

West Virginia University

SGA Meeting 04/03/2019, 2019-2020 Administration

I. Call to Order at 7:30PM in Hatfields B, Mountainlair Student Union

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 p
2. College Senator Altieri p
3. College Senator Buggs p
4. Senator Collie p
5. Senator Cunningham p
6. Senator Dahshan p
7. College Senator Dillie p
8. Senator Donnelly p
9. College Senator Doran p
10. Senator Edwards
11. College Senator Evans p
12. Athletic Senator Graham p
13. Senator Harman p
14. College Senator Hatfield p
15. Senator Helm p
16. Senator Ihlenfeld p
17. College Senator Jalso p
18. Senator Jones p
19. College Senator Knight p
20. Senator Kumar p
21. College Senator Lombardi
22. College Senator Matus p
23. College Senator Mills p
24. College Senator Nash p
25. Senator Ovide
26. Senator Pressley p
27. College Senator Sarduy-Santiago p

- 28. College Senator Schumaker p
- 29. College Senator Slack p
- 30. Senator Teufel p
- 31. Senator Zanabli p

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? *Seeing none.*

V. Open Student Forum I

No comments

VI. President’s Report –

President Dye- I’m going to reiterate the email I sent on what we are up to. Tonight, we are going over the first part of the bylaws that VP Matheny, COS McDonald, and I have been working on. We have had 29 interviews and have 16 left. The deadline to apply is Monday the 15th. Friday, we are going to do a presentation at the Board of Governors, the former administration will be present, and we have prepared a PowerPoint that we will share with you. We have been busy with working on the executive structure. There is not much time to accomplish much more in the semester, but we would like to check in with you about your initiatives. If you need help, please reach out. We will not get started until the fall. Please fill out the Doodle Poll if the College Senators would like to stay on after the fall. We understand if you would like to end your term. We have our party on Friday at Almost Heaven Bar and Grill from 10-1, and it will be a mixture of the new and old administration. We have six key appointments tonight. Next meeting, we will possibly have 15 appointments, goodnight.

VII. Assembly Reports –

College Senator Nash: After the University of South Carolina event in which a girl mistook a car for an Uber, we should promote a “what’s my name campaign” and encourage students to check the driver’s license and plates for their own safety.

President Pro Tempore Rawson: I’ve started working with faculty to put wording about mental health in course syllabi, and I have had a lot of positive feedback.

College Senator Matus: Election season is almost over at the law school. Some old and new people have been elected to the College of Law SBA (law school equivalent of SGA). Sarduy-Santiago and I will work closely with them for a smooth transition.

VIII. Executive Reports –

None

IX. Unfinished Business –

X. New Business –

College Senator Aliteri: I move to consider the reading of the bylaws (second).

Chief of Staff McDonald: We started from scratch with these. Every administration writes their own bylaws, we have a couple of key ones in the constitution all the way through. The two Chief of Staff positions of Internal Affairs and External Affairs are the biggest change. Most are pretty generally consistently to prior years.

Vice President Matheny: (the reading) will break it down for when we have the bylaws in their entirety so they will be less overwhelming then.

Chief of Staff McDonald: Let me know if there are any typos.

Senator Kumar: I move into executive appointments (second).

Vice President Matheny: I invite President Dye up for first appointment.

President Dye: Allie Satterfield is up for the position of Attorney General. Basically the AG helps the chair with the meeting, keeps SGA in line with our governing documents, and makes sure we don't get into any trouble. She grew as an intern this year and helped her mentor (Treadway) with a lot of work. She is a little inexperienced and new to the position.

Allie Satterfield: I am a global supply chain management major. I was the Student Body President in high school, I really cared about my community, and I am definitely very involved on campus. I was the chair of TedX WVU to make sure we followed very strict guidelines. I am also very involved with the Honors College. I fell in love with SGA, and Steven Treadway taught me so much about how this organization works. I want to be in assistance in any way possible, to maintain the integrity of SGA, and to hold people accountable.

Senator Ilhenfeld: I worked a lot on rewriting the constitution, what would you change?

Allie Satterfield: I could see myself making changes.

College Senator Jalso: What do you predict will cause you the most trouble?

Allie Satterfield: It could be most challenging to amend the documents. I will seek assistance and work towards becoming an expert.

President Pro Tempore Rawson: Are you a freshman? (Yes) How was your transition to college, and can you handle the time management.

Allie Satterfield: I love to be busy, and I have better priorities, now. I am doing less with more important jobs.

Vice President Matheny: I now invite Hunter Moore

President Dye: The Chief Information Officer runs the website and handles all of the data (surveys, 10/10, filming the SGA meetings, etc.). (Hunter) was an intern last year and was appointed to an executive position earlier this year.

Hunter Moore: Good evening, I am the annoying kid who kept talking. I am a freshman involved with the Statler College and SGA. I got a taste for communications, and I will talk until people shut me up. I was able to start a lot that I was very excited about. I would like to help the communications team to continue. I'd like to fight a lot of the stigmatization at WVU and that SGA is perceived as elitist.

College Senator Jalso: The last person who had this job was Teresa, how will you improve her work?

Hunter Moore: Teresa did a wonderful job, but I did not see some of the earlier stuff. The website was clean and continued that as more things came up. A lot of outreach came from students for 10/10. I would like to continue her work. There is no shame in asking for help.

Senator Jones: What initiatives will you implement?

Hunter Moore: I will continue to implement the SGA townhalls through the Communications Committee, and I would like to partner with our Legislative Affairs and Local Governance Liaison. I will get accessibility forms, so people understand that SGA is here for them, as well as transparency through recording the meetings.

Senator Collie: How will you combat the stigma of elitism?

Hunter Moore: Townhalls are a great opportunity to get SGA speaking to individual students as well as informing. These (weekly) meetings are open to students but can be intimidating. Townhalls are more informal. I'd like to make it easier to contact representatives.

Senator Harmon: Can you speak to experience on web design?

Hunter Moore: I have experience in Java Script and HTML, but most university programs are different, so I need to coordinate with other resources. I'd like to see a lot of use with Engage because you don't need a degree in computer science to operate it.

Vice President Matheny: I will now invite Karley White to be considered for treasurer.

President Dye: White is a junior and served as the Student Organization Director, acting as co-chair for the BOF. We believe in her ability to run the BOF and she is great.

Karley White: This is my third year in SGA. Freshman year, I was an intern. I was a senator Sophomore year, and as a junior, I was the Director of Student Organizations. These past two years, we have been working on the changes to the BOF, and I'd like to make it more organized. I want around 115 organizations to receive a grant. I'd like to hit the ground running in August with SGA. We will work to appoint BOF members, even though bylaws only require five members. I want everyone to be more well informed. I am very honored by this. And I have a lot of experience in SGA.

Senator Pressley: What are your plans to restructure the BOF?

White: I'd like for it to be more formal for voting members because we ran into problems with the assembly being informed, and they made changes without the consent of the BOF, who was well informed. Organizations will then no longer appeal (to the assembly), but to the Bureau of Finance. I will take thoughts and feedback on that

Vice President Matheny: I will now invite Kareem Shammaa to be considered for Auditor.

President Dye: Kareem is up for Auditor, was a senator this past year, and was heavily involved with the BOF. As auditor, he will be involved in a lot of the decisions for the BOF this year.

Shammaa: I was one of the senators from last year, and I am happy to be considered for Auditor and work with Karley. I was an intern under Rachel Daw, and I attended every meeting as a non-voting member, since then. This year, the Auditor will have a different role. This year, the Auditor will co-chair the BOF meetings. One thing I want to work on is record keeping. The Auditor usually prepares one large report at the end of the year. I hope to frequently present to the assembly, and I have some ideas for bylaws changes.

Senator Zanabli: What is the biggest challenge facing the BOF?

Kareem Shammaa: One issue I am passionate about changing is the amount of money that went to travel grants. This year's report showed that 60% of the budget went to travel grants, not events open to the entire student body. So, I'd like to change the balance between travel and non-travel grants.

College Senator Matus: What is the golden ratio on grants?

Kareem Shammaa: The issue is that travel/non-travel grants are considered in the same system. We should separate it into two systems depending on the type of event.

Vice President Matheny: I will now invite Stephen Murphy to be considered for Legislative Affairs director.

President Dye: SGA has a connection to West Virginia politics, Charleston, and everything that will affect us in terms of college policy. Stephen was a senator last year

and is very dedicated and hardworking. He has connections all throughout West Virginia.

Stephen Murphy: It is great to be back. I was a senator last year, and I am a political science major focusing on state and national government politics that affect us on a daily basis. My job will be to inform you of policies that you need to be aware of (campus carry, textbook affordability, etc.) I'd like to work with the Local Governance Liaison to bridge the gap between the students and politics. I would like to carry on Georgia Beatty's voter registration drive, get SGA involved with the legislature, get students to the polls in Morgantown and throughout the state, and make SGA focus on helping students. For lobbying, I want to work with the assembly to pass resolutions on issues you care about, which comes back to informing you and updating you to come up with a game plan. I would be honored to be your executive.

Senator Cunningham: What is your past experience that will prepare you for this commitment?

Stephen Murphy: My studies are political science, and I don't find it that hard to read what is going on in the state between going to class and working. I know a lot of what happens at the legislature can be confusing. I will keep updated on reporting from the state. On voter turnout, I work at the local County Clerk office, and I would like to get early voter polls closer to campus. Uber does a rideshare program, but people may not be ready and willing to get out to the polls, so there should be more polls closer to campus.

President Pro Tempore Rawson: On senate bill 454, how will you lobby the legislature to prevent weak vaccine laws.

Stephen Murphy: SGA resolutions can only do so much, but we can lobby and set up call centers to talk to representatives in order to make it known that we are opposed to this. This is something we did with campus carry.

Vice President Matheny: I will now invite Hayden Moran to be considered for Local Governance Liaison

President Dye: Local Governance works closely with the City Council and they attend the meetings to let us know what is happening in Morgantown. One responsibility is to hold a voter registration drive and to interact with Morgantown officials. He was an intern this year and worked closely with the drive this year.

Hayden Moran: I am a chemistry major, and I interned under the Student Assembly. I want to focus on keeping a positive relationship with the City of Morgantown. I have experience in voter registration with Inspire West Virginia, and we were the second-best high school to complete the program. I'd like to work with the state level executives.

Senator Harmon: How would you bring what you learned with Inspire to WVU?

Hayden Moran: I will do what Georgia Beatty did and work with RHA and other organizations.

Senator Cunningham: Would you be willing to help with getting polling on the WVU campus? Do you have any ideas outside of voting?

Hayden Moran: I will help with getting an early voting initiative. I also worked with the Get Out the Vote initiative to increase voter turnout.

President Dye: I would like to say that both the Local Governance Liaison and Legislative Affairs will sit on the Community Engagement Committee.

Vice President Matheny: All appointees will now exit the room for discussion. We will open the floor for discussion.

Senator Kumar: Looking at the names, they have all been involved with the organization. I don't see any reason for them to not be involved, and they will bring about a new era for SGA. Knowing the younger people at the Honors hall, they are very driven. Allie knows how to follow rules strictly. Hunter is great with technology and graphics. Hayden can talk to officials.

Senator Harmon: The interns are completely driven and qualified. Moore is experienced with programming. That kind of experience is very helpful.

Senator Rawson: I am a little concerned with the inexperience of the Attorney General appointee. You want someone with extensive knowledge of the meetings.

Senator Pressley: I agree. I know she had experience with student council, but I did not see a connection with Student Council to the Attorney General position. I am concerned with how she will hold us accountable.

College Senator Sarduy-Santiago: From a legal standpoint, she only did organizational and clerical work.

College Senator Jalso: I was originally agreeing with that until she mentioned the TedX Chapter. It is nuts how they run their things. Let her grow into this role.

Senator Kumar: She is very dedicated to this role already. She has worked on this every single day, annotating the Constitution. She has been to every single meeting as an intern and has seen how this organization works.

College Senator Slack: I'd like to vouch for Allie, I did see her play the role as an intern, and she was always there to help at every meeting. She can easily handle the role.

College Senator Dillie: I've met her out and about on campus, but every conversation we have starts and ends with SGA. This is what her future looks like in SGA. Yes, she is young, but that shouldn't disqualify her. She spoke very well. If there is anyone willing to learn the position, it is her.

Senator Dahshan: I do agree that we should not give her the chance based on inexperience. My freshman year I became the president of an organization. This is not rocket science.

Senator Donnelly: Having worked with Allie in student council (high school), she did hold me and her fellow officers accountable. On the college level, she asked me to volunteer for the Ted X event and informed me of the standards. When she is passionate about her role, she will learn the Constitution like the back of her hand.

Pressley: What were here goals as Attorney General?

President Dye (Out of Order): With the Attorney General position, she would like to protect the integrity of SGA and to do her job. They help Vice President Matheny chair the meeting and help us with all procedures to make sure we are not breaking our constitution. She will keep track of attendance and must know the governing documents.

Senator Ilhenfeld: The thing I am a bit concerned about is that this administration has plans to change the structure, so maybe someone with a little more experience would

be better. Fortney-Henriquez had four or five years of experience. (Satterfield) will do a good job, but maybe more experience is necessary.

President Pro Tempore Rawson: She is more than capable of learning the constitution and bylaws. I'd just rather she had experience now. (Directs question to President Dye, out of order)

President Dye (Out of Order): Only the assembly should be speaking, so I should not be swaying your vote.

President Pro Tempore Rawson: Why did you decide to appoint Allie and not another executive?

Vice President Matheny: Consider also, the number of applicants for this position, especially for this position. If there were options with more seasoned experience, they have not applied. (Dye and I) should not be speaking on these appointments. I will not entertain any more questions directed at myself or to President Dye.

Senator Cunningham: I have a question for College Senators: is this more intensive than other positions?

College Senator Shumaker: It requires knowledge, but I trust that Kate and Madi have picked the right person. She is inexperienced, but so are a lot of other in SGA.

College Senator Buggs: This is something that we should all know, and she signed up to memorize all of this stuff. She was an intern, and she knows what is going on. She is doing something that we should all know.

College Senator Matus: This will be a large undertaking. The appointee will also have a summer to fully get her stuff together. Also, a large amount of experience went out the door with this election. The fact of the matter is that we might as well start them young to continue with the positions in SGA.

Senator Kumar: Going back to the (Matus's) statement, you have to get experience from somewhere, but we have to develop our own members.

College Senator Dillie: Experience in SGA does not mean experience with the Constitution. If her job is the Constitution, she will know it. Maybe you know much about the constitution. You only know it if you work with it. They are not the same thing.

Senator Sarduy-Santiago: I'd like to move to previous question.

Vice President Matheny: We will now vote via secret ballot, and Chief of Staff McDonald will collect those ballots.

(Moments Pass)

Order, all of the appointments passed. Congrats. We have no more new business.

XI. Open Student Forum II

Auditor Shammaa: If you are on the assembly and interested in student success, that was my platform as a senator, and I was on the committee called the Persistence and Completion Committee to talk about helping students that are struggling or not graduating.

President Dye: There is a toy and hygiene drive, to provide holiday presents and hygiene products.

Chief of Staff McDonald: I know we just had our first reading of the bylaws but reach out to us with any questions on the committee structure. Our party is Friday at Almost Heaven, I want to see all of you there.

Senator Collie: This Saturday will be the last open house for the Admissions Office. Help out any families of students trying to decide where they are going to college. There will be an undergrad symposium.

College Senator Buggs: I will be speaking with the dean about the Academic Enrichment Grant, which any Eberly student can apply for to study abroad.

Senator Zanabli: I was speaking to the Peer Advocates about a red flag initiative to spread awareness on healthy relationships.

Senator Jones: The Student Service and Advisory Committee will be having a focus group to implement different initiatives. Please come see me after the meeting.

President Dye: I forgot to mention this before, but we will also focus on the Share a Swipe initiative and partner with the old administration to hand out reflectors for pedestrian safety. Fill out your google doc by Sunday.

XI. Advisor's Report II

Dr. Lee: Decide WVU is on Saturday and I will do a presentation. I need two students to serve on a panel. If you are interested come see me afterwards, we will feed you free lunch. This is an opportunity to sell WVU to students. We have quite a few slots for the Excellence Awards Show to present awards. We have 12 awards in total to present.

XIII. Adjournment –

Meeting adjourned – 8:51 pm