilson

VII. Assembly Reports/Executive Reports –

President pro tempore Rawson- Last Monday I lead a group that went downtown with city safety people and a police officer. We judged the safety of places and looked at at risk locations.

Senator Pressley- Soon Friday president pro temp Rawson and Adia and I are going to meet with the director of WellWVU to discuss providing condoms to the University through different initiatives. I have already discussed this with Treasurer White about how much money we could spend because there is a misconception that RA's can give out condoms but also the aim of WellWVU doest cover inclusion across campus, they don't provide dental dams. This is an important initiative for me and I want to be able to provide for students across campus. If any of you are interested in the meeting let me know ion the groupMe.

College Senator Matus- As some of you may know it is safety month. I just wanted to thank each and every one of you who has come out and made our events so successful. I appreciate all of you and it means a lot to myself and every member of the safety committee.

Senator Zanabli- I emailed the health department about training. They actually got back to me and we are working on the logistics of it. As for the signage I met with some people and they said we couldn't do it because if we do it for one we have to do it for all. So, we are not going to do the signage anymore. I am also working on exercise machines in the library. I am drafting up the resolution for it so if you wanna get involved Ill add you to the google Docs. Thank you.

Senator Kumar- Going off of what Travis said earlier about the safety walks the blue lights were all out. From Boreman to prospect street they all have some type of situation making them be off. I was wondering maybe we could establish something to have people check on it. Even though they say they have people that check them everyday.

College senator Lombardi- They're trying to come up with a new system to be able to see who pressed the button. So the reason they aren't working right now is probably because they are working on a system overhaul.

Attorney General Satterfield- I just wanted to provide an update, my committee has looked over the constitution and election code. We discussed possible improvements to these documents, and I myself have compiled a lot of the documents SGA has passed in the past. If anyone has any suggestions or wants to look over these documents please let me know.

CoS McDonald- For the sake of transparency I wanted to talk to y'all about the accountability system that we have. I did want to let you know Chase and I take attendance and the executives that miss have been notified. We currently are still gathering October executive reports so when I have the rest of those and ill send them out. On a much lighter note Our Winter formal will be December 14th. Their will be a bar and a buffet so please fill out the doodlpoll so we have a number to go off of when ordering food. Thank you.

Hayden Moran- After last nights city council meeting Id like to give you updates on whats going on there. Over the weekend the event at the library drag queen story time was cancelled due to threats. The city's opinion on this issue is that they express sorrow that it was cancelled but the city forcing the library to conduct the even infringes on their first amendment right. On a much heavier note, off the rail trail there was a tent city setup for the homeless people of Morgantown. Morgantown police officers last night tore everything down and took everything away. There are many sides of the story, but many came home last night without a place to stay. Many were veterans and lost their DB214's and many other documents they need. The ACLU is considering a lawsuit against morgantown. I just wanted to get the assemblies opinion on that. Action can be taken. Also the city of morgantown received a score of 75 for Human rights. There has been discussion of forming a working group for the LGBTQ+ community of Morgantown. Back to the

destruction of the homeless community, I believe we should take action and I'm willing to work with each and every one of you on this.

Intern coordinator Williamson- I had a meeting with mountain line transit system, it went very well. They have seen a decline of 11% in WVU usage of the bus. They'd love to work with us in the field of representation and advocating for them. Helping them would allow us to reduce our carbon footprint something WVU and SGA should both be concerned with and I look forward to meeting with them again.

CoS Riggs- Yesterday I met with President Dye and WVU dining services to discuss the even swipe out hunger. This year students will be able to use their swipes on December 10th at Cafe Evansdale and Hatfields starting from the time they open until we reach our cap of 500 meals. We will be tabling so look out for those doodlepolls. The culinary council will be meeting again so I'll send out that doodlepoll soon. Last night was our Safety townhall so thank you for coming out to that and the safety committee will have a report on it when we get back from Thanksgiving break. Our legislative affairs officer also recently notified us that he is resigning due to his upcoming fellowship. So we will be looking to fill that position. Have a good Thanksgiving and thank you

President Dye- We forgot to discuss toy mountain, we are partnering with student engagement and leadership on it. I sent out a link to volunteer to help collecting toys. If you sign up you need to be there.

IX. Old/New Business—

Vice President Matheny- We will now move onto new/old business. I will now entertain a motion to approve assembly bill 2019-04.

College senator Buggs- so moved

College senator Matus- seconded

Vice President Matheny- motion passes, senator Donnelley you now have the floor.

Senator Donnelley- *second reading of AR-2019-04

Vice President Matheny- We will now move into questions? Seeing none we will now move into discussion.

Senator Matus- I believe these events have been around before I was even here, and are a mountaineer tradition. I commend the senators who wrote the bill and I will be voting for it.

Vice President Matheny- We will now move into voting via show of hands. The bill passes. We will now move into new business starting with financial bill 2019-17.

Karley White- We did have a suggestion for Title 2 the industrial engineers. On Sunday they came and they wanted transportation and they emailed us today and they actually wanted us to pay for their lodging and it comes out to around the amount of travel and if they don't use all of it it'd come back to our budget. So I'd recommend making that amendment. It is an important formality because on the award forms it asks for exactly where the money is going to.

Vice President Matheny- Question? Discussion?

Senator Kumar- I move to change the one word from transportation to lodging

College senator Lombardi- seconded

Vice President Matheny- This motion passes. Any other further discussion or amendments.

Senator Harman- I move to change Pi Kappa Psi to Pi Kappa Phi. I feel it's written we have the money say it's going to the right place.

President pro tempore Rawson- Seconded

Vice President Matheny-Discussion.. This motion passes. Any further discussion?

College senator shoemaker- I move to vote via roll call on financial bill 2019-17

Senator harman- Seconded

Vice President Matheny- We will now vote via roll call. This bill passes. Ok moving on I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly resolution 2019-05.

Senator Collie-So moved

Senator Donelley- Seconded

Vice President Matheny- Motion passes, senator Ihlenfeld you have the floor

Senator Ihlenfeld- *First reading of AR 2019-05

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

President pro tempore Rawson- I feel if you added some citations at the bottom of the page it'd make the bill much stronger. Just being able to see where the numbers came from would be nice. Just something to consider before the second reading.

Vice President Matheny- Discussion

College senator lombardi- Obviously I love this bill and working in the title XI office I can see the need for it

President pro tempore Rawson- Maybe this bill just need the logistics played out better. Look into the other schools Iowa state and Texas and see what they do, yeah.

Senator Zannabli- something like this is needed training so people will be aware and wont be a bystander in situations where they can help is definitely needed on this campus.

Vice President Matheny- Seeing none I will now entertain a motion to table AR 2019-05 until our next formal meeting which will be December 4th.

Senator Matus- So moved

College senator santiago- seconded

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly resolution 2019-06.

Senator Harman- So moved

Senator Teufel-seconded

President pro tempore Rawson- I will be reading this in stead of Senator Jalso. * first reading of resolution 2019-06. I will not be taking any questions since I did not write this.

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

Senator Matus- I move to table the bill

Senator Pressley- second

Vice President Matheny- This motion fails we are still in the questioning period.

College senator shoemaker- the second reading of this would be ion December 4th therefore we need to vote on this.

Vice President Matheny- Discussion

College senator shoemaker- Just wanted to say I pointed that out more for the voting aspect not to do with the contents of the bill really.

Senator Matus- I didn't mean to table the bill and thus skip it, my bad. Im going to oppose the pro temper here I feel we can appreciate the arts and still make it here for the meeting. That is a personal decision though.

College senator Cappadona- I move to vote on this by a show of hands.

Senator Cunningham- seconded

Vice President Matheny- Motion passes. Now We will now vote via show of hands on assembly resolution 2019-06... This resolution passes. I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly resolution 2019-07.

Senator Cunningham- So Moved

College senator Santiago- seconded

Vice President Matheny-Motion Passes college senator shoemaker you have the floor.

College senator shoemaker- *First reading of AR 2019-07

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

President pro tempore Rawson- I do have a question would you be opposed to changing line 28, you have students in parentheses, I believe this should be changed to commas.

College senator Dillie- Having a mid semester evaluation around Halloween may cause a problem with kids dropping the class. So now, their reviews are skewed because a mid semester feedback.

College senator shoemaker- The point isn't to gauge the progress of the teacher its to get an honest opinion about the teachers when we aren't all burnt out at the end of the semester.

Senator Kumar- Have you thought about asking about areas of difficulty and then directing them to the resources available.

College senator shoemaker- That would be something more the advisor would do. Plus these are anonymous. This wouldn't have anything to do with the student's performance.

Vice President Matheny- Discussion?

Senator Teufel- Tweaking Senator Kumar's idea a little bit I think adding some resources at the bottom just ways to get in touch with them would really be helpful to some students.

President pro tempore Rawson- The SEIs help effect tenure and stuff so mid semester SEIs would definitely help the students. They do take a long time to go through but giving the school our opinion and expressing it through this resolution is a good step for SGA. They are also looking at changing the format as well.

Senator Teufel- More of a question but does anyone know how long the SEIs take to go through?

President pro tempore Rawson- Its not a short amount of time, but I do not remember the exact time.

College senator shoemaker- One thing to remember is that these new SEIs wouldn't have to be as in depth or long as end of the semester SEIs.

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to table assembly resolution 2019-07.

College senator Buggs- so moved

Senator Kumar- seconded

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly resolution 2019-08.

President pro tempore Rawson- so moved

Senator Teufel- seconded

Vice President Matheny- Motion passes. College senator Buggs you now have the floor.

College senator Buggs- *First reading of AR 2019-08

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

Senator Harman- If students were allowed to reserve more time wouldn't less rooms be available. If they were to be extended less time would be available to the majority of students.

College senator Buggs- The facilities Are meant for group projects. The spaces fill up quick and sometimes people need more time.

Senator Ihlenfeld- Would you consider only extending this during finals week?

College senator Buggs- i did not but one other thing that should be considered is opening more study rooms, at least downtown.

Senator Zannabli- Another thing to consider would be extending the hours of the downtown library.

Vice President Matheny- Discussion?

Senator Pressley- To go back to hours, the Evansdale library is open 24 hrs some days while the downtown library is open 7:30-3.

President Pro tempore Rawson- I just think this is great but there is a bigger issue of needing to add more study rooms and extending hours is nice but the fix would be more space.

College senator Lombardi- Another thing would be checking to see if rooms are in use so that if 15 minutes and someones not there another person would be able to reserve that room.

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to table assembly resolution 2019-08.

College senator Buggs- so moved

Senator Kumar- seconded

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly resolution 2019-04.

President pro tempore Rawson- so moved

Senator Jones- seconded

Vice President Matheny- Motion passes. Athletic senator Graham you now have the floor.

Athletic Senator Graham- *First reading of AR 2019-04

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

President pro tempore Rawson- Will this be a tradition powderpuff game with girls playing and guys coaching?

Senator Teufel- The idea is that anyone who feels as though they aren't good enough to play can play. We obviously wont tell anyone no but its definitely geared more towards women playing.

President pro tempore Rawson- I just wanted to point to our intramural sports that are co-ed and it is possible for women to participate. I don't think it was right to say there are physical differences between girls and guys. Would SGA be paying for the trophies out of our budget?

Athletic senator Graham- Yes

Senator Pressley- So lets say a guy wants to play you're not going to turn him away?

Senator Teufel- Thats something we should discuss more, but I doubt we would ever look at anyone and so no its very inclusive. Open to grad students as well

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

College senator shoemaker- We may want to consider changing the name. When people hear "powderpuff" they think of the highschool style, the trust the climb slogan has really taken off so maybe we could piggy back on that.

President pro tempore Rawson- I just have to say the funds aren't exactly listed on the bill and it must be for the second reading so we know exactly where the money is going.

Senator Matus- Id be more apt to support a co-ed event than a traditional powderpuff game. We don't want to exclude anyone or reinforce stereotypical gender roles.

President pro tempore Rawson- We should keep it open to all and it definitely should be a co ed event

Senator Edwards- I agree it should be open to everyone but nothing else should change and it should keep the name.

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to table assembly resolution 2019-04.

College senator Buggs- so moved

Senator Jones- seconded

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly resolution 2019-09.

Senator Ihlenfeld- so moved

Senator Jones- seconded

Vice President Matheny- Senator Matus and Cunningham

Senator Cunningham- *First reading of AR 2019-09

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

Senator Zannabli- I like the resolution but I was talking with someone about people being suspended from the university for cannabis have y'all heard anything about that?

College senator Matus- I did specific research for the city not necessarily the university I should've learned more about WVU's policies I guess.

Vice President Matheny- Discussion?

President pro tempore Rawson- Since we are hopefully voting on this tonight I move that we replace anytime the word marijuana appears with cannabis. Marijuana was created as a term to make it seem more dirty and to degrade immigrants who were caught with it.

College senator Buggs- so moved

Senator Cunningham- seconded

Vice President Matheny- Discussion?

College senator Matus- I move to previous question

Vice President Matheny- The amendment passes

College senator Matus- I would like to make an amendment to line 45 the second of last word to whatever it says to minorities.

College senator Capadona- second

Vice President Matheny- Discussion? Seeing none we will now vote on the amendment. The amendment passes. Any more discussion on the resolution.

Senator Cunningham- I move we vote via roll call

Senator Zannabli- seconded

Vice President Matheny- We will now vote. The bill passes

II. Open Student Forum 2

Vice President Matheny- Does anyone have anything to present for Open Student Forum 2?

N/A

Meeting adjourned 9:58
