West Virginia University

Student Government Association

February 10th, 2016

E. Moore Hall, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 7:32 PM
2. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement
3. Roll Call

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – a

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska –p

-Governor Kiess –p

-Governor McIntyre –p

-Governor Moneyhun –p

-Governor Richardson –a

-Governor Riggins –p

-Governor Sabatino -p

-Governor Seabolt –p

-Governor Thompson –p

-Governor Waris –p

-Governor Watson –a

-Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a

-Athletic Councilor Taylor – a

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1. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
2. Open Student Forum I
	1. Potomac State Student Government Association

Mac and Nicki are the President/VP of Pot State.

Mac: I’d like to thank you all for having us, and having our community come together. Gov Waris has been very good and shown good hospitality – as we move forward toward OneWVU, we’d like to take out and hear petitions from students. This petition we bring is called “LateNight”, this was our most successful program for our campus. Due to changes in faculty and staff, we lost this program in October – as a result we’ve seen high increases in crime and lower morale in students. With our current budget situation, we don’t have much to offer anyways. I’m here to make a final appeal. We’ve lost help in admin, staff, and faculty. The students have taken a stand with us. I’m here tonight to make a resolution from your SGA to help us get our program back.

 Another issue brought before us – rising tuition and fees – typically students are against it. We’re calling it a laundry fee, our students usually charge through their Mountaineer Card per load of laundry. Around 40% of our students are out-of-state, and can’t regularly wash their clothes. We’ve been considering charging a flat fee onto room and board fee, that way people could wash their clothes without paying extra money. 56% of our students are on campus.

McIntyre: How many residence halls?

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Kiess: Last year, some students here proposed creating a “credit” for laundry, etc. so they could use the service now, and pay later. If you stick around after the meeting, I’d love to talk to you.

Brewster: Back to your first issue, we have UpAllNight, and it varies in programming, how much does it cost for you?

 Ours is Wed-Thurs. night, and is an alcohol-free option for students. The food is provided by dining halls (leftovers), the programming is provided by our SGA.

Waris: To comment, in terms of events, what do you have?

 The events are varied. We put on games/bingo/karaoke, anything that students potentially suggest. We’ve essentially used this as another outreach program for our campus.

Moneyhun: Is there a reason you do it Wed-Thurs.?

 We do it then because those are our major drinking classes.

Blair: What was your reason for stopping the program?

 The original advisor we had changed colleges, and our new advisor doesn’t see the point in it.

McIntyre: I have a 2 part question. Where are these events held?

 It’s at our cafeteria.

This original advisor, this was their job title?

 Yes, since he’s moved on, this responsibility has fallen to a supervisor.

Moneyhun: Is this a well-attended event?

 A third of our student body would like to bring this back.

Brewster: How much per week would you say you need for financing?

 This isn’t a finance issue, we’ve already allocated the money – they just stopped the funding. Our college is facing a $2.5-5 million dollar deficit, that’s why our campus is cutting these programs. Taking away an activity that wasn’t negative and very popular is a detriment about.

McIntyre: Have they made a reason for why they’re against it?

 They have not.

Waters: Have you had any response from the admin about your petition?

 Since the petition is still active, we haven’t gone to admin with it yet – however, we’ve spoken with them but they’re unwilling to budge. On February 14th, we’ll know the exact number of signatures. To finish off on that question, it’ll be brought again to the admin. The dealings I’ve had thus far with admin have to do without this petition.

Ankur Kumar: Bouncing off what he said – our campus loves UpAllNight, and it’s important to me. Thanks to everyone who attended Campfire Night, next week we have a 40 foot tall snowman with bouncy-house inside of it! BE THERE!

Jonathan Riseburg: What’s going on squad? In the CAC, we’ve got some really exciting concerts, there will 600 HS kids running around, if you go on Google right now – “Modern Day Choral Composers”, that guy, Eric Whittaker is coming to town. It’s free to all WVU students. On the 12th, we’ve got the Wind Symphony Concert. “Once a Musical” is going to be here on the 15th. Also, the Disgrace Show in the Lab Theatre (about Islamophobia, 12th @ 7:30, 13th @ 7:30). In the sports world, we’ve got a basketball game vs TCU, they’re terrible, and it’s at noon. This is coming from our heart – this is something that bugged me this week. Who’s a fellow gym rat/exerciser? These new gates that let us in/out of the Rec or you have to pay $20. WV is the 2nd most obese state in the Union – why would they limit your gym time?

1. The President’s Weekly Address

Capel: Let’s give it up one more time for the folks from Pot State – thanks from coming. We’ll help you out with petitions if you’d pass it around. I’d like to encourage all governors/executives/interns to sign up for the Engineering students form 12-4 tomorrow for Cookies and Convo’s. Congrats to the candidates who turned in their packets today for the next year’s administration. Also, Prof. Brewster was named Professor of the Year in Morgantown’s magazine – so congrats!

1. Governor’s Reports

Kaska: I’d like to start out by saying, if you’re an intern, please raise your hand. If you weren’t here in the previous meetings – as part of my Academics platform – I’d like to hold a Senior Banquet for any senior who has over a 3.4 GPA. I need people for the committee to help decide awards, superlatives, etc. to help me choose the winners? This is a way for SGA to give back to the students for rewarding students for completing their undergrad. I’m modeling this after Penn State’s SGA, who have a very similar program. If you’re interested and like to get involved with SGA, this is a great way to get involved. With Share-a-Swipe – we also need volunteers.

Kiess: Tonight I have a pretty big announcement – if you’ve been at a couple meetings recently – officially starting on the 14th, at Summit Hall, you’ll get to sign people in until 2 AM instead of midnight. So thank you!

Thompson: With parking and transportation – with the PRT – everyone who has been affected by changes in time has already experienced it, if you have any comments or complaints – please let me know. As always, come talk to me with that – our director at the University is really a student advocate. The transportation app should be coming out pretty soon, it has to pass the state treasury office, but you’ll be able to pay for parking from your phone.

Waris: First, thank you all so much for coming down. Next week, I’ll be bringing a resolution to the Board to support Potomac State with their issues.

1. Athletic Councilor Reports
2. Executive Reports

Dakota Workman: SALA will meet Thursday at 5 PM in the SGA Office – we’ll be talking about bills that directly influence students here at WVU. If you’re in STEM majors, you could get PROMISE to pay for your tuition, if your parents actively keep up a college saving fund – you’ll get a discount. I’d really just like to make a basic overview of upcoming bills in the House – we’ll be going to Charleston next Friday to meet with our legislators. I can even let you know your delegates, so you can better understand the actors in the legislature and how the budget cuts directly affect students. The more students that are able to go, the better we can impact the future students on WV schools. If you’re interested in going to Charleston, please let me know.

Sutherland: I have a lot of announcements. Due to the snow storm, I tried to search out to people to shovel elderly people out of their homes. So, I’d like to organize more of these events in our community. Next week is Random Acts of Kindness week, at the Mountainair, we’ll be holding Intergenerational Day of Service – we’ll invite people from local retirement homes to come play Bingo with us. Paige Kearns and I have created a team for Relay for Life, if you want to help, let me know. On February 26th, at the Rec, we’ll be working on Merit badges – which are inclusive to the Girl Scouts – for a lot of these kids, this will be their first experience at a University, and so we’d like to have as many people as possible there.

Jordin Wilcher: I’m speaking for Lizzie B today, she’d like to invite you to Cookies and Convo’s. \*Ask Lizzie\*

Emma Harrison: Hi, if you were wondering about your packets – they’re not done yet. I’ll send an email tomorrow – at 1 PM we’ll be drawing the order of the ballots. The candidates meeting is the 19th at 5 PM in the SGA office.

Jonathan Riseburg: Before I go talking about my music festival fundraiser for the choir – I’d like to talk about fundraising and your attendance at this conference next week. Ryan Payan has been helping me out, finding artists and stuff around campus – he’ll talk now.

Ryan Payan: Jon asked me to talk about this because I’m a personal backer of MusicFest – it’s a boost to the community and set a positive vibe from the student body. What’s cool about this is its led by students and performed by students, at this stage, you pledge money for tickets, so there’s no risk for you. Please come support.

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
	1. Grants:

 WVU Skateboarding Club

Schwartz: Our first grant is the Skateboarding Club – they’re asking for a very small amount of $103 to kick start their org. We recommend the full amount.

MOTION TO RECALL ROLL

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – a

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska –p

-Governor Kiess –p

-Governor McIntyre –p

-Governor Moneyhun –p

-Governor Richardson –a

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KIESS: MOTION TO VOTE ON RECOMMENDED AMOUNT, 2ND KASKA

 MBA Class of 2016

We have applied for an event that is to provide a career fair (Feb 17th) for all grad students in business and economics – this is to provide a relaxation event for our students. This fair will be a normal fair, and a reverse fair for recruiters to find out more about student orgs. We’ve requested $1,200, and we’ve done heavy fundraising to help us with our costs.

Schwartz: We recommend $1,303.35 – the full amount.

 Fitzwater: Are we allowed to give money to non-student org?

* We have student organization status.

Klandorf: Where will the event be held?

 In the Mountainlair – especially being the strict rules – we’d get high attendance since it’s on campus, and now we’ve got it.

SEABOLT: I MOVE TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION. MOTION PASSES UNIANIMOUSLY.

 African Students Association

Hello, I’m our President, we’re a group of African students that unite the African community here at WVU. Every year we have events that showcase African culture – this year’s theme is “In Praise of the Motherland”, we’re trying to educate students of the “real” Africa. Last year, SGA helped us out, and we’re asking for your help again. We’re expanding our menu for more traditional African dishes, that’s why our cost went up.

Schwartz: Everybody that receives a grant tonight – please meet in the back after the meeting. We recommend the full $1,500.

KIESS: VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

 ASME

Hello, I’m our President – this is the first time our organization has ever asked for a grant due to a policy change in our dept. However, no longer does the dept. have to support us financially, so we’re applying for our grant to help us attend our professional development conference in Atlanta, GA.

 Humphrey: It was the Dean’s Office that cut the funding?

* My dept. told me that they worked it out such as their contribution would go toward the pumpkin drop, and we’d only hold onto funds from our volunteer hours.

Watson: Are you using your SAC money for this?

* Yes.

Schwartz: We recommend $1,000 for lodging.

 Riggins: How many people are going?

* 11.

FITZWATER: I MOVE TO VOTE ON $1,428 VIA ROLL CALL, 2ND KASKA

HUMPHREY: I MOVE TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUTN VIA ROLL CALL, 2ND RIGGINS.

DISCUSSION

Humphrey: I think if the metric says $1,000 that’s what we should do.

Kiess: It seems to me that the formula has been the baseline amount, and is changed circumstantially throughout the year.

McIntyre: How much are the 11 members paying?

 It’s $40.

Seabolt: What was the reason for the suggested amount?

 Schwartz: It was the small amount of people and distance traveled.

Waris: If with the money we don’t get to send as many people – we should totally give them the money. This could potentially bring back more ideas to our campus.

Watson: For clarification, if we grant you $1000 – are you totally cutting it to only 7 or 8?

* Yes.

Watson: So it wasn’t an option to have people pay more?

* We wanted as many future officers to go, and this is the number we came to.

Thompson: We’ve had this conversation a few weeks ago – we awarded her the higher amount of money. I’ve been to a few BoF meetings – and I know we should follow the recommended amount, but we can vary from that.

Blair: Is there a portion of the formula that references an educational based org versus an athletically based org?

* Schwartz: No, we have one streamline formula. Every org goes into the same formula, but they get different tiers.

Humphrey: What’s the current balance?

* Schwartz: We have officially awarded over $22,000, we’ve awarded over $30,000.

Humphrey: After tonight, what is the remaining balance?

* $42,000 left.

KIESS: I MOVE TO MOVE INTO VOTING PROCEDURE.

FITZWATERS MOTION TO AWARD $1,428.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –n

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

-Governor Richardson –

-Governor Riggins –y

-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –n

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

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 Alpha Epsilon Delta

Hi, I’m Emily Delaney – we’re the pre-health honorary society, and we’re doing our induction ceremony. Unfortunately, it costs a lot, and we don’t have that money. We’re asking for $696 for the cost of the room and catering.

 Watson: Where is this held?

* The Alumni Center.

Schwartz: We recommend the full amount of $696.

MCINTYRE: MOTION TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ROLL CALL

SEABOLT: I MOTION TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION – PASSES

 Mountaineer Catholics

Hello, this Spring Break we’ve trying to go to Doddridge County to do home repair for low income families to join other college students as free labor. They’ll be given no-interest loans on the financial burden. We’re taking 6 students, and we’re requesting $1,000 for paying the staff members. This is a very great opportunity and a great service opportunity.

Schwartz: We suggest $1,000.

Humphrey: Was that done by the metric or a special circumstance?

* Special circumstance, aiding the state.

Kaska: For the 6 people you’re taking – are there other people you’re meeting with?

* We’re meeting students from Iona College, and other schools from Chicago and Philadelphia.

WARIS: I MOVE TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

 NAACP

Jihad Dixon: We’re requesting funds for our 5th annual NAACP ceremony – we’re honoring students, faculty, staff, and athletes. It’s open to the public, and we usually have a dinner afterwards.

Stephen Scott: We’re really trying to expand our event, and we’d really appreciate the help.

Riggins: How many people attend?

* We have 150-200 people – standing room only.

Riggins: Where is it held?

* Mountainlair ballrooms.

Kaska: We’re going to add another 100 seats, so around 300.

Schwartz: We recommend $1500.

HUMPHREY: I MOVE TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

 DTD

Douglas Ernest: We’re here to request funds for Juvenile Diabetes Foundation – we’re trying to rent out Stansbury Hall.

Schwartz: We recommend $350

Waris: What was their requested amount?

Schwartz: Their t-shirts were a little over $1,100?

Kaska: For your Relay for Life event, will you need more money?

 We’d like to make both events successful.

HUMPHREY: I MOVE TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Men’s Rugby Team

I’m our President of our Rugby Club. We’re asking for this grant to go to Norman, OK to compete in the Big XII Tournament. Last year, we won the tournament and have actually moved up from D1-AA, to D1-A – from club sports, we’ve used $6100 of our $8000 – each of our players pay $300 in dues per semester. We’ve raised over $1,300 via FundMe, and we’ve also gotten $2000 from the University for this trip. This money will prevent our players from paying out of pocket.

Watson: How much does the trip cost total?

 Flights fluctuate from $485 round trip per person – OU is waiving tournament fee and putting us in a hotel. We are trying to pay for our coach, since he’s not a student. We have a full schedule this semester, so this is to take a burden off of the budget.

Brewster: Did you say the money will be used to pay for flights?

Schwartz: We recommend $1,250.

Riggins: We can’t pay for flights, can we?

* Schwartz: Yes, as long as they pay beforehand, we can reimburse.

Brewster: So what, we can pay for 2 people to go?

 We’ve raised close to $4,000 separately.

Kiess: How much was requested?

 A little more than $1500.

KIESS: I MOVE TO VOTE $1455 VIA ROLL CALL

~~KASKA: I MOVE TO VOTE $1500 VIA ROLL CALL, 2~~~~ND~~ ~~FITZWATER~~

Waris: I understand where you’re coming from – but, were Gov. Kiess calculated exactly 3 tickets.

Kiess: My justification for this is $1455, because we’d be kind of wasting $45.

Watson: We can’t give them cash, so I think it makes sense to maximize full ticket value, so I agree with Gov. Kiess.

Schwartz: If you say $1500, put a stipulation – maximum of tickets up to that amount.

Kiess: I rescind my motion and agree with Kaska.

~~SEABOLT: I MOVE TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ROLL CALL.~~

Watson: When is this?

 February 26th-29th, as soon as this grant comes in, we’ll be going to Mike Ellington to purchase them.

Kiess: In terms of student orgs – this has got to be one of the best orgs on campus – this is not just a local scale, this is on the national scale. In my opinion, I don’t see why we wouldn’t help him.

Humphrey: Who is Mike Ellington?

 The VP of Student Life

Humphrey: Is that the same general fund for student orgs?

 No, this is club sports.

Humphrey: We got $8000 from club sports, but we’ve used $6100.

Merow: Did you get less money last year?

 Yes, $6500.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

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-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

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 SHRM

\*Gov. Riggins looks questioning\*

We are passing out a document that provides students with the opportunity to network with HR professionals and work on competitive techniques. I’m taking 2 teams of 2 to Omaha, Nebraska – we couldn’t get into the SE conference due to lack of spots, but we need money ($1200) to go this year?

Waris: How do you select students?

 Typically they’re B&E students with leadership ability and good GPA.

Kaska: Have you reached out to sororities/fraternities/programs?

 Yes, we have, and even to the psychology dept.

Klandorf: How are your costs covered?

 The dept. will cover my costs. Additionally, we have a very generous benefactor to our org.

Klandorf: If the dept. is covering you – won’t they cover the students?

Schwartz: Our recommended amount is the full amount of $1,200.

Moneyhun: I’d like to say this is neat and thoughtful of you to put together for us.

 We’re HR people!

RIGGINS: MOTION TO AWARD THE FULL AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

 Woman’s Leadership

Schwartz: \*Reads Grant\*

 We recommend we give $1,300.

Fitzwater: When is this event? Who is this woman?

* + - * + Jackie Gonzalez
				+ VP Morgan: I’ll let you know, Sean.

Watson: I assume this has never happened, but how many students do they have in their org?

* + - * + Around 30. March 31st from 6-8 PM at the law school.

Waris: What was the other $300 they requested for?

* + - * + Honorarium, a gift.

WARIS: I MOVE TO VOTE ON SUGGESTED AMOUNT VIA ACCLIMATION. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Heeter: If you got a grant tonight – please meet me in the back now.

* 1. Resolution 2016-01-02: Changing Required GPA for Elected Officials

Humphrey: I apologize for the rapidness of this resolution. However, with the upcoming election, we’d like to make this amendment verified before the election. \*Reads Resolution\*

Humphrey: For some amendments to my own amendment – I’d like to add more sections affected in this.

Humphrey: I did talk to President Capel about this, and it would have to be the VP of Student Life who would figure out this GPA.

Klandorf: So VP Shafer is the teeth of it all?

 Yes.

Brewster: What’s the rational for not changing it this year?

 Had we done this prior to the packets being released, it would be kosher.

Harrison: I don’t get why it can’t apply now.

Capel: In the upcoming election, the student body will be voting on this referendum to be approved.

Brewster: Is there language, or will there be language – this is the only student org on campus that you can have below a 2.5 GPA and still hold office. Will there be language that states that you must hold over a 2.5 GPA the full time you are in office.

Capel: I think we should begin to do 2 checks per year.

Humphrey: Upon passage of this amendment, the VP of Student Life will perform bi-semester checks onto GPA.

Kaska: If someone falls below this GPA, how we deal with that?

McIntyre: How would, when checking this, how would that process work with confidentiality issues?

* The suggestion made by Prof. Klandorf would be that the advisor would know whether or not they are in good standing, not an actual number.

Brewster: They would have to sign a waiver that gives away FERPA rights.

VP Morgan: What we’re saying is that, they will sign away FERPA rights, so they can run.

Emma Harrison: You are already doing that with student signatures. This is just slightly different, with the same stipulations.

Gov. Watson: I don’t see how this is different than taking the Oath of Office, why is this not under the same umbrella?

Gov. Riggins: In my chapter, I can see the grades of those who sign the FERPA forms.

Gov. Kaska: This is going for all appointed positions, not just people running, right?

Gov. Thompson: 1st, do we have a GPA right now we must have?

* 2.0

2nd, would we do the same thing if someone fell below a 2.5?

* Yes, we think.

Dr. Klandorf: You as SGA, you should be getting credit hours for doing this job. I’d be willing to advocate for that.

Executive Workman: With the issue of confidentiality, in true national elections, they know everything about you and nothing is private. Leave it up to them to resign, versus impeachment so as to not embarrass them. Also, for falling below the GPA – you’d have to be out immediately.

EC Harrison: We are US citizens – therefore, I follow both WV and USA. WVU as a whole is 2.5 for all student orgs, but SGA is not above WVU as a whole – we should conform.

Capel: I completely agree with Emma, the way it reads in the Constitution, “VP of Student Affairs will have final say on status”. We’ll work with VP Shafer and then work the rest out.

Kiess: I completely agree with that, we just haven’t updated our Constitution – let’s move on.

McIntyre: I was going to ask this – could we get confirmation on the history of this? Maybe not right now, but by next meeting?

* Morgan: The Constitution has not been amended since 2012, in order for this to be in the election – we must vote on it today.
* Stephen Scott: Gov. Richardson went from the JBoard, and this in violation of the 15th amendment.

Brewster: This has never been changed from 2.0 since I was a student – when WVU changed it to 2.5, SGA opposed it, and so I think we need to change it because it’s been a long time coming.

Sutherland: As student leaders at this University – you should focus on your academics, and everything else next. The reason we should have AT LEAST a 2.5, you need to hold yourself to a higher standard.

Kiess: I move to end discussion.

Humphrey: I’d like to move to change wording of the amendment, and strike Section 6 completely.

Morgan: If we want to vote on this this evening, we must vote to suspend the rules.

Merow: If we vote to remove Section 6, it would go into effect immediately.

Waris: We’re just changing our Constitution, but if they wanted to, it could be enforced.

- Vice Chair Merow – A

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

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Waris: From what I understand, if you are seeking candidacy for next year – it won’t affect you in the upcoming election.

Kiess: I move to bring forth the same amendment Gov. Humphrey brought forward a little while ago.

Merow: I was under the assumption that I should abstain, should I Attorney General Blair?

Blair: In my opinion, if this directly affects you, you should vote no.

Humphrey: I’d like to say that we’re subservient to WVU’s policy.

Waris: Ultimately, this is just up to the student body to approve this in the upcoming election.

Humphrey: Nothing is taking place immediately, this is simply just to codify something that already exists.

Seabolt: I just think you can’t change the rules of the game in the middle of a game. That’s just the way I see it.

Humphrey: I’d counter it by saying that we’ve been out of compliance with WVU policy, there’s nothing to say we aren’t already falling under the 2.5 requirement.

Seabolt: Why punish the people running for office for people in past administrations not updating it.

Waris: We’re not editing the rules, we’re just wanting to put this on the ballot for VP Shafer to potentially change this.

Harrison: I was trying to change it to 2.5, but its falling under 2.0.

Humphrey: They did say to be a candidate in this election – you must have a 2.0. Nothing changes until the student body votes on it in the upcoming election. If someone is violated by this, I think they should appeal to the JBoard.

Watson: I’m sorry about this, but you’re saying this doesn’t go into effect until voted by the student body?

Humphrey: In order to be an officer in any org on campus – you must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Why are we different? Our constitution falls subservient, that must mean that we are falling under the 2.5 guideline and we’re simply not updated. We need to update it.

Kaska: I move to end discussion and move into voting procedures. 2nd, Moneyhun.

Merow: If someone is running and has already been approved to run, the first day they are elected, they would have to resign?

Kiess: I would say that Dr. Shafer would have to review this.

Brewster: Once again, SGA is overinflating our ego. He will check it at the end of the semester.

END OF DISCUSSION.

VOTING ON GOV. KIESS’S MOTION

- Vice Chair Merow – a

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –a

-Governor Moneyhun –y

-Governor Richardson –

-Governor Riggins –y

-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –y w rights – I’d like to say to Prof. Brewster that this can’t be retroaction.

Brewster: If at the end of the semester, they are under 2.5, they’re out.

-Governor Thompson – y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

\*(Y stands for “Yes”, N stands for “No”)

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF SPECIAL RULES.

VOTING ON RESOLUTION

- Vice Chair Merow – a

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

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-Governor McIntyre –a

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Judicial Board Appointments

Heeter: Currently, every JBoard member will not be there next year. We need to appoint people this year so we have continuity. The appt. is Ellen Walburn – she is trying to get into Law School, and we think she’d be a great spot.

Waris: Is there currently a vacancy?

 Yes.

HUMPHREY: I MOVE TO VOTE ON THIS APPOINTMENT VIA SECRET BALLOT.

MOTION PASSES.

1. Open Student Forum II

Capel: Long meeting tonight – that’s how it goes sometimes. Let me just say that we have cake in the back, thank you Ashley and everyone who got the cake for me. Thank you all!

1. Advisor’s Reports

Klandorf: Very grateful not a lot of people are running.

Brewster: You should be applauded by approving HB4012 – you guys voted in unanimous opposition, so I think Marshall really dropped the ball.

Seabolt: S/O to Grant, his first SGA meeting and he stayed the whole time.

1. Announcements – come see me if you have a question about the announcements.
2. Adjournment 10:19 PM

Announcements

Monday, February 15 is SGA & Chill silent date auction from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in the Lair. If you want to be up for auction, email Liz your name, position, major, bio, ideal date and talent to eabarnhart@mix.wvu.edu by tonight at 11pm.

SGA will be hosting Pizza, Cookies, and Conversations in front of room G39 of the Engineering Sciences Building tomorrow, February 11 from 12-4pm. Come out, have some pizza, and share your concerns with your student leaders!

Elections Chair Harrison will be drawing numbers for ballot placement in the upcoming election tomorrow, February 11 at 1 p.m. in the Student Engagement and Leadership main office.

Random Acts of Kindness Week is Feb. 13-20th.  We will be spreading kindness through service during this week! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Director of Community Service, Andrew Sutherland at adsutherland@mix.wvu.edu

Empty Bowls Mon County is looking for volunteers for their annual luncheon in Mylan Park on Thursday, February 25th, Friday the 26th, and Saturday the 27th. If anyone has any questions e-mail Philanthropy Director, Paige Kerns, at pakearns@mix.wvu.edu

You are invited to discussion with Title IX office on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7 pm in the Shenandoah room in the lair. The goal of this discussion is to educate student leaders on campus about Title IX but also find ways that we can work to further prevent sexual assault on our campus. I strongly encourage you invite other student leaders around campus to attend this discussion. See you on February 23rd. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Morgan at amorga21@mix.wvu.edu.

The 5th Annual WVU NAACP Image Awards Nominations

Since 1967, the national branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) has held an Image Awards show, a presentation honoring outstanding people of color in various fields (e.g. film, sports, etc.). The person or organization who receives an NAACP Image Award has, in some fashion, embodied the goals and mission of the NAACP. If you would like to nominate an individual or organization, do so by this Sunday, February 14th, 2016.

(<http://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6mv90tLMiCdbmAt>)

If you are interested in joining the SGA Academic Banquet planning committee, please contact Governor Amber Kaska at aakaska@mix.wvu.edu.

The Center for Service and Learning is accepting nominations for the President’s Volunteer Service Award.  Any WVU faculty, staff, or student who has completed at least 100 hours of service between Feb. 1, 2015 and Feb. 1, 2016 is eligible for nomination, and may nominate another candidate (or self-nominate). Candidates may count hours from community service and service-learning courses. Hours must be submitted and approved on WVU's iServe system (or verified by nominator). **All nominations are due by February 29, 2016**. To complete the nomination form visit <http://tinyurl.com/jbmjh5o>.   For more information contact Rikki Bower, AmeriCorps VISTA at [rlbower@mail.wvu.edu](http://rlbower@mail.wvu.edu/).