

**West Virginia University  
SGA Meeting- 2/15/2017  
2016-2017 Administration  
Call to Order- at 7:30pm  
Hatfields B, Mountainlair Student Union  
Morgantown, WV**

**Reading of the SGA Mission Statement**

“We, The students of West Virginia University, desiring to preserve within our university an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion, inquiry and self-expression to insure the person freedoms and general welfare of the student within our University, to promote principles of diversity and to continue in our tradition of responsible self-governance, do hereby establish this Constitution of the West Virginia University Student Government Association.”

**Roll Call**

*President Pro Tempore Heeter - excused*  
*Senator Brewster - present*  
*Senator Burgess - present*  
*Senator Dixon - present*  
*Senator Dudley - excused*  
*Senator Ernest - present*  
*Senator Goff - present*  
*Senator Hunt- present*  
*Senator Kaska- present*  
*Senator King - present*  
*Senator Knollinger – present*  
*Senator McGuire - present*  
*Senator Quigley - present*  
*Senator Smith - present*  
*Senator Waris - present*  
*College Representative Hall- present*  
*College Representative Stover-*  
*College Representative Robinson- present*  
*College Representative Amato- present*  
*College Representative McGraw- present*  
*College Representative Cooper- present*  
*College Representative Morgan- present*  
*College Representative Smith- excused*  
*College Representative Fakhouri- present*  
*College Representative Levelle- present*

Minutes from last week have been approved

## Open Student Forum I

- **MountaineerTHON**

*Rep-* We are the Co-Directors and these two girls are two people from our morale committee. We are a student org founded through the School of Medicine, and we are the first dance marathon org in the state of WV. We have been very stagnant until recently. Since 2012, we have raise \$25,000 per year, but we raised \$40,000 last year and expanded our exec committee to about 60 people. This dance marathon takes place over 350 schools nationwide and it has also trickled from the college to high school level. We are the only nonprofit org who donates 100% of proceeds to the Children's Hospital. We're a part of a movement that expands all the way to Canada that includes 100 million active participants, including volunteers, dancers, people who set up, etc. We have an 8 hour dance marathon on March 25 from 12-8 PM at Stansbury Hall. Basically, we're making sure anything the kids need to pay for in medical bills will be covered to the best of our abilities. Each of us raise at least \$50 for this event. We do other events like flag football and family events. We're basically this generation fighting for the next. We have kids with a variety of diseases, from pediatric cancer and all sort of life threatening diseases. We have the only Children's Hospital in the state of WV. 65,000 lives a year are impacted. What our program funds are our child life services, and they provide an environment in which kids can be kids, including distraction therapy to normalize long days in the hospital and procedure buddies dolls who have the diseases that these kids have, and our specialists show these kids through these dolls what will happen to them. We're currently in the process of developing and advancing our Children's Hospital, including expanding our teen hospital services. As part of our Big 12 initiative, our conference DMLC came together for 3 days to propel the movement forward. We sat down with 8 of the 12 schools and worked in creating a bond. This year, we started working with TCU Dance Marathon and did a basketball tournament with them. In Fall 2017, we're going to have our Big 12 Dance Marathon, to dance and recruit. You can register online and registration includes free-food, community service, games and prizes, etc.

*Sen Burgess-* How much money are you looking to raise this year?

*Rep-* \$100,000 this year.

*Sen Brewster-* Do people literally dance for 8 straight hours?

*Rep-* It's 50/50. We have everyone at least stand on their feet for 8 hours, to kind of parallel the pain and endurance that these kids go through every day. It's more of a cause connection for these events. You dance with these kids. Every hour we have a morale dance, and by the end of the event, you have the full dance.

*Rep McGraw-* How are you fundraising?

*Rep-* We don't want your money. We want you to come out and ask your friends, family, etc, and that in turn, helps spread the word and raise awareness. We offer a lot of tools for you to fundraise with, including Donor

Drive on our website, and you can utilize these resources to fundraise.  
*Rep McGraw* – Are you teamed up with any other student orgs on campus?  
*Rep* – We have a little over 20 orgs signed up with teams. We take student orgs and put them on a “color team” and then they participate in different point challenges, including bubble soccer and cornhole tournaments.

*Rep Amato*- RHA is still selling True Blue shirts, and we will be selling up them until March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are only \$10. All proceeds go to Make-A-Wish

*Dir Campbell*- From 2-4 in ESB 801 and 10-12 at ESB 207, there will be an active shooter training

*Sen. Hunt*- We still have raffle tickets. They’re \$2 a piece, and they will be sold up until Friday. Winner will be notified on Friday.

*EC Fathallah* – There is an election. If you’re interested, contact me as soon as possible.

### **The President’s Report**

*President Merow*- There is a basketball game on Sat at 2PM against Texas Tech. If you would like to help go through the bylaws in the Constitution, let me know. We need a few people from the assembly and interns. We have 2 people suggested for the J-Court, and we will be interviewing them in the next week. That will be taken care of in time for the election. We will be talking about the proposed budget cuts from Gov. Justice. It’s really important to rally your friends to go on this trip and advocate for why the WVU budget should not be cut as much as it is proposed. The state can either cut us or control us. As of now, the state has a lot of control over the University, like who the University can hire, and it puts the burden on the University. Later tonight, we’re going to be discussing the attendance and accountability issues that we’ve had, and Mac and I have been working on meeting on people who have issues. I want you all to make sure you’re holding yourself accountable. As of today, you have 41 days until the new administration takes over. If you go to the new accountability system Ankur created and really look at it, would you be proud of what you’ve accomplished? Coming to meeting, making motions, etc is the fun stuff, but taking initiatives and talking to administration is your real job.

### **Senators’ Reports**

*Sen King* – In the past fall semester, Vannah and I worked together to create a proposal to take to Pres. Gee’s office to honor Katherine Johnson. She’s one of the women in Hidden Figures and spearheaded calculations for NASA during the space launches. Next week, there is going to be a dedication of a room called the Katherine Johnson Conference room. Vannah and I had only wanted a plaque, and we got that

and a room. The dedication ceremony is next week on Tuesday at 1:30 PM. It's right next to the Engineering Learning Center, so you'll see where the festivities are.

### **College Representatives' Reports**

*Representative McGraw*- Rep Amato and I are working on an advisory council in the Eberly school. I met with the associate dean twice and the head dean once. They gave us a good idea with a direction to head in. I took an idea to the associate dean, but I haven't been able to get in touch with the Dean's office.

*Representative Amato*- I wanted to increase Living and Learning Communities involvement in residence halls. Currently, we have 5 active ones in the residence halls. Our sister schools in the Big 12 have over 20. We have ones like the CPASS one in Bennett and Engineering in all of Braxton. We want to expand this even more and engage a cultural exchange community, one that includes international studies, languages, and we're going to work with people in Eberly. It's a 12-18 month process.

### **Executive Reports**

*Treasurer Daniel* – One of my big pet peeves is that SGA tends to fall off around now, and I think one of the best ways to help is a focus group. With this new email system, we can see who opens their emails and attachment, and that's very valuable information. If anyone wants to help with that, let me know. I was able to auction off Seth and Issac for Valentine's Day Date. I raised \$39 for the both of them, and I will be donating that to the SGA Foundation account. We are looking into revamping the Student Memorial scholarship, and with the new budget cuts, it's one of the really good ways that SGA can help out. Let me know if you're interested in either of these things. My email is on the SGA website.

*Dir Campbell* – We are in the initial stages of planning WVU day at the legislators. I have sent about 100 emails last night to different legislators. Roshan has already graciously offered that if we can get more than 45 people to go, we can take a bus. We are kicking around the idea of having a breakfast or evening reception, and most of the legislators are on board and also invited us to committee hearings. One even said if we get down there early enough, someone can intern with him for the day.

*Dir Daw*- There is not going to be a BoF meeting on Monday because of the basketball game. They're going to announce the Mountaineer there.

*Sen Dixon* – I motion to add Rep Levelle to the roll.

*Sen Brewster* – second

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

## New Business

- **Grants**

*Sen Ernest* – I motion to suspend special rules so we can get our electronics out to read along with the financial bills

*Rep Amato* - second

- **Title I Collegiate Choral Society**

*Treasurer Daniel*- They are taking a weeklong trip to Ireland as part of a CAC international trip. They have dozens of locations they are going to to perform, and the cost they brought to us was over \$80,000 total. They asked where we could help them, and they came to us 3 weeks ago, and we figured out we would be able to help them with transportation to the airport to total \$2,274.94.

*Prof Klandorf*- What is the point of this trip? Will there be a faculty member going along?

*Treasurer Daniel*- It's not a study abroad trip, but it's a trip they've been planning for

*Dir Daw*- they're not getting credit or anything, but they're representing WVU

*Prof Klandorf*- so this is different than the conventional study abroad trip?

*Treasurer Daniel*- Yes

- **Title II Alpha Epsilon Delta**

*Treasurer Daniel*- They are hosting an induction ceremony for 25 new members at the Alumni Center. Registration is \$700

- **Title III Left Alliance**

*Treasurer Daniel*- They are planning a conference here at WVU. There are approximately 40-60 people going. They are asking for catering for about 50 people, and to meet in the middle of that cost, they are asking for \$1000

- **Title IV Collegiate Horsemen's Association**

*Rep*- We're a career development association and we're trying to go to our National Conference in the Spring, and we are aiming to bring the largest group we've had so far since it's within driving distance. It's a great networking opportunity and career development

*Treasurer Daniel*- BoF is suggesting a portion of their lodging.

- **Title V Student Human Resources Management (SHRM)**

*Rep*- I'm here to tell you that since 2014, SGA has generously supported SHRM. We are actually an international organization, and we have about 450 chapters for students. You have supported us in the case competition, in which we have consistently won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. We have a lot of support in our graduate team from a private benefactor, but not for our undergrad. One of our students actually is SHRM scholar recipient from the National Chapter. This year our competition is in Philadelphia. We have been going since 2012. The

competition is actually in April, but we are incurring expenses now. The club has about 96 students, a combination of graduate and undergraduate students, who pay dues. We need to do better with fundraising, but clubs are not always at the top at the list for getting money.

*Treasurer Daniel-* This org requested a rental car, lodging, a hotel, registration for two teams. We suggested to pay for a majority of their lodging.

- **Title VI Radio/TV Digital News Association**

*Treasurer Daniel-* They are going to their national broadcaster association conference on March 21. We decided to covering a majority of their lodging

- **Title VII Arnold Air Society**

*Rep-* We work with the air force ROTC program here. We are a part of 135 attachments, and about 135 schools nationwide have this program. We are a group of cadets in this society. It's a 12 week program we run through: knowledge base, community service, fundraising. We have two events we attend. ARKON – division. NATCOM. ARKON was held in early October, and we had a chance to meet people from other schools and network and train with new people. What we're here asking for is to go to NATCON. There are 35,000 people who try to come, numbers are based on cost and funding. We are looking at 6 people to take. We are looking to have the chain of command, who work in the house, to talk to; also we are hoping to connect with former or current generals who will give us great networking. We are planning to take two cars and then everything there is covered in registration. This is also a great opportunity for us to represent WV, which has had very high representation in the past.

*Treasurer Daniel-* We suggested to cover 3 of the registration fees, and I'm sure the rest of the members will split the rest of the cost evenly.

- **Title VIII Honors Student Association (HSA)**

*Sen Kaska (Rep)-* I'm currently the events coordinator. The money is going towards out Honors Ball we host every year. This year it's going to be on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-10. The beginning is a sit-down dinner and after, there is a dance with the DJ. Tickets are on sale after Spring Break, and the theme is the Roaring 20s. We have over \$2000 in catering and \$900 in decorations, among other expenses.

*Treasurer Daniel-* We suggested to cover a majority of their catering with a flat amount of \$1150.

- **Title IX Sierra Student Coalition**

*Rep-* We are requesting money for Earth Day. April 21 from 12-6. 2116. We have a new request to increase \$1475.65 to pay for stainless steel water bottles (to reduce plastic bottle waste) to 50 bottles. We have over 11 clubs participating in Earth Day, and these clubs will have great networking and speakers, learning seminars on recycling

and sustainability, professional WVU organizations will be there teaching about alternative fuels. Also, about \$600 will be going back to WVU in form of catering fees. We are asking for catering and decorations. Decorations are coming from Walmart, beach balls, and pots and stuff to paint for the hands-on activity. We are also going to be printing vinyl posters for advertising. \$250 is going to WVU logistics to rent speakers, audio equipment, etc from the Lair.

*Treasurer Daniel*- BoF will be going through their new request on line-items, but I think we should table this until next week, so we can work out all the details with the organization

*Sen McGuire*- so move to remove Title IX from this week's financial bill and table it to next week

*Sen Smith* – second

*Sen Kaska* – vote on the financial bill via Roll Call

*Sen Hunt* - Second

*President Pro Tempore Heeter* -

*Senator Brewster* - aye

*Senator Burgess* - aye

*Senator Dixon* - aye

*Senator Dudley* -

*Senator Ernest* - aye

*Senator Goff* - aye

*Senator Hunt*- aye

*Senator Kaska*- present

*Senator King* - aye

*Senator Knollinger* – aye

*Senator McGuire* -aye

*Senator Quigley* - aye

*Senator Smith* - aye

*Senator Waris* - aye

*College Representative Hall*- aye

*College Representative Stover*-

*College Representative Robinson*- aye

*College Representative Amato*- aye

*College Representative McGraw*-aye

*College Representative Cooper*- aye

*College Representative Morgan*-aye

*College Representative Smith*-

*College Representative Fakhouri*- aye

*College Representative Levelle*- aye

- **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Resolution 2017-01-01: Resolution in support of keeping the collegiate gaming club in the West Virginia University Sports Club Federation**

*Sen Ernest*- I screenshotted the resolution and put in the GroupMe. Signed Sen Ernest, Rep Amato, Rep Smith, Rep McGraw

*Sen Quigley* – it's very well written

*Sen Hunt*- We talked about keeping eSports in Club Sports. What was club sports' reason to release them as a club sport?

*Sen Ernest*- It's eSports, not actual club sports. The argument to keep them is a demographic; they compete on the national level with other schools

*Pres Merow* – some cuts are happening to the clubs

*Sen Hunt* – are all eSports being cut or is this the only one?

*Sen Brewster*- What is eSports?

*Sen Ernest* – Pretty much eSports is playing video games on a professional level in a structured environment. Big 12 all do it, basically it's games like League of Legends Team, etc.

*Sen Hunt*- is this the only eSports team we have or are there other Club Sports?

*Sen Ernest* – It was the collegiate gaming team. They're the overall team

*Rep Amato* – move to suspend special rules and vote on the resolution today

*Sen Quigley* – second

*Sen Hunt* – is there time sensitivity on it?

*Sen Ernest* – they're meeting pretty soon, and they need the resolution pretty soon. Their meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Rep Amato*- move to vote on this resolution via UC

*Sen Goff* - Second

- **Attendance and Constitutional Changes**

*Sen Quigley*- I asked for this to be put on the agenda because Rep Kitchen's attendance, and I was going to move to impeach her, but she has recently resigned. I made this spreadsheet to show the attendance problems at these meeting. The bolded are unexcused absences from what I read through the minutes and given by PPT Heeter. You can see it's a problem.

*Rep Fakhouri*- I see my name under here, and every time I couldn't attend, I would email them. Sometimes I would email a little bit late, because it was very subjective to the professor. I can't predict what he wants to tell me before.

*Sen Knollinger* – I've emailed excuses regarding my absences, including my exams. I don't appreciate my attendance being called out like this

*Rep Amato* – I think it's great that we have this system in place, but I think it's better to have an outside meeting

*Sen Burgess* – I actually tried to, but only 4 or 5 people have responded. So, I don't see this issue like that, rather, this is a transparency problem

*Sen Quigley* – This is the information given through the minutes. I understand there was a problem through the transition, and there are other commitments, but we've had two other Senators resign because of commitments

*VP McIntyre*- Jules and I got accused for pushing this off, but we did compile excuses we had from people. We contact Dakota and Lizzie B. I had the texts and emails, and we can go back through texts and triple check all emails for

excuses, but I keep everything that you guys have ever sent me since this assembly started

*Exec Sec Hoang* – Send emails to me, Mac, Jules, Erin, and Sydney. We all need to have a formalized excuse from you guys

*VP McIntyre*– I have all the texts from everyone from this assembly ever.

*Sen McGuire* – Are all meetings excused if we've sent an email?

*VP McGuire*– Yes, it's very rare that you wouldn't be excused

*Sen Ernest* – Can we distinguish between the names that are highlighted or not highlighted on this sheet?

*Sen Hunt* – I agree that this needs to be addressed, but when we have the problem, go to VP McIntyre because he is the one who can call special meetings so we can focus on this as a group. Not a lot of people respond to the doodle poll

*Sen Brewster*- This is an issue for 4 people. The Constitution is pretty cut and dry, it says that more than 2 unexcused absences serves as ground for impeachment, but with a month left, it may not be that important to get rid of them. But I think there should be wordings put in the bylaws for stricter enforcement where you have a meeting with the exec board, and if not valid, an immediate impeachment process to go into place the next week. There needs a special meeting to amend the wording in the bylaws.

*VP McIntyre*– Pres Merow and I have been scheduling meetings with people on this list to hear about any errors or excuses, so we could talk about stuff such as deeply personal or likewise. We said we would hold people accountable, but we also wanted to be fair to the assembly.

*Sen Burgess*- Rep Fakhouri and Sen Knollinger, were you guys informed when you hit that two absence mark? Were you informed that you maxed out your absences?

*Sen Knollinger and Rep Fakhouri* – no

*Sen Burgess* – there should be some sort of communication between both sides to know if you're maxed. I'm talking about whether they're being held accountable.

*Sen Quigley* – Yes Sen Knollinger had 3 absences, but that was 10 months ago, and that's when it should've resolved that and he should've taken responsibility

*Sen Kaska* – This is upsetting that you had to hand this out to everyone because some of it is personal reasons. I think it's very disrespectful because we have meetings scheduled to discuss these absences

*Sen Waris* – I move to end discussion

*Sen Kaska* - second

## **Open Student Forum II**

*Big 12 Liaison Morgan*- a lot of the planning we did during the Big12 Conference was revolved around sexual assault and prevention and support for survivors, so we reached out to them and told them that we support them and are here for them, and

for survivors, they really need to hear that. We wanted to come up with something to be seen on a National Scale, so here is a video. As of Big 12, we are hoping this video is played across their campuses. I have been working with sexual assault prevention for 2 and a half years. I wanted to thank everyone who helped with the conference. There are thousands of views on it, so keep sharing it. If you want to go to SGA's twitter, the video's there and you can retweet it. You can also download and post it on your social medias. It's on Facebook. Thanks guys.

*Sen Dixon* – I'm speaking not as a member but as a student. We have 41 days left of this administration, and it has been a really great year, at least for me. Many of us, 17 or 19, were elected to represent the student body. Many of us had over 800 votes and those were people who believed in us in one way or another. Throughout the whole year, especially after Thanksgiving, attendance or participation in SGA has been horrible. The other day, Sen. Hunt asked people to help with the charity, but even Sen and Reps are having to beg people who were voted to represent the student body to participate in activities is ridiculous. I'm somewhat disappointed in the progress of this organization in representing the student body. We need to be able to say that we moved the student body forward. Never forget that we represent the student body.

*Sen Burgess*- SGA Volleyball last Sunday didn't turn out too hot again. Another tough fail. I haven't received our schedule for the next games yet, so just be on alert. Our MVP for the next game is Morgan Stemler, she's sadly leaving us for the next game. She's acted as a great coach and player all around

*Sen Dixon* – Ashley and Seth have organized an event on the 21<sup>st</sup>. ACLU are coming to discuss protecting civil liberties. It's going to be an open conversation. It's G20 in Ming

*Sen King* – if you wanted to buy a True Blue shirt, we have the shirts and extras if you want one

*Sen Knollinger* – Morgantown Hockey Association is looking for coaches, mainly for U12 and up. They pay for your background check and all of the coaching classes required.

*Dir Daw*- No BoF meeting on Monday. Also, admissions is hiring orientation leaders for the summer, and it's an amazing job, so let me know if you're interested.

*Dir Watson*- I'm the Dir. Of Communications. Last week, Julie read what I emailed her. We have an idea to bring in high school students onto campus and show them what college and collegiate SGA is like, and let them in on that world. We are having a meeting in the Mountain Room in the Lair. It is at 8 Pm tomorrow night

*Pres Merow* – There are brownies back there for Valentines Day, Single Awareness Day, and all the February birthdays

*Christian Gesler* – I'm announcing my intention to run for president of SGA. I want build on the progress that you guys have already made.

EC Fathallah – If a candidate has a running mate, the running mate should also announce their intention to run

*Brandon Slabaugh* – I'm Christian's running mate. I want to do some big things for SGA

### **Advisor Reports**

*Prof. Klandorf*- We have met with a few of you to change the retreat next year to include team building, etc. It all depends on personal interests.

### **Moments**

*Sen Burgess*- Executive Lust and Sen. King for the plaque and room, they worked really hard and that's really big

*Treasurer Daniel*- Morgan Stemler because she was one of the first people who committed to joining BoF and she's done a lot for me this year

*VP McIntyre*- I know things were a little tense tonight, and sometimes its hard to know how to be fair and handle things in a professional way and the most right way as possible. Pres Merow and Sen Dixon touched on being accountable for the days we have left, so keep that in mind

Treasurer Daniel – Noah built an ark in 40 days, and we have 41 days so you guys can do it

*Sen Waris* – adjourn

*Sen Ernest* - second

**Adjournment:** 9:01pm

Written and Reviewed by Executive Secretary Hoang

\*\*UC= vote on by unanimous consent

*President Pro Tempore Heeter* -

*Senator Brewster* -

*Senator Burgess* -

*Senator Dixon* -

*Senator Dudley* -

*Senator Ernest* -

*Senator Goff* -

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