



**West Virginia University SGA Meeting  
5/27/2020, 2020-2021 Administration  
I. Call to Order at 7:30PM on Zoom  
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 and 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**

President Pro Tempore Jones—present

College Senator Backus—present

Senator Brooks—present

Senator Colbert—present

Senator Cunningham—present

Senator Daniel—present

Senator Donnelly—present

Senator Eby—present

**College Senator Eyler**

College Senator Hanson—present

Senator Harman—present

Senator Ihlenfeld—present

Senator Jernigan—present

Senator Knotts—present

Senator Kumar—present

College Senator McKnight—present

Senator Miller—present

College Senator Moore—present

Senator Nadeau—present

Senator Nichols—present

**College Senator Rawson**

Senator Rosello—present

College Senator Seidel—present

College Senator Stackpole—present

Senator Zanabli—present

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

*VP Bragg:* The minutes from last week's meeting have not been posted, so we will not be approving those. The agenda for today's meeting is before you, so I will now entertain a motion to approve the agenda via show of hands.

*College Senator Moore:* So moved

*Senator Harman:* Second

[moments pass]

*VP Bragg:* This motion passes

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

*VP Bragg:* Does anyone have anything for Open Student Form I?

*Senator Harman:* I move to add Senator Kumar to the minutes.

*Senator Donnelly:* Second

[moments pass]

*VP Bragg:* This motion passes

We are still in Open student Forum One, does anyone have anything for Open Student Forum One?

[moments pass]

Seeing none, we will move on to the President's Report

#### **VI. President's Report**

*President Riggs:* Alrighty, hello everybody. I thought I would switch it up tonight and go outside and then my neighbors started mowing their grass, so if you hear that: I apologize. But, hello again. I hope you all have had a safe past couple of weeks. It's so great to see everyone. In light of the amount of new business we have tonight, I promise I will keep this short.

Over the past three weeks, myself, Vice President Bragg, Senator Nichols, and Senator Jurnigan have conducted over fifty executive interviews. This was a competitive process, every student we met with was energetic, was driven, was ready to enact change on our campus. And, tonight, we will have twenty passionate individuals be appointed to their positions—who I am very excited to work with this year. Just a quick reminder, I stated this in our last meeting, but let us all be mindful of the discussion that we're having, let us have one that is objective, that allows us to learn about the ideas that each individual has, and that they can bring to their respective positions this year.

Aside from the interviews and the appointments tonight, I have been in correspondence with my Big XII counterparts. Several of us would like to join together as a conference and create some sort of a campaign or collaborative programming in response to COVID. So, that is something that is kind of in the works. And, I've also been working with different administrators to discuss student needs in the fall. SGA is going to be looking into ways to gain as much student input as possible over the summer, so that we can then share it with administrators. Possibly doing town halls and social media Q&As, for example. So I challenge you all to reach out to your fellow students so that we can continue to gather this input, and this will help us as an organization and it will help the university as well to best assist students and their needs right now.

Finally, tomorrow is the last day to apply for the first round of the summer's CARE Act, so please be sure to share this with students in need as well. With that, I will leave you all with a quote tonight—I remembered. This quote is by M.L.K, and it says, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Thank you, guys.

VP Bragg: Thank you President Riggs, are there any questions for President Riggs?  
Seeing none, we will move on to Assembly Reports

## **VII. Assembly Reports**

Do any assembly members have a report?

Senator Nichols: So, I just kinda wanted to echo what President Riggs said. I just wanted to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be on the executive selection committee. I really had a great time, it was great to see so many wonderful student leaders and so many who were willing to be involved. You know, I really appreciate it, and I can't wait to see what comes, so thank you all so much.

VP Bragg: Thank you Senator Nichols. College Senator Moore.

College Senator Moore: Hey guys, I don't know if anyone saw: earlier this month, the Department of Education pushed out some changes to Title IX guidelines. Took a look at those, Inside Higher Ed. has a great article about it. Frankly, a few of them are a little confusing and more than a little questionable. Advocates for all parties concerned will be subject to cross-examination—which does lead to some privacy issues, some issues about re-traumatizing victims of sexual assault/harassment on campus, things like that. It goes on: if sexual harassment happens on a University business, outside of [inaudible] that no longer obligated to be pursued/investigated. There's no solid timeframe. Basically strips down some of these regulations, some of these protections for victims. Reached out to James Goines, University's Title IX coordinator. Got an email back from him yesterday, saying that their office is reviewing those changes. They don't have to go in effect, really, until August. But, one thing for certain, they will be giving those live hearings, with opportunity for cross-examinations, but he goes on to say that those regulations are going to be the floor, not the ceiling, with their policy. So, I'm going to keep looking at that. Frankly, it's a little concerning, and we just need to make sure that we keep an eye out for our fellow students here on campus. Thanks.

VP Bragg: Thank you, College Senator Moore. Any other Assembly members have a report?

Senator Nichols: I move to add College Senator Backus to the Minutes

President Pro-Tempore Jones: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, we are still in Assembly Reports, does any Assembly member have a report?

[moments pass]

We'll move onto Executive Reports

### **VIII. Executive Reports**

Do our double executives of the night have a report?

Seeing none, we will move onto New Business

### **IX. New Business**

The first order of business being Executive appointment confirmations. We're going to do the first ten, we'll have them all come introduce themselves, give their statements, kind of introduce themselves; like we did the first time. There will be a questioning period. We'll

wait until the first ten are done to have a discussion on the first ten as a whole. And then, we'll vote on the first ten and then move on to the second ten and do that the same way. With that being said, I will now entertain a motion to consider Adrienne Kemp-Rye.

Senator Nichols: So moved.

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, President Riggs, if you'd like to give the introduction.

President Riggs: First we have, up for appointment, Adrienne Kemp-Rye up for Chief of Staff of External Affairs position. Adrienne is a senior marketing major. Take it away, Adrienne.

Adrienne Kemp-Rye: Okay, can everybody hear me? Hi everyone, like Chase said, my name is Adrienne Kemp-Rye, I am a senior marketing major within the Chambers College. I'm super excited to hopefully start as the Chief of Staff of External Affairs. I just want to highlight some of my experiences that sort of provide the skills to excel at this position. So over the last five years, I've worked as a store manager and social media director at a local formal-wear store. Within this role I delegate tasks to fifteen employees, building team relationships with our manufacturers, and set goals for our team. I also worked at Morgantown Beauty College primarily with their marketing team on social media content creation. But, at M.B.C. I also taught a course, [inaudible] where I helped them better define their goals and how they could best execute those plans to achieve their goals. Recently, I accepted a position on WVU's social media team. I'm looking forward to a year of better helping them connect to the student body. This position, in addition to also hopefully working as your Chief of Staff, will help me better improve the University, contribute to outreach efforts, and overall better the student experience at WVU. Last year was my first year with SGA, where I served as communications coordinator. This was the perfect introduction to the organization, and it allowed me to see the different areas of SGA. This, as well as that outside experience has allowed me to feel confident in both motivating and overseeing groups. I really value accountability and want to better incorporate that into this year's administration. Alongside Allie Satterfield, I hope that we can create monthly meetings with the executives to ensure we are being productive and transparent with all of our efforts. Finally, I hope to also work with the outreach coordinator and communication director to, in a way, rebrand SGA to better engage student input, through our external affairs. Two ways I want to improve this is by utilizing social media and revamping town halls.

So overall, I'm committed to addressing student's needs, as Chief of Staff of External Affairs. So that's a little about me, I'm happy to take any questions now.

VP Bragg: Any questions for Adrienne? Senator Harman.

Senator Harman: Hi Adrienne, so you mentioned that you wanted to revamp our town halls. Last year we did a lot of them and they weren't terribly popular. What ideas do you have for sort of improving them?

Adrienne Kemp-Rye: Yeah, I went to several town halls last year, and I noticed it was pretty much just SGA members. So I want to get more of the student body, definitely, incorporated in those town halls. So, that might be advertising it better on social media, or just helping with word of mouth around campus to create a better group of students at the town halls.

Senator Harman: Thank you.

VP Bragg: Anymore questions for Adrienne?

[moments pass]

[Sabrina Cave out of order]

Alrighty, seeing none, thank you Adrienne. We will now move onto our second one. We will not table that one because it'll still be brought up for discussion with the rest of them. So, we will just move on and kind of layer it.

I will now entertain a motion to consider Traceya Picou for our Executive Secretary.

Senator Nichols: So moved.

College Senator Backus: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: Alrighty, so next we have Traceya, up for appointment to Executive Secretary. Traceya is a senior multidisciplinary studies major. Traceya served as an intern this past year. Tracey the zoom floor is yours.

Traceya Picou: Hey everybody, my name is Traceya. You had it right the first time, it is Picou. It's fine, everybody messes it up. Like Chase said, I'm a rising senior this year. My major is multidisciplinary studies, which includes political science, communication studies, and sociology. A few organizations that I have been involved in, the reason why I believe I should be appointed to Executive Secretary. I was currently secretary for West Virginia

University's NAACP—with that I sat in every meeting, I took the meeting minutes, I had certain deadlines I had to meet, I was really reliable with that. I'm also the founder of A Hundred Black Women here on campus at West Virginia University. With that, we uplift the minorities on campus. We're the spokesperson for the minority women on campus. I'm also a Student Diversity Ambassador. With that, we come up with ideas and new ways to keep diversity and inclusion on campus. To be appointed as Executive Secretary, I'm really passionate about inclusion, and I would really hope to work with the Inclusion Coordinator as well. And I'm also just really passionate about West Virginia overall and helping peers, because it was my freshman year, I remember I didn't really have that guidance, really. So I look towards certain organizations, like the Student Government Association. I really hope to get more involvement and keep the campus improving and keep it going in the direction that it is going. And that's a little bit about me, any questions?

VP Bragg: Thank you, yes, any questions for Traceya?

[moments pass]

Last call; they must really like you Traceya, because I'm not seeing any questions. We will now move on, thank you Traceya. I will now entertain a motion for Randy McFarld for Intern Coordinator.

Senator Nichols: So moved

Senator Daniel: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: As Vice President Bragg said, next we have Randy McFarland up for intern coordinator. Randy is a sophomore accounting major, he also served as an intern this past year. Randy has a lot of great ideas to incorporate into our intern program, and as we all know, our intern program is extremely important to our organization, and it really creates an excellent foundation [inaudible]. So, Randy, the floor is yours.

Randy McFarland: I'm doing Zoom on my iPad, so bare with me if there's any technical difficulties. Once again, like Chase said, my name is Randy McFarland. I am a rising sophomore in the College of Business and Economics, and I am originally from Martinsburg, West Virginia. So, in my time at West Virginia University, it has been about a year so far, it has been some of the most passionate and memorable moments in my life, and it's really changed who I am. It's something that I really love, and this school is a place where I want to stay forever, if I could. In that time, there were a couple things that I did that pursue me to be your intern coordinator. The best one being my role within

community council, I served as Seneca Hall's community council president last year. And with that, I worked with residents in the building, kind of seeing whatever needs they had that couldn't be met by their RAs or something else, something that was a much more intimate setting that residents could come to. I dealt with programming issues and just did things for the resident hall. With that, I was in a position with RHA as a voting member, and through that I worked with a bunch of people within the organization and within Student Life, kind of getting a grasp on how big the scale of students is here and how 30,000 students work throughout this entire campus.

Another thing I did was I rushed Delta Sigma Pi, a professional fraternity. I rushed last fall and I'm still an active brother today. It's fun, it's preparing me for my life, and it's something I really enjoy. One of my biggest things that affected me here at WVU, was my time here as an intern. Last year I was in the intern program, last year was when I started. It was a lot of fun and it was something I wasn't expecting coming from a high school student government. It was much more organized and something I really loved seeing, how powerful student's voices are in such a big campus. It was something that I felt very strongly about and something that I knew I wanted to do throughout all four years. In my time as an intern, there were a lot of things I loved about the program, but there were some things that I thought could additionally have some work done to them. I've composed three things, but my biggest thing would be intern education. Whenever we first got accepted and we were all excited, we got a little crash course as to what West Virginia SGA was, it was very informative, but there were sometimes when I felt as if I didn't know some things and there were some gaps. But, it was alright in the end and Madison knew where we were going and what we were doing. In my time, me and Madison got pretty close. She was my co-captain whenever we drove to Pittsburgh—that was fun. She may be a great person, but she is not great at giving directions. But, other than that, I really loved my time as an intern and I have some super great ideas. I want to focus on programming that revolves around mental health and making long-term and short-term goals, and making sure that they are obtainable within such an impressionable population. I was thinking, these are the students that are possibly going to have these seats in a couple of years, the students that are going to be writing legislation, so it's good to go ahead and make sure they know all of the resources they have within such a large organization before, so they know what to do and how to do it. I'm super passionate about West Virginia SGA, I plan on being involved all three years of school, and if you all would select me as intern coordinator, I bet we'd have some pretty cool interns. So, that's all I have, if you guys have any questions, please let me know.

VP Bragg: Thank you Randy, any questions?



College Senator Moore: Hey Randy, what's up? Obviously, with things being as they are right now, and who knows what's really going to happen in the fall, have you given any thought of how you might perform any of that outreach to younger students, or how you might look at the intern program—say, partial digital school, or virtual learning I mean, or anything like that?

Randy McFarland: Gotcha'. So, coming from being a freshman, I'm kind of in a cool position just because I'm still very familiar with what it takes to come to this school, the people coming to this school, and I have the contacts with that. And I secondly think that since we're dealing with outreach to interns, I think this is a two part question. Outreaching with interns is definitely something we need to work more with the university to get out, because I remember talking with Madison a little bit about the intern application and it was kind of like a hit or miss if every student got this intern application. So, getting the intern application out to as many people as possible is the highest priority. But, the biggest question is how this will happen virtually. And that's a great question and something that changes everyday as we get more information, but there definitely was—and as we can see we did a semester online, that we can communicate online and virtually and be able to do big things and change a lot of things. So, I'm hopeful that we might be back to a little more normalized system coming into the fall, but it's always best to prepare for the worst, and in that it's definitely doable to get everything virtual and make sure that everyone is connected online.

VP Bragg: Thank you Randy, any more questions?

President Pro Tempore Jones: Hi Randy, I just wanted to know if you would tell me a little bit about how you would foster a positive mentor/mentee relationship.

Randy McFarland: Okay, that's honestly a great question, and something that has come into question throughout the past year. It's kind of hard to match two random people when you barely know little bits about them. But I also think it's really important—Madison did a really great job of this last year—keeping up with the interns themselves. Are your mentors giving you the jobs you need? Are you feeling like you're fulfilled? Are you learning anything? Are you doing anything that's positive within this organization? And, are you just coming to meetings because you think that's what you have to do? So, I definitely think it's going to be a lot of communication and a lot of coordination between the interns and the mentors themselves. It's definitely something that is a big concern to me, because I want to make sure the interns coming in are doing something they're liking and they're not just confused the entire time.

President Pro Tempore Jones: Thank you.

VP Bragg: Any more questions for Randy?

[moments pass]

Seeing none, we're now going to move on. Thank you, Randy. I will now entertain a motion to consider Sam Shoemaker for auditor.

College Senator Moore: So moved.

Senator Nichols: Second.

VP Bragg: This motion passes. We will now... Chase you have the floor, apologies.

Chase Riggs: So, next we have Samuel Shoemaker up for the auditor position. Sam is a sophomore mechanical engineering major, who served as a voting member of the BoF last year. So Sam, if you want to go ahead and introduce yourself to everyone.

[moments pass]

President Riggs: Can you all hear me? I think Sam may be having some technical difficulties. He is logged on though, so we can give him a second.

[out of order chatter]

VP Bragg: At this time, I will now entertain a motion to consider Youseff Georgy for Legislative Affairs Director.

Senator Harman: So moved.

College Senator Backus: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: The next appointment we have is for the position of Legislative Affairs Officer is Youseff Georgy. Youseff is a junior political science major. Youseff if you would like to take it away.

Youssef Georgy: Hello, can everybody hear me? I don't think my video is working, I have some connective issues. Hello everyone, my name is Youssef Georgy, I'm a sophomore political science and communication studies major from Wheeling, West Virginia. While I'm an outsider to the student government association, I think my experience and background in West Virginia politics can be useful to the SGA and WVU student body. Interning for one of West Virginia's senators gives me a unique understanding of the legislative process at the federal level, and past campaigns through the state gives me vast contacts which will be beneficial to the SGA. Now, more than ever, our students need a vocal advocate down in Charleston as well as on capitol hill. If appointed, I look forward to using my summer and reaching out to the other Big XII's Legislative Affairs Officer to create a GroupMe, which can serve as a way to generate ideas and fight for our students' needs throughout the year. This will be extremely effective when it comes time for schools to come together at our nation's capital for Big XII on the hill. With a delegation of an entire conference representing the needs of over 200,000 students, I think a lot of progress can be made. In regard to state and local politics, I will be sure to establish a relationship with WVU's government relations office and the office of strategic initiatives. I will take what I learn from the department, as well as monitor the state legislature to provide memos for any legislative changes that may take place, during our weekly meetings or possibly even once a month. For example, the new Title IX regulations that will go into effect this August, I, along with a lot of people, have concerns about them and how they will affect student survivors of sexual assault. Approach university administrators and ask them how the changes will directly affect the student body and WVU as a whole and draft them in on the issue, is something I can do even over the summer. It is crucial that we have a grasp on what these changes mean for us and to bring up any concerns we may have to the attention of elected officials. As someone who considers themselves invested in politics, I recognize the importance of being civically engaged and voicing your concerns to the state and federal level. Because of this, I feel as if I understand the importance of the position, especially at a time when students are faced with unprecedented challenges. Students are at the forefront of your mission as the SGA and I would be honored to contribute to that mission, through legislative and advocacy initiatives if appointed tonight. Thank you guys so much.

VP Bragg: I'm muted. Thank you, are there any questions?

[moments pass]

Alrighty, seeing none, we will move on? Chase, did Sam ever contact you? We will bring back up Sam. Thank you, Youssef.

Sam Shoemaker: Hey guys, figured I'd make things awkward off to a great start with some computer problems. I'm Sam Shoemaker, I'm a rising junior in mechanical engineering. Like Chase said, I served with the Bureau of Finance last year as a voting member. That was a

great experience, I learned a lot about the Bureau of Finance. I tried my best to shadow Karley, Kareem, and Zoya to figure out what they were doing, what certain processes were, and made sure to ask a lot of questions to figure everything out—from their perspective. I'm involved with Phi Beta Lambda, which is a business club at WVU. I compete at competitions with them with financial literacy and economic decision making. I'm hoping to bring new ideas to the Bureau of Finance as well as to be very transparent and show you all what's going on and how much we're spending, be at all the SGA meetings to let you all know how we're doing. I look forward to working with you all if appointed and if you guys have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer those.

VP Bragg: Okay, my Zoom is messing up right now, so I can't call on anyone; it's frozen. Chase, unmute Arpan Kumar. Senator Kumar, you have the floor.

Senator Kumar: Sam, hello. I was wondering: what kind of atmosphere would you like to establish in the BoF, working with Alex?

Sam Shoemaker: I really want to have a great atmosphere, and I really want it to be as much like last year as possible, because I think we functioned really well and we worked really well together and with the assembly. So, I'm hoping to have a little bit of a better connection with our assembly, just so you guys can see what the Bureau of Finance is doing, because I think that's a great way to connect with our student orgs as well. As for a dynamic, transparency is huge, knowing what we're doing at all times, and that'll make it easier for you guys to reach out to the student orgs, even directly by coming to the Bureau of Finance meetings.

VP Bragg: Any other questions? Chase, tell me if someone else raises their hand, because my Zoom is definitely broke right now. Alrighty, thank you Sam.

I will now entertain a motion to consider Logan Riffey for Local Governance Liaison.

President Riggs: Alrighty, so next we have Logan Riffey up for appointment to the Local Government Liaison. Unfortunately, Logan had worked today and he couldn't call off, but he has prepared a statement, and he has sent it to me, so I am going to read it on his behalf. If you all could just give me a second and I will pull it up here. You all can still hear me? His name is Logan Riffey, he's a sophomore psychology major in the honors college. First, I would like to say that I am thankful and honored to have been nominated by the Riggs-Bragg administration to be appointed to the Local Governance Liaison position for the West Virginia University Student Government Association. I apologize immensely for not being able to attend this meeting, physically, but I was unable to take off work. My devotion to the civic process and government, however, remains strong and, come August, I

will not fail to complete the duties of Local Government Liaison if I should be appointed tonight. My history with the government and the civic process began not too long ago, starting with Inspire US—in my senior year of high school. I rose to the top of the state in student voter registrations, successfully registering a hundred percent of my class at Hedgesville High School. In addition, I led my small group of Inspire leaders to Kyser High School, Frankfort High School, and James Rumsey Technical Institute, where we registered close to a hundred students to vote. Per my efforts and my colleagues at Hedgesville High School, my school was awarded the Jennings Randolph award, gold level, for complete registration of our senior class. I was also honored with the title of West Virginia Honorary Secretary of State. I can say that I was inspired to do more after my high school graduation. Last summer, I joined the WVU Can't Wait movement as a volunteer. West Virginia Can't Wait is a state-wide political organizing movement, designed to elect government officials for and by the people. West Virginia Can't Wait candidates sign a pledge to never take corporate cash and to never back down from a debate. While I'm not running for office, I've advocated for West Virginia Can't Wait and became among the founders of Students Can't Wait, and now Mountaineers Can't Wait here on WVU's campus. I've worked closely with students, candidates, and government officials across the state to help solidify what students want from the government here in West Virginia. Last fall, I took a leap and applied to be a Student Government Association intern. Serving as the intern for Local Governance Liaison, I became quite adept to the duties of this position while attending regular city council meetings with my mentor, Hayden. With Hayden, I worked to understand the process of Student Government, while planning events with the community engagement committee. I took part notably in one of our most anticipated events, the voter registration drive, Mountaineers Vote, where I spent every moment of my free time assisting students and beginning their path on their civic journey. My experience with Student Government was the highlight of my freshman year, and I hope that I may continue my work in being the bridge between students, the civic experience, and local government officials. As Local Government Liaison, I will uphold my duties as set forth by the Bylaws of the Student Government Association. Advocacy is SGA's primary focus on campus, and with my connection and Inspire US, West Virginia Can't Wait, and my numerous local government officials—I believe that I am well-equipped to make the voices of fellow Mountaineers heard. I also believe it is important to be entirely inclusive in the position of Local Government Liaison, so I believe it is my duty to listen and advocate for all students, no matter race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, religion, or party affiliation. As diverse as Mountaineers come, we are all one student body. Finally, I would like to outline my plans for next year if I am appointed for Local Government Liaison. First and foremost, I will continue to advocate for voter registration. This includes keeping Student Government up to date on important dates and events in regard to the upcoming general election, emphasizing the importance of voting, social media campaigns, and hosting a voter

registration drive prior to the October 13th registration deadline, so that all eligible Mountaineers have the opportunity to carry out their civic duty on November 3rd. Secondly, I will continue to attend all regular city council meetings and report all my notes to the Student Government assembly. In addition, I will work to maintain contact with city and county officials regarding student needs at our university. Lastly, I will be in communication with other Big XII schools to determine how the student government association can be doing better at community engagement efforts. Again, I am very honored to have been selected to be appointed, as Local Government Liaison. I hope for the upcoming year to be a successful one, and I look forward to working with each and everyone of you to better connect the student body to our local government, should I be appointed tonight. Outside of my civic related activities, I am a member of the WVU Psychology Club, MedLife, Outreach coordinator with Active Minds WVU, treasurer for the WVU Quiz Bowl team, and a student affiliate with the American Psychological Association. If you have any questions, whether it be about my plans, affiliations, or even the election process, feel free to email me at—he provided me his email, which I can provide to you in the chat section, and he said thank you all for your consideration.

VP Bragg: Alrighty, moving on to our next order of business. I will now entertain a motion to consider Lana Aboushaar for communication coordinator.

Senator Jernigan: So moved

Senator Nichols: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: Next up for appointment, we have Lana Aboushaar, up for the communication coordinator position. Lana is a marketing and strategic communications major here at WVU. Lana, you can take it away.

Lana Aboushaar: Thank you President Riggs and Vice President Bragg for giving me the honor for this position, I'm really honored. I'm a rising senior. I'm doing a dual degree, so I am a strategic communications major in the College of Media as well as a marketing major in the College of Business and Economics. My actual specialty in marketing is digital marketing promotions specifically, with concentration in social media strategy. I am, because I have this background is why I'm interested in the communications position, and I have experience running word press sites as well as Adobe Creative Cloud, specifically Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, and Premier. So, I plan to use those skills. I have to sort of revamp the social media sites for the SGA, because the SGA's Instagram account only

has less than 500 followers, which is 2.5% of the student population. So I feel that I would like to spend this upcoming year increasing engagement with our social media accounts, so that we can get students to know what the SGA is doing. I mean, I know as a freshman, I had no idea what SGA was or what it did, or anything like that. I only found out because a friend of mine ended up running at the end of the year, and that was when I was introduced to this thing called student government. So, I think it's really important for a communications coordinator to sort of reach out to those who are new at the school, or even not new, just unaware. I think if we work on increasing engagement and working together to get people involved with SGA, I think we would be really successful in having people come out to events and participate with us. I'm really excited to put some of this together some of my ideas working with the Chief of Staff of external and internal affairs, and some of the other executives in the coming year. Thank you guys for consideration, and if you guys have any questions, feel free to ask.

VP Bragg: Yes, any questions?

Senator Harman: Hi Lana. How do you think you would adjust our social media presence given that it's likely we would have to do some sort of social distancing over the fall

Lana Aboushaar: Okay, for starters, I thought I would find some way to increase engagement because posting on social media (on the accounts) is very far between. There's not that many posts. I was looking back through Instagram a couple days ago, and I noticed that there were certain times where their posts were when their SGA was introduced and then when they introduced the next SGA. So posted one time throughout the entire year. So, for me, I think I would increase posting and I know social distancing, we have no idea what's going to happen in this upcoming semester, but I'm assuming if we go back this upcoming semester, we will have to do some form of social distancing. So I think if I post specific things that answer those questions for students, maybe if they're afraid to come out to things, they're afraid of COVID and all of the issues happening because of the Coronavirus outbreak. By utilizing the platforms, you can use stories or speak like DMs or the comment section to sort of help allay student's fears for participating. And then if we end up staying at home and distance learning, then I assume we're going to have to do some virtual events, and in that case it would just be promoting virtual events and trying to find specific times or specific avenues that we can encourage students to take part in these events.

VP Bragg: Yes, thank you, any more questions. Seeing no more, we will continue to move. At this time, I will now entertain a motion to consider Devyn Osborne for Chief Technology Officer

Senator: So moved

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase you have the floor.

President Riggs: Next we have Devyn Osborne. Devyn is a senior strategic communications major as well, and she will be up for the appointment for the position of Chief Information Officer. Devyn, if you'd like to go ahead and introduce yourself.

Devyn Osborne: Hi everyone, my name's Devyn Osborne. As President Riggs said, I'm a rising senior and a strategic communications major. I have dual minors in communication studies and strategic social media. Some of my background includes, I currently work as a lab coordinator for the public interest communication center in the media innovation lab, and what we're doing is hosting a conference for advocacy and public interest communication, which is similar to a TedTalk. Through this roll, I have contributed to strategy, copywriting, implementation of digital and social efforts to drive engagement on social media and websites, and since this is the first of its kind at the university, I've done tons of research on how to have the best image on the website to drive engagement. I've also worked as a media consultant at the DA, though that I talked to clients and ensured that they had satisfaction with advertising. And then lastly, through Ki Omega, I was director of programming, so I oversaw the board, which included marketing, programming, and I communicated back to the executive board in Ki O, and then with the entire chapter. And all these rolls have needed and encouraged effective communication. I've also been a servant leader through the greek leadership academy and so although being in the greek community you're obviously a part of something that's bigger than yourself, I definitely want to apply that to SGA. I also want to recognize that, through COVID, there's a definite need for a shift of communication through Instagram and the website, and so that goes with how the shelf life of information on the website and instagram are totally different, and I want to work to help both. Something I wanted to implement was more email updates and a FAQ page and also a contact page, where individuals and organizations can reach out and get further directed to better resources in case they come to the website and they're super confused. I played club field hockey, and when I started freshman year I was informed that we had to be careful about our spending, because someone who used to be the treasurer took all our money, and when I interviewed with President Riggs and other senators I found that we could've easily reached out to finance and other members of SGA and I think that would be something very important for everyone to know, and I don't want orgs to be intimidated by just coming on the website and not knowing, and so through



having this FAQ or contact form, we could follow up with how could we help you? Do you need anything else? Kind of thing. Even with students who just have some questions, I think it would be important to inform the student body of changes we are making and advocating for and not just giving an update like, "hey, we started this..." and then nothing else. I think just keeping a strong voice and imaging is awesome. I worked with Teresa Hong for her graphics for homecoming, I'm familiar with Canva, Wordpress, a lot of backend stuff, a little Adobe. One thing I also wanted to work on was having an active voice on the website which would include profiles and maybe allot a time or some kind of event for headshots, just so everything is consistent. And just keeping everything with one image, because even though we're not selling anything we are serving the whole student body, so we do want to keep that level of transparency. I know a lot of my background isn't in SGA, this will be my first year, but everything I learned in the greek community is applicable and I'm entirely confident in my ability to serve in SGA and helping the entire student body. Thank you for your time.

VP Bragg: Thank you Devyn, are there any questions?

College Senator Moore: Hey Devyn, I love the ideas that you talked about and that you have for the website, my only question is, have you ever worked with Cleanslate, it's the kind of service for website building that the university uses. Or have you ever used Google Sites or any experience there?

Devyn Osborne: I haven't worked with Cleanslate, I'm certified in Google Analytics and Google Adwords, so I'm sure Google Sites is something I can manage. I pick up things super quick and definitely with my background of strategic social media, I'm able to recognize different trends and picking up where things need to be. I definitely was aware that it might not be on Wordpress and adding something maybe with a message and you email and contact might not be easy, but I think it's necessary, so I would be willing to learn just so that we can improve social media both ways.

College Senator Moore: Awesome, thanks.

VP Bragg: Any more questions? Seeing none, thank you Devyn.

I will now entertain a motion to consider Deionte Gray for outreach coordinator.

College Senator Backus: So moved

Senator Nichols: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: We will have up for appointment next, Deionte Gray for outreach coordinator. Deionte is a senior biology major. As we heard tonight, outreach is extremely crucial to SGA, especially now, in light of COVID-19, Deionte has great plans to excel in this position, so Deionte, if you would like to take it away.

Deionte Gray: Hello everyone, I'm Deionte Gray, a rising senior biology major and psych minor here at WVU. I first would like to thank the executive selection committee to consider me for this position or outreach coordinator. Over my time here at West Virginia University, I have served in various student leadership positions. Around campus, I served on my dorm's community council freshman year on the RHA board, as well as an RA for the past two years and next year, two in summit, and my final year will be in Lyon tower. I've seen the importance of getting students involved here on campus, from your freshman year up until your senior year, it's important to hit the ground running and build this foundation so that you do have a good four years here at the university. So if selected for this position, I would like to translate what i learned from being an RA and RHA to this position to, not only get first year students, but students from every year involved. Not only that, as a first-generation African-American student, I know the importance of warning to be heard but often times feeling that I wasn't heard on campus, so with this position I would challenge myself with this position, but also everyone here to go out into the communities, whether that's the residence halls, the libraries, or wherever and just talk to people and introduce yourself, I know it might be harder for some people, i know it might not be as easy for some that aren't as social but you can learn a lot and you can hear different stories on campus. As mention by Mon and Devyn we don't know what's going to happen in the fall with COVID-19, so also challenging everyone to come up with creative ways to execute these plans, whether it's using the social media platforms or having smaller-scale meeting settings to introduce yourself to people. Other than that, that's basically it for me. Thank you again everyone for interviewing me, I really appreciate it.

VP Bragg: Thank you, are there any questions?

[moments pass]

You're a lucky one, thank you Deionte.

At this time, I will now entertain a motion to nominate Camryn Pressely.

Senator Harman: So moved

College Senator Moore: Second

President Riggs: We now have Camryn Pressley up for appointment to the position of elections chair. Camryn will be a senior international studies major and Camryn has experience in SGA, she is a past assembly member. So Camryn, if you would like to introduce yourself.

Camryn Pressley: Hi, yes. Thank you for this opportunity. So, I really feel that I would bring a lot to the table for the election chair. As an assembly member, I have looked over the elections code multiple times and I would take this opportunity to improve it and talk to the elections chair, but after looking at it, I thought of great ideas of how to improve it, with a committee that I would share with you all after interviewing them along with you all. I also think that with the new proportional representation for the different colleges is going to be very important in this election, so having a committee go through and, while I would make the decision to the number of people supposed to be elected, making sure I have the correct number, and people checking me along the way. I also feel that looking at the past election, while it went up 51% from 2019, we still have improvements to make, and getting more students on our 30,000 student campus involved, I feel like elections are a way to make your voice heard and all members of student, and we really focus on diversity and outreach so I would really want to work on that with the outreach coordinator of external affairs and the communication team, getting a lot of outreach out there also working on a virtual component if we do not go back in the fall. I'm also an RA, so I feel like that would help me with outreach and the elections chair is supposed to be impartial, and I really feel that I have some experience being impartial as an RA, due to our RA interviews, when we interview the future RAs and when we interview the future RAs and if we know them we don't really interview them at all and not taking what they say politically and their environments to heart and not letting it affect their future position as an RA. So thank you for the opportunity.

VP Bragg: Thank you Cam, are there any questions?

Senator Harman: What ideas do you have for encouraging more people to run, since you said we're gonna have a lot of different... the elections are gonna look a lot different next year?

Camryn Pressley: I really feel like it's going to be twelve at large senators and a lot of senators from different colleges, so 1. I, as an RA, striking the residence halls first and foremost, I told President Riggs and Vice President Bragg that we are allowed to put up signs and fliers as a student organization, letting them know that we are running. Also trying to table as much as possible, working with social media blasts. I, if given the opportunity, I would try to get all the information about how many people can run as soon

as possible, probably giving it to you all sometime in August, and so letting the whole university know how many people can run for every given school. Also, I really think, letting people know about the election, social media works well, but I think somehow trying to talk to these deans, the deans of the university and trying to get them heavily involved, I don't know how involved they've been in the past, because I was an at large senator, but if I had to meeting with them, either in Zoom or in person, and trying to stress the importance to them of, we are a student organization, we are student advocates and we need to let all students have a voice on campus.

Senator Harman: Thank you, Josh.

VP Bragg:

Anymore questions for Cam

Alright seeing none, I will now entertain a motion to move into discussion--also Thank, if you will move everyone into their breakout room.

Senator Nichols: So moved

Senator Daniel: Second

[Advisor Le out of order]

VP Bragg: Alrighty, the floor is now open for discussion, please use the raise hand feature to be called upon, thank you.

Senator Jernigan: Hi everyone. As has been previously discussed, I was a part of the interview process. I just wanted to speak on behalf of all the candidates. I really think that each one of them possess their own qualities and they bring individual things to the table. I wanted to talk about how each of them are from outside of the organization and if they are from within the organization, they have been a part of the organization and they have an idea of how the structure could work. Overall, I think that each and one of them are very excited and they have a lot of ideas that they want to bring within SGA, I'm just excited about all of them.

VP Bragg: Thank you Amya, and also thank you for being on the board, as it were.

College Senator Backus: Hello everybody, I have had the pleasure of going to Logan to a city council meeting. I can attest to how well he did his job at those, honest to God I was just bored out of mind [inaudible] I think he'll do great... [inaudible] Sam Shoemaker. Are we

good? I have been to BoF meetings with Sam Shoemaker and I watched him do his thing, and he's very good and very talented himself, so i feel that he would be a very good auditor. With Randy, I feel as if a lot of us know Randy, he's very charismatic and he's a natural born leader, so I feel like he would do very good. And that's all that I have to say.

VP Bragg: Thank you

President Pro Tempore Jones: Hi everyone, I just wanted to say that I am very excited about the appointees that are up tonight, I think that each of them have demonstrated extreme qualifications for these positions as well as brand new ideas to help drive our organization forward. I am particularly impressed by Joey Georgy because of his previous experience working with legislative affairs, and I think that he would help our organization a lot, especially with helping our organization stay in touch with the current changes that are going on, as well as prepare our delegation for Big XII on the Hill. But, other than that I am really excited for the other appointees as well, i think they're overqualified for these positions and that's all that I have to say.

VP Bragg: Thank you Amelia. Senator Eby.

Senator Eby: Hi, I also wanted to speak on behalf of Joey Georgy. I have known him for years, I went to high school with him, and I worked by his side in politics, and I just wanted to say, he's extremely well-connected in West Virginia politics, at the local, state, and federal level. He's very open-minded, so he's not going to let any of his own political beliefs interfere with the needs of WVU. He's a fantastic advocate for WVU students, and I know that he would really like this position and he has so many amazing ideas, so I really wanted to speak on his behalf. I also wanted to speak on behalf of Devyn Osborne, we're in the same sorority, and she is just an amazing person, and extremely hard worker, and I know that she is just unbelievably qualified for this position, and I just really wanted to encourage you all to vote in their support because I think they have a lot of amazing ideas that could revamp SGA and bring a lot of fresh perspective.

VP Bragg: And I'm muted again, Senator Ihlenfeld.

Senator Ihlenfeld: Hi guys. I think all of these nominees are great and I'm gonna be voting in favor of all of them. But there's two that I know particularly well, I think. First, Randy, I think he would be a fantastic intern coordinator. He knows so much about SGA, genuinely loves it so much, and he's so enthusiastic and fun, and I'm sure that all the interns would love him and he would make them all love SGA too. So, I think he would be great at that job. And also Camryn. We were on the assembly last year together and she was by far one of the

hardest working assembly members. She went above and beyond her duties and everything she did she did it 100% and so I'm sure she would be great. I'm excited about all the other candidates, but I just wanted to make sure I spoke about those two, because I know them personally and I know they would be really great in their positions. Thanks.

VP Bragg: Thank you Sarah, Senator Nichols.

Senator Nichols: Sorry for talking so much. But, I wanted to say first off, thank you everyone for allowing me to be a part of the selection committee. It was really great getting to meet all of the amazon student leaders that we met. I just wanted to go down. With Adrienne, last year she did such a fantastic job with communication coordinator. She did an insane amount of work, and I think she handled it so well. Chief of Staff of External affairs is a great fit for her, already knowing about outreach and all of that, I think she would be great. Traceya, for executive secretary, I know her a lot more through the diversity ambassador program that I did through the intern program last year. I know Traceya is wonderful, she is so involved, she knows so many people, and she's just such a hard worker and I would love for her to be executive secretary. For intern coordinator, I have to give a huge than for Randy, Randy is so fantastic, talk about somebody who just makes you feel so welcoming and just so at home where you are, and so Randy just has his energy, he knows so many people, I don't doubt for a second that he would tell everybody he knows because--if you've ever been around him, you can't go anywhere with him, without him screaming at somebody down the street, across the street, wherever. With that, I think he could really help get the word out there. Sam Shoemaker for auditor, I also went to a few of the BoF meetings in the second semester, and just hearing him talk and seeing all of the hard work that he put in, I think he would be a great auditor. Legislative affairs director, Youseff Georgey, he is the only one that had federal experience interning. I think when we go to Big XII on the Hill, knowing people there and having a personal connection with the senators there, I think that's really important and would really help a lot. Local governance liaison, Logan, he was an intern with me, I got to see all of the amazing work, he did a lot of amazing work with the voter registration drive, you know he was always there. Every time I was there, he was always there. So I think it's really great, the perfect fit for him. For communications coordinator, Lana, I loved her, she was really great. She really blew us away with the amount of communications experience she had, and was so willing to work and make sure all students were being reached and heard. Again, Devyn, she was just so qualified, she brought us so much joy in how much she really wanted to communicate and had great ideas for the position with the website and everything. Deionte, from what I heard, he was similar to Randy, in that he knows so many people, and outreach coordinator that is really important in that position. And then Cam for elections chair, I was not in her interview, but according to what I heard, the first thing I heard is that she likes rules, and I

think that would make her great for the elections chair, and she has the SGA experience that allows her to know what things need to be changed in the elections code. And, I think that all 10 of them are absolutely fantastic, they all blew me away the more and more they talked, and I hope that you all feel the same way, and do what I do and vote yes for all of them.

VP Bragg: Thank you Colton, anybody have any further discussion?

Senator Jernigan: I'm sorry I'm talking again. As Colton mentioned, I, he doesn't know much about Deionte, but I do. Deionte has been, not only like a mentor to me on campus, because we were in the same biology course, he has been just a friend on campus. And I think he's been one of the first people I met and he's just welcoming and he has a big widthspand of friends on campus, so I am very excited for him to be outreach. As well as Traceya, I have witnessed her work, and her organizations. Her organization and drive just inspires me, and I like her. That's what I wanted to say about those. And then Cam of course, Cam is Cam, we all know Cam, love her. Okay.

VP Bragg: Thank you Amya.

College Senator Seidel: I wanted to speak on behalf of three of our nominees, Randy, Cam, and Logan. So, a lot of you have met Randy through SGA, but I met Randy as he was my community council president when I lived in Seneca. So, I was a member of the community council at Seneca Hall and what I know is that Randy is one of the hardest working individuals that I've ever met in my entire life. For the first semester, Randy and then two other people that were working with the community council in order to run programming for our entire residence hall. He put together a pumpkin painting event that, from what I understand, had a large majority of our residence hall members attended. He also did a valentine's day event where we had residents come down and they write their names on valentines and we would deliver them to the doors of people in the residence hall. So, I have no doubt that Randy would be a great fit for Intern Coordinator, as he is one of the most social people I have ever met as well. For Cam, she was my RA this past year, so I could speak to her ability to remain impartial. My floor, to be blunt was not the greatest when it came to the individuals that were on it and there were frequent times when there were residents would accuse one another, and Cam would always have to remain impartial and not give her opinion on specific people or specific situations, and that was something that I always admired about her. Finally, Logan. So, I've known Logan for a very long time, I went to high school with Logan, so I'm going to speak to his ability and what he's done with Inspire. In his speech, he mentioned he was a part of a team, but that's kind of not giving himself enough credit. The Inspire team at my high school was made up of four people, but

Logan was the only person that would actually do any work. He would stay up all night writing emails to all the students at our school. He would go class-to-class to get people to register. He had a checklist and I believe for Inspire, you don't actually have to get 100% of you class to register to be considered 100%, but he was even able to, not only exceed 100% of the amount of seniors that needed to be registered, but he also got many juniors to registered as well. He reached out to the people he knew in Keyser High School to get their students registered as well. So, I believe all these candidates are very well fit, and I'm going to be voting yes for all of them, but I just wanted to speak to the people I knew.

VP Bragg: Thank you.

Senator Knotts: For Deionte, I have known him since he was a freshman here. Honestly, he was the resident that made such an impact and he wasn't even in my building that year. He was a resident of Braxton tower and I was an RA for Lyon. He came up to me during that first week of welcome week, and it was probably the most memorable experience as an RA I've ever had. He wanted to get involved the second he stepped foot on campus, he asked me what's the best way to go about getting involved. So, we talked about what orgs to be in. And then him and I were first gen ambassadors together, though the program didn't really get off the ground this first year, we both tried our best in helping that program. Also, I worked in the building that Randy was a resident in, and I honestly like what Tyler said, his involvement in community council and RHA was absolutely amazing. I was our RHA vice president last year, and he was probably the only person that ever met with me. He would go and sit down with budget with me and make sure everything was the way it needed to be and like when like when I got my shopping list for everything I needed to get for his programs, it was the most meticulous thing it was well organized he really just wanted the best for our hall. He planned amazing programs, got every student involved. When he did the valentines thing, he was blasting music through the hall, trying to get everyone to send valentines. It was a free program, it was actually a lot of fun and then he plastered his face all over our building with it. So, like he's very well-known, at least in our building. And then with Cam, so I've had the opportunity to work one on one with her so much through this building. Her and I are like the go to for everything. She has gone through a lot of issues with her floor this year, they were a very challenging bunch, but she was able to stay impartial through it all. And no matter what situation was going on, at the end of the day she was still there for those that gave her a hard time or said things to her that probably were not the best, she was still impartial to it all. And, even if they gave her a tough day, and she was upset about it, she would still go back the next day and be there for them as best as she could. So, I can endorse all three of them.

VP Bragg: Thank you.



Senator Rossello: I just wanted to speak on Deionte real quickly, he is one of the most amazing people I know and he's really a hard worker. I'm in almost every org he's also in. He's very involved and bubbly and I think he would do a great job getting people involved in SGA. And also, just as far as Randy, he's amazing. I believe he would do a great job as the intern coordinator and foster such a great environment for interns. That's all I really have.

VP Bragg: Thank you.

Senator Kumar: I would like to move to add Senator Miller to the minutes

College Senator Moore: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, welcome Haden, hope work wasn't too bad. Is there anymore discussion on the appointees.

Senator Nichols: Sorry, I forgot one thing. With Deionte, I know he was very influential in creating the quad, the student llc and I think that too is something really important that I didn't want to leave out. Because I think that's something really important to show, how influential he is and how great of a character he is. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you

Senator Harman: Hi everybody. I just wanted to say again, outside of how I know a few of these candidates, I think that each of them, regardless of my personal relationships with them, sort of had not only a lot of great ideas, but also a lot of good experience and I will be voting in support of all of them. But I think the thing that impressed me most about them was that for the most part, they all answered my questions that I was gonna ask before I even got to ask them, so that ushered me into supporting all of them.

VP Bragg: Than you again, anymore discussion?

[moments pass]

Alright, seeing none, I will now entertain a motion to vote on new business items subsection A, line items i through x via secret ballot. I need someone to...

Senator Nichols: So moved

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes. I believe according to acting attorney general/chief of staff Satterfield, there are twenty...

AG/COS Satterfield: Two-thirds will be 16 people

VP Bragg: Thank, whenever you're ready if you will send that out...

[moments pass]

Thanh Le: Alright, closing ballot in 3...2...1...

[moments pass]

VP Bragg: Okay, can you hear me? Alrighty, well, all were confirmed. Save your round of applause until they get back because they did all the work, I guess. Thank if you want to let them all in. Also a thanks to Colton and Amya for helping us pick better people this go around, couldn't have done it without you.

[moments pass]

Alrighty, can you all hear me? Congratulations, you all passed; the first ten should I say. Now onto the back ten; at this time, I will now entertain a motion to consider Chris Cunningham for student org liaison.

Senator Nichols: So moved

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: Alright, so as Vice President Bragg said, next we have, starting out our second round, we have Chris Cunningham, up for appointment to the position of student org liaison. Again, this is another outreach position, someone that would be interacting with all 500+ student organizations on our campus, and Chris has great ideas in order to engage with those students. Chris is also a senior information management systems major here at WVU. So Chris if you would like to take it away.

Christopher Cunningham: Sure thing, thank you Chase. So I wanted to start off first by saying my mom might interrupt because she's bringing me coffee, so I apologize whenever she does do that. I am an uprising second year senior in management information systems. This will be my fifth year, and as a general and executive member of various organizations on campus, I've worked with numerous diverse students, with a wide variety of needs. I've come up with creative solutions over time, I've seen failure so many times, and I'm not

afraid of it anymore. But, I've also seen a lot of success, my work touch the lives of others. Due to this pandemic, I see virtual engagement becoming the norm for a while, with that said, I'm sure student organizations will need guidance dealing with new innovative ways to fulfil their missions during these times. So, I'm excited to work with the office of student engagement, as well as the Bureau of Finance, and student experience committee to develop creative solutions to everything and anything 2020 and 2021 may throw at us. Some ideas I have so far include, virtual engagement best practices, so sharing those amongst student organization, we're all really gonna have to be communicating during these times to figure out the best way of doing things as far as engaging students, making sure our programs are sufficient. Oh, here she is right now, sorry about that, thank you mom. As well as, organization collaboration through Engage. I know last year was the first year, but potentially, with the coronavirus and everything being online, we're going to have to start using Engage a lot more. I think there's a lot of student organizations that have similar missions, similar goals as far as what they're going to do and who they're trying to reach. And I think using Engage and starting discussion on their and keeping it organized will help student organizations work with each other and find other organization and groups of students who will also dwell with what they're trying to do. And then I would also like to include inclusive best practices, to ensure that WVU students of all backgrounds feel comfortable and appreciated in the organizations that best suit them. Any questions?

VP Bragg: Yes, any questions?

[moments pass]

Alright, seeing none, thank you Christopher.

At this time, I will now entertain a motion to consider Raimah Hossain for inclusion coordinator.

Senator Donnelly: So moved

[technical difficulties]

AG/COS Satterfield: [VP Bragg Zoom not functioning] Is there a second?

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

AG/COS Satterfield: Beautiful, Chase.

President Riggs: Alrighty, next up for appointment we have Raimah Hossain for inclusion coordinator. Raimah, she is up for inclusion coordinator. She is a biomedical engineer major and Raimah, if you want to go ahead and take it away.

Raimah Hossain: Hi everyone. My name is Raimah Hossain, I'm a sophomore biomedical engineering major as President Riggs just said. Before I get started, I just wanted to thank President Riggs, Senator Jernigan, and Senator Nichols for giving me the opportunity to represent my interest in this position and it was really nice getting to know you guys and I hope to get to know all of you, like to rest of you, if I am appointed to this position. So, as President Riggs said, I'm interested in being appointed to Inclusion coordinator. Personally, my experience with inclusion is really important to me because growing up in a semi-rural part of the state, I was often the only woman of color in school and I just think it's really important that everyone's voices are heard. And on that note, diversity to me is really important, not just in the sense of fulfilling quota, but making sure that different perspectives are heard around campus. So, in regards to my experience at WVU, i'm currently serving as an honors ambassador on behalf of the honors college. Through that position I work with a variety of students as is, and I pretty much have to stay up to date with the university which I think would really help me in my position if I would be appointed. Throughout my position as an honors college ambassador, I also worked specifically with the office of diversity equity and inclusion to host some underrepresented students from charleston, and we brought them to WVU when we brought them to campus, and answered any questions they had, which allowed me to get a really interested perspective on inclusion on campus. As senator Jernigan brought up during my interview, retention is huge problem here at WVU, and that would be one of the things I would want to tackle if I were appointed as inclusion coordinator. As we discussed in the interview, I think a really important aspect to retention is making sure that everyone has things that they are interested in, so that they not only feel like they need to be here at WVU, but they also want to be here at WVU. On top of that, one of the other things I want to focus on if I were appointed as inclusion coordinator would be to work with the intern coordinator to make sure that we are advertising all the opportunities here at SGA to the office of global affairs specifically to make sure that international students are really aware what's going here in SGA, because I think it is one of those things where they would really enjoy having their voices heard, but maybe they don't know exactly how they would do that. On that note, that's all I have to say, I'm welcome to any questions anyone might have.

VP Bragg: Yes, any questions for Raimah

[moments pass]

Alrighty, seeing none, thank you.

Moving on, at this time, I will now consider a motion for Alexis Wilkinson for safety coordinator.

Senator Nichols: So moved

Senator Harman: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: So, up next we have Alexis Wilkinson, up for the appointment for the safety coordinator position. Alexis is a sophomore criminology major, she's very passionate about safety and ensuring the safety of all WVU students, has great ideas for this position. So, if Alexis, if you would take it away.

Alexis Wilkinson: Hi, everyone. I'm Alexis Wilkinson, I live in Waverly, PA near the Poconos, if you don't know where that is. Here at WVU, I'm minoring in criminology with a minor in forensics. I plan on becoming a state trooper after I get my degree, which is also why being the safety coordinator is the best position for me to be in, a little background on me is that I was the vice president of SGA for three years in high school, I organized blood drives, fundraisers and also community walks. I have two big ideas that I want to make happen this upcoming school year, if we do have on campus classes. The first one is that I want to try and get a swipe system in all the dorms. What I mean by that is, for example, in Oakland, students must swipe in every time they want to get into the building. Other dorms, like Boreman, you can only swipe in past 9pm, that has been a big concern with me and some other students who were living with me on my floor, since I did live in Boreman North. The second idea is, due to a few of the shootings near campus this past year, I want to try and get some self-defense classes or even some information sessions to inform them on what they need to do if that does occur again, and how to act on instinct. I was thinking maybe the UPD could hold these sessions at different location on campus to teach the students different techniques. I just want everyone to feel as safe as possible on campus. So yeah, thank you for your time. And it was really nice getting to know all of you, and I'm really sorry my poor connection.

VP Bragg: Thank you Alexis, are there any questions?

Senator Kumar: Hello. Yes, Alexis, do you have any ideas or initiatives to help make students of color feel safer on campus.

Alexis Wilkinson: Uh, what do you mean by that? Like just in general or?

Senator Kumar: In general, will feel more singled out in a population and coming as a person of color myself, sometimes I get in situations where I don't feel as safe, and I was wondering if there were any measures that you thought we could take, as university to help students feel in tune with the community.

Alexis Wilkinson: Yeah, I do believe that we should hold more community based things, and I don't really single anyone out, so I feel like anyone on campus should feel like a appreciated and not singled out in any way sort of matter.

VP Bragg: Thank you Arpan.

President Pro Tempore Jones: Hi Alexis, I was just wondering if you had any plans on focusing on pedestrian safety for students. I know that it is a big issue that we focused on last year, and I'm sure we could continue on pursuing. And I was just wondering if you had any different plans or ideas of how we could make our campus safer for pedestrians and drivers.

Alexis Wilkinson: Yes, I do believe that we should have more officers on campus watching the traffic because I do see that a lot where people are blowing stop signs or traffic signs, and it's not safe. I think there should be more awareness or walks where we could check to see if these issues are occurring.

College Senator Hanson: Cool beans. My question for you, is really two questions, but I first wanted to get your certain opinion if this is in your purview about the vaping ban that was instituted last year, what you thought about it. If you heard that it's actually being enforced or not and if you would be in favor of trying to repeal that or intensify it? Something else that's related is the city of Morgantown decriminalized the position of small amounts of marijuana, but the WVU police department and WV state police department can still prosecute you, and the WVU police have been opposed to decriminalization, so I wanted to hear your thoughts on that as well, if you were able to.

Alexis Wilkinson: For sure. I definitely know that the use of vaping did not decrease at all, as seen from students on campus. That I do feel like it should be intensified more and made more strict with certain rules. And I actually don't really know anything about the use of marijuana, I didn't really see anything about that. So I don't really know how to answer that question, I'm sorry.

Senator Harman: Hi Alexis, I just wanted to ask what sort of experience you have working with administrators, working with other people to sort of develop solutions, come up with advocacy plans, or just otherwise engaging in problem solving in areas around campus or other communities that you are involved in.

Alexis Wilkinson: In high school, I was the vice president in SGA, and we did a lot of advocacy projects in school, and we moved the volleyball court which was a big thing at my school to a different location, which was a big thing, and we got that moved, but it was a small school and coming to a big school with a larger campus, I do think that I need to broaden my horizons with that.

VP Bragg: Thank you, anymore questions for Alexis? Alright, seeing none, thank you Alexis. At this time, I will now consider a motion to consider Madison Bowers for student experience coordinator.

Senator Nichols: So moved

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

VP Bragg: President Riggs

President Chase: Alrighty, next we have, as President Bragg just said, Madison Bowers up for the appointment to the position of Student Experience Coordinator. Madison is a junior marketing major. Madison, if you would like to go ahead and introduce yourself.

Madison Bowers: Yeah, thank you Mr. President, and thank you Mr. Vice President, and Senator Nichols and Senator Jernigan, I definitely enjoyed my interview with ya'll. So, I am, like Mr. Riggs said, Madi Bowers, and I am from Colton, WV, and I am a marketing major with a theater minor. Here at WVU, I am a tour guide, so some of the experience I have on campus is specific. I have worked for the visitor center for a year now and when looking at all the positions that were open student experience coordinator looked super interesting to me, because I get to see the students come into campus and I get to convince them to be here, but I am really interested in getting them to stay and so that was definitely a big part of why I wanted to be here. Just a little bit of other experience that I have that I wanted to share with you is that I am a certified student leader here on campus. And I am also, just something I wanted to mention leadership wise as well is for the past six years I have worked as a dancing chef aboard the polar express train as a senior car leader, so that means I get to help train baby chefs to pour hot chocolate, sing, and dance on a moving train and get to work with children as young as infants all the way up to great grandparents to ensure they have a awesome experience to the north pole and back. It is one of the greatest jobs ever, Zach thank you. That is a little bit of the experience that I have coming into this, but I will say although I do not have any Student Government association experience here at WVU, it's always been something that's very interesting to me and I just didn't think that I had a place in it and then once I saw this position open, I said, "This is the

position for me that I was thinking about.” So two goals that I was really considering going into this position that i would like to get done for the year. And just a little bit of back story for me I come from a small town of about 205 people, Colton WV. And, anybody else from a small town, you know that everybody knows everybody, and when I came to WVU, something I was really worried about is that i was going to lose that community aspect. But when I got to WVU, I felt like I found my little niche, I found my people, and I found my home. I think a big problem with retention is that people their freshman year are not being able to find their home. And so I think it is really important for us as an organization to push students to find their community, to find their people, and to find the faculty and students that will make them feel like home while they are here. So not only do they come to see us in Morgantown, but they come and they stay. So, I think that’s something that’s really important to me, and I heard the appointee for inclusion talking about this as well, so I would love to talk to her on this. And then the second sort of goal I was hoping for is, especially with COVID-19 going on, this is a big challenge, and I heard Mr. President say earlier that he is talking with helping the transition for students. We’ve been away from campus for a really long time, and by the time August rolls around, and who even knows if we’ll start in August, it’s gonna be a really really long time. And so getting students back on campus and getting students back engaged and ready to be, not only active in the classroom, but also active in organizations. I think it’s really important and we need to be able to push that transition and ease that transition back to campus. And I really appreciate ya’ll having me here and if you have any questions I would like to hear them.

VP Bragg: Yes, thank you Madison for the most positive opening statement we’ve had all night. You definitely put me in a better mood. Are there any questions for Madison. I didn’t think I’d get any, thank you Madison. Any questions? None? Definitely the best opening we had all night, you put us in a better mood. Thank you, Madison. I will now consider a motion for Anneliese Kaczmarek as sustainability coordinator.

College Senator Moore:

Senator Nichols:

VP Bragg: This motion passes, Chase.

President Riggs: Alright, we have Anneliese Kaczmarek up for the appointment of sustainability coordinator. Anneliese is a senior industrial engineer major. As we all know, as a land grant institution, we do have a responsibility to our state, so sustainability is extremely important now. Anneliese has several ideas and ways that we can promote sustainability on campus. So Anneliese, if you wanna go ahead and take it away.



Anneliese Kaczmarek: Before I get into all my ideas as Chase said, a little background on myself. I am a senior in industrial engineering here. My involvement in the university the past four years, this will be my fifth, hasn't involved SGA, but it has involved a few other organizations. One organization I've been a part of is engineers without borders. I worked on a membership committee and then I was also a local project coordinator last year. Along with that I was also the vice president for Peak Consulting, which we just recently started here at WVU, which is an initiative to give students consulting experience while still in the classroom. That way, when you go into the field, you feel more prepared. Especially, in a time like this where a lot of students are getting their internships revoked and things of that nature. It's really important to make sure we're giving students opportunities to get that hands on experience, so that's another organization I'm involved with. These organizations have kind of spurred an interest into sustainability, along with my co-op that I just recently did. In the fall, I took a co-op for Conner's Group, which is a consulting firm in Pittsburgh. I'm currently on my second rotation with them right now. That really just showed me a lot of problem solving, working with different individuals, collaboration, and kind of just getting down to the root of the issue. That kind of took me to sustainability. On campus, at such a large campus that we are, even though it might not seem like it at times with Big XII, we do have a big impact on not only our environment immediately in Morgantown, but also in the state of West Virginia. So I really wanted to take the time to look at what we are doing in terms of data. Although we do have data collection on our energy usage and our recycling program and all such nature, so I really want to take a deep dive into that and see what's going on. Through that, hopefully identify room for improvement. I also want to make sure there are initiatives on campus for sustainability. I know at Peak Consulting, one of our initiatives we were working on was actually with the sustainability office. We actually inventoried all water fountains on campus, which surprisingly hadn't been done, so we had no clue how many and what state they were in. So we were hoping now to kind of upgrade some of these fountains in high traffic areas and promote the fountains as well to students, try to limit some single use plastic on our campus. We also want to look at food recycling, food waste I should say, I know we have all these different dining halls, we have different restaurants on campus and such, and yet we still have students who don't have the opportunity to have a meal sometimes, whether it be financial, I know myself I have a lot of food allergies, so I have very limited options that I've had to deal with in the past. I kind of want to see how we're doing on food waste, because it doesn't seem like a big issue, but in the scheme of things, we can take care of things, I know that we do have meal swipe swapping programs now, which I'm all for, so I kind of want to look at that as well. Past that, I want to look at our trash production. Paper, recycling, and how we're going about that. Recycling is a very gray area, in terms of what you can actually recycle and what you cannot. So I want to see if we're being productive with recycling, and

make sure we are actually separating the material to where it can be properly recycled. Different plastics can't actually get recycled together, so at time they will just dump everything into trash and won't go to recycling. So, going into these issues and looking at whether or not our campus really is in the first stage is my current issue. Since we haven't really had anybody look in to this on terms of SGA or that I've heard, I don't have any SGA prior experience. I hope that I can really paint a picture for everybody and get that transparency of what our school is actually doing and how we could improve it. So, a couple ideas that I have had in the past, and that I am currently working on is, at Peak Consulting, one of the things we're really interested in is trying to bring in more green energy into our campus. I don't know how many of you are on Evansdale, compared to Beechurst, but if you've been to Evansdale Crossings, which I'm going to guess every single one of you have, the bus stop is nice, it keeps you dry from the rain, but you don't really have any information on when busses are coming, PRT Shuttles, and anything like that. So we want to retrofit the bus stop with a solar panel fitted display system that will display bus routes from the Mountainline, will display PRT Shuttle times, and things of that sort. It will also tell you if things are closed on the PRT side, just so that you kind of have more information to be smarter about your choices when it comes to commuting, Especially since I know that's a big fight between faculty and students. Surprisingly enough, sustainability is such a big issue, transportation is one I think it overlooked, but is crucial in Morgantown. If we want to keep expanding in the way it seems we do, we really need to make sure we can sustain the people we have in the area. Making sure we have reliable transportation is another thing I am really keen on focusing on. I'm hoping that collaborating with all different organizations we have, all the different initiatives we have on campus, that we can really make a difference. I know it's such a broad topic that at times it can seem like you can't really implement anything that's gonna change things quick enough, but I feel like by breaking it down in where our major issues are right now, we can kind of problem solve, and brainstorm on how to have the quickest impact with everything that's going on. I know the running theme is what do we do when we come back, but it's really hard to say, especially with everything the way that information is coming out, everybody is kind of waiting to see what results will be. I really want to, at this point in time, focus on figuring out where we are and really establishing some information and communication between sustainability and the campus, and just letting everyone know what our campus is doing to be greener, to be better, and to be better sustained, and that valuable experience that we miss right now of campus life if there for anybody to have in the future. That's what I hope to do. Hopefully if you guys are okay with all my ideas, I can work with you all to improve them.

VP Bragg: Thank you Anneliese, any questions?

Senator Harman: Hi Anneliese. Let me just say, I absolutely love all your ideas, and I'm super excited about all of them, but my question is: what relationship/experience do you have with administrators to kind of implement these ideas. What feedback have they given you? What direction have they given you for forwarding these to you? And how do you think through SGA you'll be able to accomplish these, sometime in the future. I know that I have had things with people in strategic initiatives, the office of sustainability, they said that these kinds of things they have to budget out. So I know that these are kind of long-term plans, but what sort of ideas, feedback, or progress have you made to get these things done.

Anneliese Kaczmarek: Okay, I love the question because that's a very big factor and especially when it comes to sustainability and your working with campus funds. As we all know the university is very diligent in what they put money towards. So that's one thing I want to kind of take care of in the analyzing phase, I want to see what stakeholders on certain issues, what is the reward, what is the benefit, what is the cost? From, especially my co-op and working with different companies, I had to learn how to talk to stakeholders, and how to make them see the value in what we're doing, and I feel like that's crucial in bringing these things to the university and respective partners and tell them why it needs to happen, and really spark that interest and that passion that we all share about these issues. I feel like if I can try to find the real bottlenecked processes are that are really holding us back from fixing this issue and I can kind of try to find ways with everyone's help to find a more efficient way of doing it without having high costs. There's small changes you can always make, for example, in the water fountain project, we actually found that, what we are proposing now is just to have signs up where water fountains are. That's sounds crazy but I didn't know where half of the water fountains are until I started walking around with a big blueprint of the buildings looking for them. So little things like that as minor as they may be really do make a difference in the long run, and they do help you work towards these bigger goals. So one thing that I really want to hope to make sure of is just keep focusing on small, large, and medium goals, and making sure that there's a big array of them, because focusing on one big initiative is awesome, but at times you might hit a road block, you might have a pandemic, you never know what could happen and what could stall your progress. Hopefully, just by keeping up with what needs to be done, what can be done fast and effectively, will help implement this. But, I do know that the university, especially sustainability office, they're the ones who gave us the water fountain project, they are interested in trying to update some of the things on campus for the better of all of us. But things like the solar panel bus stop, that's something that's a little bit more costly, a bit more time consuming, so that's something that, if it were to be proposed, prepared on and have everything laid out so there's no questions, there's no wonders, you just have to make

sure you have those stakeholders' issues resolved in the works. I hope that answers your questions.

VP Bragg: Anymore questions?

Seeing none, I will now consider a motion for Jamie for health coordinator.

Senator Nichols: So moved

College Senator Backus: Second

VP Bragg: Thank you, this motion passes, President Riggs.

President Riggs: Next, as Vice President Bragg said, we have Jamie up for appointment to the health coordinator position. Jamie is a junior biology major, Jamie if you would like to take it away. Vice President Bragg, is Jamie here?

VP Bragg: That's what I'm looking for too, boss.

President Riggs: I haven't heard anything, and I wasn't sent any statement, but I can... I can check my email as well. If you want to continue on with the following appointments...

VP Bragg: At this time, I will consider a motion for Jacob Frisbee as a Bureau of Finance member.

Senator Harman: So moved

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

President Riggs: Jacob is up for appointment to the BoF as a voting member. Jacob is a junior finance and accounting major. Jacob, go ahead and take it away.

Jacob Frisbee: Hi everyone. Just like Chase said, I am a dual finance and accounting major here at WVU, as well as a rising senior. In terms of experience for the Bureau of Finance voting member position, I have three internships as well as experience in my fraternity being finance chair. My experience is both quantitative and qualitative, and the jobs that I've done in these positions have ranged from financial modeling, accounting modeling, cost accounting, budgeting, really about anything that you can think of. If I were to be appointed to SGA as a voting member of the BoF, I'd use all my knowledge and try to make the

finances run smoothly and try to make everything run smoothly. With that being said, if you guys have any questions, go ahead and shoot.

VP Bragg: Any questions? I think you're pretty qualified Jacob. At this time I will consider a motion for Nathaniel Paine as a Bureau of Finance voting member.

Senator Nichols: So moved

Senator Harman: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, President Riggs.

President Riggs: Nathaniel is also up for appointment to the BoF. Nathaniel is a junior information system major. Take it away, Nathan... Nathaniel.

Nathaniel Paine: Hello, my name is Nathaniel Paine, I go by Nate. I'm majoring in information management systems, with a minor in accounting and business data analytics. I currently work for the WVU Foundation and I also held several internships surrounding accounting and I'm very excited to have the potential to work for the board of finance. I have taken several accounting classes as well as finance and I think I would be a good addition to the board of finance and I would love to have the opportunity to work with you all. If you have any questions, I would be happy for them.

VP Bragg: Thank you Nathaniel.

College Senator Moore: Do you have any experience with some WVU student orgs, for instance some organizations or clubs that might come to the BoF for grants for assistance, any experience working with them, reaching out to orgs within your time her?

Nathaniel Paine: During my Freshman and beginning of my sophomore year, I was member of the WVU Crew Team. I reluctantly had to exit being a part of that club because I didn't have time for them because of other courses. But through them I was a member of the varsity team and I worked closely with the finance chair of that club at the time to make sure we had enough money to make it to races and be able to afford new boats and things of that nature.

VP Bragg: Any more questions for Nathaniel.

Seeing none, thank you Nathaniel. I will now consider a motion for Olivia Mensore for BoF voting member.

Senator Nichols: So moved

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second

VP Bragg: Alright, President Riggs.

President Riggs: So our second to last appointment tonight is Olivia Mensore. Again, as a Bureau of Finance voting member. Olivia is a sophomore finance major.

Olivia Mensore: Hello everyone. It's nice to be speaking to all of you tonight, I'm sorry, I've had some trouble with my webcam, so I don't think you can see me. But, regardless, my name is Olivia Mensore, and as Chase said, I am a rising sophomore and finance major at WVU. This past year I joined the financial planning club, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and worked with the office of global affairs to better market their study abroad program. I have also worked for nearly five years now at my family's beverage distribution company and private estate law firm. At my family's business, I deal a lot with inventory and customer relations and I often analyze income statements and transactions to make sure that we aren't overbuying any products that aren't selling too well and are buying enough products that are becoming increasingly popular, that way we can increase our profits and decrease our expenses. At the law firm, I work often work with filing and analyzing deeds, oil and gas rights, tax receipts, and what not and then I take what I learn from those and report them to who is in charge, that way they can make decisions based on what the documents say and our history with who we work with. What I would like to do with this position is increase awareness of SGA because, as a freshman I really did not know much about it, until the end of my spring semester. I would like to do this through business school, be speaking to the introductory classes that freshman have to take, such as BCOR 191 and those classes often have business and clubs come in and speak about who they are and what they do and I would love to speak on behalf of this student government association and explain really who we are and more specifically what the Bureau of Finance does because finance is really important in the business world and I think by doing so I can not only educate them better on who we are but I think it would help us out in the future because the future students of WVU that would be apart of student government would have a better idea of what it is. Also those that are members of clubs and orgs on campus will have a better understanding of how grants work and expenses and they'll be more educated to talk to us about those things. And that is all I have, if anyone has any questions please feel free to ask.

VP Bragg: Any questions for Olivia? Seeing none, Thank you Olivia. At this time I will consider a motion for Brook Ashby for BoF voting member.

Senator Daniel: So moved

Senator Nichols: Second

VP Bragg: This motion passes, President Riggs.

President Riggs: Our last appointment of the evening is Ms. Brook Ashby to be appointed to the Bureau of Finance. Brooke is a junior communications major, but you all may know her as the alternate Mountaineer. Take it away, Brooke.

Brooke Ashby: Hey everyone. My name is Brooke, I am a dual major now, that's new, with communication sciences and disorders and psychology. I have been on the mountaineer maniacs executive board for going on my second year and part of my job with that is I work with the Olympic sports team. I help bring in students to athletic events and increase the participation. I will now be on the community service part of the board this year, so I'm really looking forward to that. I'm also in Alpha O Pi, where I held the alumni relations chair. Part of that was being the communicator between our chapter and alumni and holding a few events throughout the semester to keep them involved. In addition, I've been president of autism speaks along with vice president of autism speaks. A lot of that had to do with making sure other board members were completing their job and the treasurer would also report directly to me for everything and for a few weeks we didn't have a treasurer, so I took over that position a little bit. As Chase said, I'm the new mountaineer alternate mascot so I'm very excited to begin my journey with that. If you guys have any questions.

VP Bragg: Thank you Brooke, any questions? I guess you get off scot free too. At this point, with all appointees exhausted, I will now entertain a motion to move into discussion for appointees xi through xx.

Senator Donnely: So moved

VP Bragg: Correction, this will be exempting the health coordinator, who is not present tonight, as we will put them up, if they accept, we will find someone to fill that. So this is exempting appointee xvi.

Senator Daniel: So moved.

VP Bragg: This passes, I ask Thanh that you send all of them back to their breakout room. Have they all been kicked out yet? All good, is there any discussion on the appointees?

Senator Colbert: I just wanted to speak on two different people. With Chris, just speaking with him, he's such a nice person, he's a really good person. I believe he's really well known and that he would be a good fit for the position. And then, so far I've liked all the nominees, they've been really good, really positive. One thing that has bothered me, one of the nominees, Alexis Wilkinson I believe. I don't know, it was brought to my attention people are sharing around something she had twitter, or something kind of what's going on right now with police and race relations. Senator Kumar brought up a good point when he asked her a question about how she would deal with safety with students of color we have on campus before, even in recent years, even like last year, we've had issues with students of color and police and other issues. Quick frankly it bothers me what she said on Twitter, but also how she answered the question. It makes me feel like she wouldn't be a person where people of color could come to her if there was a safety concern. I feel like it would be very uncomfortable for other students of color. I'm also a criminology major, so I get her stand point on different things, but you also have to remain impartial, you can't just pick one side, so I feel like that could be a concern. For all these positions, it should be someone who is impartial, so students are able to voice their concerns and come to people. That kind of bothers me and I'm not really feeling, we should really address that. That could run into a concern in the issue if there is an issue with the university and race relations, I don't feel like that's a good look for SGA. That's all.

VP Bragg: Thank you.

Senator Jarnigan: Hey. I wanted to start off on a positive note. I wanted to start off by speaking on behalf of Chris. He works with different entities on campus, he's always involved in something, always at meetings. I don't think I've been to an event and haven't seen Chris in a meeting. I think that he is more than qualified for the position and I'm more than qualified to work with him. Ramiah, she definitely impressed me in the interview and she just had so many great ideas for everybody to see and I really feel like she had really great ideas for including diversity on campus or how to get more diversity into these spaces. She really was comfortable talking about what we need to do, and not only with diversity, she was the first candidate to bring up international students. I really was impress with that. I also wanted to speak on behalf of Madison, woah. She hands down is one of the most positive people, she's also involved in so many things on campus and just wow. And Annaliese, she also is just another wow. She knows so much stuff about sustainability and she is so involved on campus as it is. I wanted to speak on behalf of those candidates. Speaking about Alexis, during her interview, I know that Colton asked a



question about diversity and she answered the question. We didn't feel any of the uneasiness during the interview. Then again, when she came to the meeting, and then there were some tweets, and other interactions outside of the meeting, that we were very concerning to me. I did want to speak, in the interview, she didn't seem any type of way. She didn't seem uncomfortable talking about diversity in the interview. And she said, "this is what I'm gonna do with diversity on campus." I am very concerned about the overall presentation that we're sending out if this was a thing that we are going to do. I am very concerned about, if we say "hey, we want more diversity and we support more diversity on campus," we are moving strides to have a more diverse SGA and we sort of go, "but, people aren't comfortable talking to this one person that's playing a major role on campus with safety," already the outside voices--the police, all that stuff going on--I don't think it would be a great look. That's what I'm going to say about that.

VP Bragg: Thank you.

Senator Kumar: Hello. I hate to always be out here negative, so I'm gonna start out with some good. I think almost every single candidate just brought up is amazing. Specifically Chris, I can't believe he applied. He's an amazing person, outstanding, and would love to have him in that position. But, in the negatives, not for Chris, but Alexis Wilkinson. I have to speak in strong opposition to her. I'm sorry, I know it's not off of a lot of evidence, but through the interaction in the first question that I asked her, I found that she took time to register that the minority safety on campus being a higher concern, she didn't even register that as a problem at first. She, at first, said "what do you mean?" And then she almost seemed dismissive when we talked about it, she went on to say "well, I try to treat everyone the same," she didn't really back anything productive in her statement. She clearly was not prepared for that, she hasn't thought of that, it's not a thing on her mind. Moreover, we're talking about the tweets and what goes on on her social media, but I want to go ahead and address that, straight on, she just said just because one cop made a poor decision does not mean you can disrespect all officers, support the blue lives. And the next one is an all blue lives matter thing. I understand that in itself is its own movement, but at the end of the day, to put that kind of inflection and interjection in the strong narrative that is going on, it's disrespectful, it's harming the cause that we should focus on which is Black Lives Matter. I would hate for that to be the representation of SGA, that is something that SGA is not and it is away from, and bringing her into this position as the head of safety for us, it would be a terrible look and it would honestly make me feel unsafe, just feel less safe. That's all I have to say.

VP Bragg: Thank you Arpan, Senator Miller

Senator Miller: Hey everybody, sorry I missed the first half of the nominees, I'm sure they're all great and everything. I wanted to voice how happy I am with how the majority of all this went, during the second half of the nomination process. I think Chase and Jaron and everybody else who was a part of that process did an amazing job picking people who are outside of SGA, some people who were in before and overall got a great group of people who will represent our organization extremely well, so I just wanted to say thank you to those who played a part in that.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Haden. Senator Donnelly.

Senator Donnelly: First and foremost, I have been very impressed by the experience and the amount of ideas being presented here this evening. All accommodations to those involved with appointing these fine individuals, they've been fantastic listening to their ideas this evening. I do want to first speak in favor of one individual, who I had the pleasure of working with in the past, and that is Ramiah. I am extremely of the idea of working with her in the inclusion coordinator position. I don't think this has been brought up this evening, but she was actually supposed to get a TedTalk this spring about her experiences with diversity and inclusion in her life. Just someone who is able to speak so passionately about that and with the amount of experiences she's had. I think she's a great fit for this role, and I loved all of her ideas. I do feel the need to address what is being talked about right now, and that is the situation with Alexis. I understand as well the interviews were going on maybe some of her opinions that she has since put out on social media wasn't immediately present. But because some of those opinions are present, I feel that I cannot support Alexis. Some of what has been said this evening is that we are trying to support SGA as an inclusive organization and with these opinions being present out there and us supporting someone who has such opinions, I don't think it would be a good look for SGA.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Kevin. College Senator Moore.

College Senator Moore: Thanks Jaron. I just kind of wanted to echo that, but I don't want to speak on it specifically, because a lot of other people have, and they're a lot more in tune with what they're advocating than what I could ever be. But to speak about some of the specific nominees that we had tonight. I could really only say great things, and only not being exclusive, I don't personally know Chris Cunningham, but I know that he came to a lot of townhalls that we hosted last year and that he's been involved in a lot of discussions with SGA in that past without even being directly involved. I have to echo a lot of work that Ramiah has done. As an honors ambassador, I've worked with her and she's done some incredible work with the diversity and the inclusion initiatives through the college. With Annaliese, I don't think we could ask for a better sustainability coordinator. I first met her

while working with engineers without borders and that was at a time when she had just gotten back from helping with the flooding that happened in the southern part of the state a couple years ago, WVU was involved with that and she helped with that. So that was really my first impression and then she's only been doing more and more things to propose sustainability and outreach. And her answers were all engineering oriented and I think that I shed a single tear, it was fantastic. But, really, happy with the nominees. Thank you guys.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Hunter. Senator Nichols.

Senator Nichols: Hey everybody, sorry again for talking so much. I wanted to start out, Chris, he was really the only one that we thought of for the position. He just blew us away with everything, I think he'd make a great officer. With Ramiah, again, being a university ambassador, I heard so many of things that we discuss every time we meet with her and it so great to hear all of the discussion we had and I know it's going to be so great to work with her, if she would be appointed. So, I think she would be fantastic. With Alexis, I don't know what to say. As Amaya had said, in her interview she seemed to not be uncomfortable with it. She seemed to have a good response to me asking her about safety with diversity and making sure that all students feel safe, so not sure what happened there. I don't know, past what everyone else said. With student experience coordinator, Madison Bowers, I can't say enough about her. She is amazing. She blew us away, she was fantastic. She was just fantastic, I loved her as student experience coordinator. She would do fantastic. Annaleise, she blew us away with sustainability, by far she was almost one of our longest interviews. She was one of the ones where we just sat back and let her talk, all the ideas she had, all her experience, just everything that she had to bring to SGA. I think she would make a good sustainability coordinator. For BoF voting member, Jacob Frisbee, Nathaniel Paine, Brooke Ashby--they all had a lot of really good experience with finances, it's going to be really important that we have that, if they are selected. I think they would make great members to the BoF, and for the most part I think all of our candidates would be great. I support them for the most part. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Colton. College Senator Hanson.

College Senator Hanson: I have two things to raise. First of all, I was thinking about the debate about the one candidate, Alexis and I think that people are really, I don't know if people are coming to conclusions, but I think that my conclusion there is that the safety coordinator position is possibly the most important of all these offices, because it really frames the SGA's voice toward some really politically contentious issues, like drugs, obviously police violence, and guns. We have campus carry the prior year, and I'm not really here to bash anybody. I will say that, whoever gets elected to that position needs to

be well read on all of the issues, and I think marijuana is one the most basic issues, it is one of the most things that students get in trouble for, and again this implies when she didn't really have an answer, or at least had a thoughtful opinion on that matter. So, I'd like to propose something different. So, because there's so many hot button issues, I feel like this position would be better served by having a small committee, instead of having one person, whoever they are, with no political views to determine what functions that office performs. I'd be more in advocacy for having two or three people, just so that executive office can really talk about the issues and we can we have more debate. So I guess that's the one thing and the second thing, because I do want to end on a positive note, is that I was really encouraged by Ms. Mountaineer, her support for Autism Speaks, for people in the autistic community, some people like autism speak and some people don't, but when i see somebody giving attention to those issues, that really encourages me because I think those on the spectrum get a lot of discrimination, and no one really mentions it they just sweep it under the rug. To see somebody who actually doing something about that is really encouraging to me

VP Bragg: Thank you Jonathon. Senator Ihlenfeld.

Senator Ihlenfeld: First, I wanted to say, I was so impressed by Annaleise. I'm so glad that we have her here, and I think we're gonna be really lucky. She had some really amazing ideas, I thought she was such a cool person and really intelligent and well-spoken. I'm really excited about her. On the issue of Alexis, I was alarmed pretty quickly when people started asking her questions, especially on diversity, but also on topics that she didn't really seem to know what things a safety coordinator should know. I'm glad that people brought up her tweets, I didn't know about that, so thank you for bringing up that. I don't think that she's the right fit for that position and I definitely think there's tons of super qualified people that we can find. And so I think we should hold off on her for tonight. Thanks.

VP Bragg: Thank you Sarah, College Senator Stackpole.

College Senator Stackpole: I just wanted to speak about Chris Cunningham. He is a fantastic person to work with. I've worked with him for the past year in the hospitality and innovation lab, and he was a great team contributor and he was always bringing us other opportunities with other student organizations, so he is a brilliant pick for this role. That's all I really have to say.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Harman.

Senator Harman: I want to echo a few things that people have said. I was overwhelming impressed by Annaleise. I loved all of her ideas. As some of you probably know, the water fountain project is one of my passions and I'm super glad that we got somebody who is on the inside of that, I'm hopeful to work with her, judging by the way everyone is talking about her, I assume she will get it. I'm excited to work with her on the inside with the water fountain audit and coming and helping them to the best of my ability, advocate their issues, work with administrators. I was super impressed with everything she has to say and all of her other ideas. I would also like to speak about Ramaih Hossain, I've known her for a while now. I think that she had a great number of excellent ideas for improving diversity in SGA and on campus and advocating for those issues. I also wanted to voice my concerns for Alexis Wilkinson, I don't feel that she answered my questions effectively, she didn't really speak of experience, or issues with diversity. If anybody, Senator Nichols or Jernigan if you would be open to talking about what she said in the interview about those things. But, until we get a little more lighter information in those areas, I'm not comfortable supporting her in those areas. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Josh. Senator Daniel.

Senator Daniel: I just wanted to address College Senator Hanson's concern about a safety committee that we already have one, it's head by the safety chair, and then there's also assembly members that sit on it, so just clearing that up.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Sohan. Senator Nichols.

Senator Nichols: I just kind of wanted to address what Josh brought up, about in the interviews. When it comes to any specific things, I don't really remember any specific ideas that she had. But I will say, that she didn't seem like she did today. She didn't seem very confused about what to say or she didn't seem uncomfortable with the question. From what I remember, it seemed like a good conversation. I don't remember it being like that, but obviously that was a different case today. We didn't know things that we know now, but at the time it didn't seem like an issue as it does now. That's what I'll say.

VP Bragg: Thank you Colton, Senator jernigan.

Senator Jernigan: I just wanted to say what Colton said. I do want to bring up that she did have good ideas about safety around campus and about how to really make people in general feel safe on campus. But when we did ask questions about diversity and inclusion, she did answer the questions in the interview, but she did answer them in such a way that she has good ideas about what's going on around campus and what she would like to see on

campus and then she answered our questions like it was no big deal. But then when it came to today it was like “oh diversity? Huh?” It was, I don’t know. But just to answer your question, Josh. Senator Harman? Sorry.

VP Bragg: Thank you Amya, Senator Daniel.

Senator Daniel: It’s me again, thanks for all the love first off. Second off, I just wanted to say that I liked Alexis’s ideas that she brought up, but after a lot of stuff brought up after this debate, I will also be voting no. So, I just wanted to put my opinion out there.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Any further debate? Alright, I will now entertain a motion to close debate on the selected appointees and vote via secret ballot.

College Senator Moore: So moved.

Senator Donnelly: Second.

VP Bragg: This motion passes. Thank.

Advisor Le: Alrighty, launch. Alright, closing the poll in 3...2...1...

VP Bragg: Congratulations to Chris, Ramiah, Madison, Annaliese, Jacob, Nathaniel, Olivia, and Brook on your appointments.

Chris Cunningham: Thank you everybody.

VP Bragg: With our long appointment process done during this wonderful special session, I will now move onto open student for II. It says open form I on the agenda, but it’s II.

## **X. Open Student Forum II**

Anything for open student forum II?

President Riggs: Congratulations to everyone who was appointed tonight. We look forward to working with you throughout this year, so I’m gonna say snaps to everyone, that’s something we do here in SGA, we give everyone snaps, so snaps to you all.

VP Bragg: Senator Nichols

Senator Nichols: I just wanted to say again, I talked a lot this meeting, but I wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity and congratulate all the people her were appointed. I look forward to working with all of you, and I'm just so thankful so thankyou.

VP Bragg: Anything else? Alrighty, advisors report? Thank

## **XI. Advisor's Report**

Thanh Le: Hey, so welcome to the summer. Hopefully, those who are taking summer classes are off to a good start. Just know that the administration is working very hard to prepare for how the fall will look. We're hoping to make some announcements here soon. Just know that our intentions are to definitely make sure that students are going to be safe and so any decision that's being made is in the best interest of everyone's safety, so we really look to SGA to help us gather that information, so we can help to submit the information. We don't want any kind of misinformation to go out, especially once we start to get close to August, and so if you hear any rumors, please don't spread them, come to me or talk to Chase. I know Chase and I are on a bunch of committees, so the best way to stop a rumor is to not spread it. No matter what you have heard, unless you've seen it being made officially announced by the university, it may or may not be true. Just know that we're working diligently, I know Chase has been working hard with a bunch of meetings, on top of meetings, on top of meetings, and so am I. Just know that we are doing our best to find the best way of engaging with students in the fall and all the policies that we are creating are in the best interest and safety of our students. They're have not been any decisions made on the timeline for anything, so if you've heard about a potential timeline change, that it is completely false at this point, but like I said, we will continue to work hard in all the committees we are apart of. I have been talking to Chase and his staff and his team right now, and we are going to be hosting a town hall that is TBD, it will happen in the next couple of weeks. We really want to hear from student org leaders and student leaders in general so we could get their input about things that might help them for the fall semester and even over the summer. Definitely now that we have Chris onboard as the student org liaison, I will be looping you in the at conversation sir. We're really going to try to get the voice of the students into a lot of things that we are trying to implement for this fall. As everybody on this call knows, the fall will look very different, it won't look anything like a semester we've ever seen for this institution, any WVU semester that has started here. We need your help to be in the forefront of helping us decimate the proper information and really challenging to really adhere to all the safety guidelines and regulations that are in place. You all see the news, you all read things, so please be aware of what's going on. Make sure that you're checking out reputable outlets of information, let's not spread false things out there. Other than that, I hope you all are doing well. I hope you all are getting a chance

to recharge at home and really spend some good time with loved ones and family and friends that you can, safely of course. We're praying for everybody and praying for everybody's health, just let me know if there's anything I can do for you, in the time being. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Snaps? I'll start actually, I would like to give snaps to Chase, Colton, and Amya for the 25 hours that we set through all of those interviews together. Me and Chase more like 35, I'm getting tired of hearing his voice believe it or not. Snaps to all of you, hopefully this is our last Zoom meeting, cause I'm getting tired of it. Anyone else for snaps?

Senator Kumar: Snaps to doc Thanh for somehow having a fresh cut in quarantine. How? What?

Thanh Le: Uh, I cut my own hair sir.

VP Bragg: Saving some dough. Senator Jernigan.

Senator Jernigan: I just wanted to say snaps to all the new appointees, I'm excited to work with you all and I'm excited to hear more ideas and come together in the fall, safely in the fall.

VP Bragg: College Senator Backus

College Senator Backus: I just wanted to give snaps again to all the appointees. I'm so excited to see so many people for outside of SGA become a part of it. It's so amazing. Also, snaps to everybody who is working for move out for dorms. I went to get my stuff today and it was hot and horrible, and I don't want to have to think about doing that everyday for three weeks. Hope everybody is having a great summer.

VP Bragg: Senator Daniel

Senator Daniel: Snaps to all the newly appointed executives and to Allie Satterfield and Alex Cappadona for holding two executive positions for, well Alex today, Allie for the past like month. So snaps to you guys.

Senator Nichols: Sohan stole my snaps, I was gonna give snaps to Allie and Alex for the exact same thing, so snaps to you all. Snaps to all the new executives and snaps to Chase, Jaron, and Amya for sitting with me for so long.



VP Bragg: Chief of Staff Satterfield slash attorney general of this meeting.

AG Satterfield: I want give snaps to all of the executives, I'm so excited to start working with you. We've been here for about a month, and I'm just so excited to work together and just get moving on this year together. We're so glad you're here, I know you've been told that. I know that appointments are long and can be nerve racking, but you did great all of you and I'm just so excited. Here's to a great year everyone.

VP Bragg: Snaps? Senator Harman.

Senator Harman: I want to give snaps to all the new executives as well. Super excited to get to work with you all. I want to give snaps to all the RAs who are still moving out and all that. I just did mine on Thursday and I'm sitting in my room with all my stuff and I'm not having a good time. I think we all did a good job. It's been hard not getting to see everyone and having to be forcefully removed from our living spaces so quickly, but I think everyone did a good job.

VP Bragg: Snaps? Alright, seeing none, I will now entertain a motion to adjourn.

Senator Kumar: So moved

College Senator Backus: Second

VP Bragg: Motion sill passes, meeting is adjourned.