



## **West Virginia University**

### **SGA Meeting 1/15/2020, 2019-2020 Administration**

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#### **I. Call to Order at 7:34PM**

#### **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 givens
13. Senator Harman
14. Senator Helm
15. College Senator Hopen
16. College senator Hunter
17. Senator Ihlenfeld
18. College Senator Jalso
19. Senator Jones
20. College Senator Lyons
21. College Senator Matus
22. College senator Mcknight
23. Athletic Senator Nadeu

24. College Senator Nash
25. Senator Ovide
26. Senator Pressley
27. College Senator Shoemaker
28. Senator Stuck
29. Senator Teufel
30. Senator Zanabli

#### **IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes/Agenda**

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? Seeing none I will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

College Senator Shoemaker- Move to table the approval of the minutes. **To be approved at a later date**

#### **V. Open Student Forum I**

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

#### **VI. President's Report –**

President Dye- We are starting a new year and entering the end of our administration and our term and look forward to retreat where there will be a lot of goal setting and vision making towards the latter half of the year. If you're not on that track

#### **VII. Assembly Reports/Executive Reports –**

##### **Assembly**

Senator Pressley-Sexual Health Fair is going to be on February 11th from 2-7pm in the Vandalia Lounge. The constable legislation for us to give out condoms and lube to people who attend the fair. She told me something that are going to happen. Sexual health trivia at 4pm. Ask Sex Panel at 5pm. Drag queen bingo from 6-7pm. So, if you want to help that or help with the legislation for that let me know. It's going to be hopefully a big thing that we can get our name out and support sexual health and that's it.

College Senator Buggs- Hey everyone. Over break if you guys saw ..... Cant hear..... I want to thank everyone for being very responsive on that. If you have not already and if you got my email with the link in it if you could sign up just so we can get a headcount. If you did want to go but now you can't let me know because there are other people that would want to do that. Let me know if you did not get that email. Also with that I ended up creating a... something account... for SGA so for future cases of anyone wanting to do service, we can make that public somehow on the drive or something of that nature.

College senator Jalso- So just an update, we are pretty much read to go live it will probably happen within the next two weeks. With our..... Something.... Social media page. So we will be able to link all of the organizations together in the CCA together, all of the events, scholarships, special speakers. One place where everyone can go and see what all the orgs are, what shows are happening, backstage tours, interviews. Everything will be right there. We are trying to workshop the name. CCA Backstage so that people know what's going on in that weird shaped building. We are probably going to meet with the Dean of our CCA the first week february to tell him about all of the social media accounts so we will go live probably the last week in January. The start working on content which will be fun and I am very excited. I'll let you all know when it goes live so you can share it so we can start getting out there and all that stuff.

President pro Tempore Rawson- The last meeting of last semester I spoke one getting U92 to play on the PRT platforms and sadly due to the electronics and the safety risk its impossible I am still working on getting it put in dining halls and other student buildings with hopefully more luck there.

Senator Shoemaker- Just really quickly if anyone has specific recommendations for the legislation that we brought up at the last meeting, please email that to one of the authors or myself, wed love to have everyones input.

## **Executives**

Treasurer White- Hope everyones had a good first week back, we have a BoF meeting Monday to cover the finance bill passed tonight, I didn't realize it was a three day weekend so we may have a meeting Monday we may not, I think that is all, have a good week guys.

Hayden Moran- We've decided upon the first week of February for our outreach, here in the lair other organizations will be having a voter registration drive as well as the Census wish as went over before has a very significant importance for us and our elected officials.

AG Satterfield-Over break I went through our constitution and our bi laws and I caught some things and shared that report with VP Matheny and you'll hear more from me about this later and the ethics code that Ill speak more on tonight.

### **VIII.Old/New Business–**

Vice President Matheny- We will now move onto new/old business. I will now entertain a motion to approve financial bill 2020-01.

Senator Cunningham- So Moved

Senator Donnelley- Seconded

Vice President Matheny-This bill passes. Now I will entertain a motion to approve the student governments elections code.

Senator Pressley- So moved

College Senator Clutter- Second

AG satterfield- \*Reads WVU SGA Ethics Code in Full

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

College senator matus- Is this on the table for revision, or are you as the AG asking us to sign this? Or is this like a secondary approval or ratification?

AG satterfield- I just wanted to present this in front of you all seeing that its one of our governing documents, my vision is we can discuss the issues or changes we want to make together and then in the future change the document to our liking.

College senator matus-Oh okay thank you.

Vice President Matheny- Seeing no more questions we will move onto discussion.

President pro tempore Rawson- There is 4 points on the ethics code and I just believe they are very vague, and I don't have a suggestion now but maybe we should just put more specific things. This is stuff we can talk about now or later, just more concrete things on how we should act and stuff.

Senator zanabli-I agree with Travis on the 4 points thing. Like they are great but I feel they need more substance.

College senator shoemaker- This is more of a question, have you looked into ethics codes at other universities, especially in the Big XII?

AG Satterfield-No and I just thought of it when president pro tempore Rawson was talking and Ill try to do that before retreat so we have those available. So we can see others since this one is literally 7 years old.

President pro tempore Rawson- I think we shouldn't make it fluffy it should be concise, and if you break it there are real consequences. I think this is something that will help future administrations as well.

Vice President Matheny- Just to expand on that, this document is expectations of what being a member of SGA means, so its up to you on that to consider and think about and bring your ideas to retreat I guess where we can work and present a code without it being super ambiguous.

Senator zanabli- I just feel you can make it to where the ethics code changes from administration to administration I just feel things change from year to year and there should be some room for it to be shaped.

President pro tempore rawson- The paragraph below like the 4 bullet points is very confusing, like they're found in violation but like does the president find them and notify the court or vise versa, its very confusing. Is the court like judging this or is it the president?

AG Satterfield- So from what I understand its on the presidents side of seeing the behavior then notifying others.

Senator Pressley-When they are in violation is it like an impeachment thing or what like a trial?

AG Satterfield- Potentially there's a lot of language on that. This is a big reason it needs revision. Theres nothing really clear on that in here. Sorry if that didn't help.

President pro tempore Rawson- Do you think it'd be beneficial to form like an ad-hawk committee on this if we didn't figure this out at retreat.

AG Satterfield- I believe that would be good especially if we don't get everything done at retreat, there's a lot of work to be done here.

Vice President Matheny- Seeing no more discussion Ill entertain a motion to table the ethics code.

Senator Teufel-So moved

College senator matus- Second

Vice President Matheny- We will now consider Casey Putnam for the elections chair position. Ill entertain that motion now.

College Senator Matus-So moved

President pro tempore Rawson- Second

President Dye- I interviewed Casey before break and had to wait til now because he had to complete atlas one full semester at WVU, he is a law student here currently now in his 2nd semester. Doesnt have a lot of ties here which is good for an elections chair, as you can see on his Resume he has a lot of professional experience as well. Casey if you'd like to speak on yourself you may now.

Casey Putney- You already took much of my speech (\*laughs). Hi everyone Im a first year law student, I was going to come up here and talk about how the elections code says that the chair must be fair and impartial, and being I am from out of state and a first year student I have no ties so that lends to my impartiality. Before coming to school I was a 9-1-1 dispatcher for 8 years and it required me to make a bunch of difficult decisions and be calm. I feel that background will help as well. Now id love to take your questions.

College Senator Matus- After your first semester you know the workload and how law school is do you think it'll affect your work in this position at all.

Casey Putney- I spoke with President Dye about this and my schedule first semester was hectic but now my classes end by 3 everyday so its less hectic and a lot easier to manage.

Vice President Matheny- Seeing known we will escort you out to discuss the nomination.

College Senator Matus- I don't know him personally but I can tell you I saw him constantly working late getting his work done I feel he'd be an incredible elections chair.

Senator Teufel-Im excited for this appointment to not know him personally I feel its a good step for the organization.

Vice President Matheny- Seeing no more discussion I will now entertain a motion to vote via secret ballot.

President pro tempore Rawson- so moved

College Senator Matus- Second

Vice President Matheny- The nomination passes.

## **IX. Open Student Forum 2**

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

Executive secretary Bragg-From the moment Chase and I have stepped foot on campus, we have had the desire to help the students here at West Virginia University. Being active members within our Student Government Association and working with diligent colleagues, like yourselves, has provided us with the platform in order to do so. However, we believe there is always more that can be done.

CoS Riggs- This is why Jaron and I are announcing our intentions to run as your next Student Body President and Vice President. We intend to establish an administration of many successes, fueled by fresh ideas and inspired by the enthusiastic student leaders found both within this room and all across campus. We also recognize the successes of our current administration and hope to continue its forward momentum. Along with over 28,000 other students, Jaron and I consider West Virginia University our home. This is why we believe that it should be the unwavering vision of this Student Government Association to continuously push the university toward being better than it is today. Win or lose, we are looking forward to the amazing opportunity that lies ahead of us. Thank you!

Senator Dillie- If anyone is interested in being an orientation leader this Summer let me know. Im plugging my job. If you are one you get free breakfast and lunch all Summer.

President Dye- Gear will be placed out following the meeting so stay around for that.

Meeting adjourned : 8:31

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