West Virginia University

Student Government Association

November 11th, 2015

E Moore Hall, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 7:35 PM
2. Roll Call

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – p

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska – p

-Governor Kiess – p

-Governor McIntyre –p

-Governor Moneyhun – a

-Governor Richardson a–p

-Governor Riggins –p

-Governor Sabatino -a

-Governor Seabolt –a

-Governor Thompson –p

-Governor Waris –p

-Governor Watson –a

-Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a

-Athletic Councilor Taylor – p

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1. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
2. Open Student Forum I

- Secall: Happy Veterans Day, some of the charging stations within the Mountainlair are not working. There is now a committee in Morgantown called Citizens for Syria – our goal is to help allocate Syrian refugees who have family here in WV so they can come and find a better life. We’ll be advocating on multiple levels, including the University level. The interfaith community in WV as well as families, paying for supplies, helping them plan things, etc. If anyone wants to help, please contact Shani Waris and Mac McIntyre because they attended the meeting today and understand the issues. Our next meeting is Wed. Dec 2nd, in Morgantown Public Library.

- Gov. Waris: If you recall like 2 weeks ago. Our goal was 100 people, and we had 182 people pledge to fast today, thank you for the grant! We’ll have our total count for $ on Saturday.

- Southerland: Hello everyone, I was the TA for Hillar Klandorf. Next week we’ll be having some of our students presenting solutions to issues here on campus.

- Evan Macintyre: Hello everyone, consulting club over on Engineering is putting on clinic in G84 at 4:00 PM tomorrow.

1. The President’s Weekly Address

- Thank you VP Morgan. I just came from having a delicious meal in the Ballrooms thanks to the Muslim Student Association. I’ve never done something so challenging, but thank you Shani and MSA. We’re getting ready to leave here tomorrow for Austin, Texas at the annual SGA conference. Next year it’s here at WVU and we’re gonna make it BIGGER THAN TEXAS. Tomorrow, there will be a protest of solidarity in support for Mizzou and their decision to help create change at their university. We’ve been approached by the NAACP here at WVU beacsue we want them to know that we are in full support of them. Anything SGA has their logo on has to be approved by our Board of Governors, it’s not on the agenda but we will be discussing it. Our experimental rocketry club has created a rocket, and it’s phenomenal! Congrats guys! Tomorrow we’re leaving at 6 AM, so good luck to everyone. Thank you.

1. Governor’s Reports

- Vice Chair Merow: Thank you. Today we had our Share-A-Swipe program (over 300 swipes donated) if you’re interested in picking up food and delivering it at the shelters let Amber Kaska know. We’ve also got 40 more businesses onboard with Mountie Bounty.

- Fitzwater: Next Tuesday at 1-3 PM will be a SafeZone training program in the Greenbrier room.

- Humphrey: In regards to SALA and legislation, I’ve had phonecalls with Charleston and developing new legislation. I had a meeting with John Coffim, Dean of Libraries. Open source textbook committee is a go, so now we’re in the recruitment phase. Our FYS meeting last week yielded that we achieved our objectives for the year, and the continuation of the online content. FYS will be having an OCE in the Towers Blue/Gold Room, it’s titled “What’s Up Next?” There will be 7 offices represented on a panel.

- Kaska: How many of you donated a swipe today? If you still have time after the meeting, you can march to Summit and give a swipe till 9 PM tonight. Friday we’re going to Salvation Army. Saturday Bartlett House. Next Wednesday Rosenbaum House. S/O to Andrew Southerland for helping at the booth today!

- Kiess: I’m sorry for not doing a report the last couple of weeks. In parking for night classes, with new developments. VP Morgan and I met with Dr. Shafer in support for a change in Residence Hall visitation hours. There was great support from the students, but RA’s were split about halfway. Project Nanny is underway - my grandma was in ICU for 8 weeks – I know how hard it is to have a loved one in the hospital for weeks. She would always look out for people. Next week we’ll be set up in the lair raffling off a signed football/basketball for children who have loved ones in Ruby Memorial. If you could volunteer that’d be awesome, if not – at least buy a ticket. Thank you VP Morgan for acquiring the signed swag.

- Riggins: Tomrorow I’ll be traveling to Mox for a Special Olympics program. We’re looking to have many events planned for Special Athletes so they can get a college athlete’s experience.

- Thompson: There will be more info on night-class parking in the near future. On Nov. 21st the PRT will be down, but buses will be supplied!

1. Athletic Councilor Reports
2. Executive Reports

- Payan: Good evening, when Pres. Capel approached me on this issue. I said that “White Silence is White Violence”. If SGA doesn’t show support for the NAACP tomorrow, we will be exhibiting the same racist things as Mizzou. Concerned Student 1950 appealed the end of white silence, this is NOT white vs. black. To not participate tomorrow, you’d be turning your back on your peers, university, and nation. I hope this never happens here at WVU. See you tomorrow.

- Barnhart: Hi, I want to get together a winter newsletter to send out to the student body/professors/faculty,etc. This will include not only governors, but also executives. I’m giving you 3 weeks (Nov 30th), this is semi-optional, however I’d like ALL governors send me stuff. Executives, I would really like you to participate as well. Around 30 words max explaining what you’ve done this semester. On Dec. 2nd, I want to take a holiday picture for SGA – and it will go on the newsletter, which will set the tone for a newsletter going out bi-weekly or monthly.

- Glippen: Dr. Bunnings, the high school delegates program has a training online (about an hour) with a meeting next week, then you should be able to go to your high school over break and recruit students.

- Workman: Like Humphrey said, one idea I really like is a policy forum where students can come in and say what they feel SALA should work on. I’d still like to go on Wednesday next week, but if not then we’ll find a day when we can. We’re here for the students, not just us advocating for what we believe in.

- Kerns: Hi, November is National Philanthropy month. We’ll be decorating bowls for Empty Bowls, in February they serve soup to the homeless. A collection of books will either be going to Mon Literacy or the Boys and Girls Club.

- Southerland/Riseburg: R: Prestige Worldwide…. We’ve got our paintbrushes ready, on Brooks Hall 3rd floor next week, we’re trying to get together to paint for a mural. The concerts at the CAC are: 12th Percussion 7:30, Symphony 7:30 Wednesday, Symphony Orchestra on 19th @ 7:30, Concert Series by Symphony Orchestra 13th @ 7:30 ($10 off a student), in theatre/dance. Celebration of Dance tomorrow at 7/9 tomorrow. The Borough Statigism is next weekend.

- Southerland: Next week, we’ll be trying to get students more involved with donating toys. These toys will go to the Salvation Army and with students who have children here at WVU. On Dec 5th, we’ll be at the basketball game to help donate toys. Dec. 13th we’ll be at the Rec, dressing up as elves/Santa. Next week, the Manics will be hosting the Jimmy V Fundraiser kickoff event, we’re trying to raise about $10,000 dollars for cancer research in the Lair Ballrooms. The winners of the challenge (5) will go to NYC and get to watch WVU play in Madison Square Garden. Spread the word, this is really cool!

- Riseburg: This Friday, we play Northern Delaware in basketball. Women’s soccer plays Desquene in the 1st round of the tournament.

- Fitzwater: Motion to move into voting procedure of Mizzou Movement.

- Humphrey: I don’t think we should have asked to put our SGA logo onto things; that overstepped our boundaries. In regards to the protest tomorrow – we need to do this now. As we make this decision, the Board needs to be prepared with political and social questions in the future. I believe I’m representing the students at this university, as members of the Board – we have to stand up for what we think is right. We have to make these decisions, no matter how hard or uncomfortable. So yes, I’m going to support having our logo on this forum. Systematic oppression is racism, and has no place in our country. In the future, we should ask permission & not forgiveness.

- Fitzwater: I believe this is a equal rights issue, not political.

- McIntyre: I think this is somewhat dangerous for SGA to get involved in, past administratons has spoken on Concealed Carry permits which has caused frustration among the student body. I don’t want anyone to jump down Humphrey’s throat, but this is a social issue in which directly correlates with college and SGA. The Mizzou SGA did a wonderful job, and we need to support them. This is a social change in which making students feel safe, this is what it means to be a Mountaineer – I support this fully.

- Humphrey: Since my name was invoked twice, I think this is NOT a political issue – this is a social issue.

- Richardson: I have a question for Executive Payan: What are we putting our logo next to?

- Payan: This is simply to show to our support in defense of racial issues. If SGA doesn’t support this, I don’t know how we’re helping the student body then?

- Richardson: Are we talking about racial issues in acadamia or are we discussing something else?

- Payan: No, we’re talking about administrative ignorance where the higher ups don’t understand what minorities are going through.

- Richardson: We aren’t advocating for policy change, but for awareness here on campus?

- Payan: Yes.

- Brewster: The point of this is the realization that this isn’t just Missouri, this is present at any campus in the country. This has nothing to do with grades, but with issues that take place and are ignored repeatedly. President Payton Head at Mizzou, raised awareness to this 2 months ago and did not get a response so this is why this happened. President Gee and Provost McGonnall have realized that this is possible here too, this is about systematic racism and not direct.

- Waris: Motion to keep SGA logo on the movement. McIntyre Second.

- Humphrey: We approve of the logo being placed on things.

- Waris withdraws his motion.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Richardson –y

-Governor Riggins –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

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

Physics & Astronomy Graduate Student Organization

- Hudson: They are asking for $156, we suggest full amount.

- Belinda Drishbar: We’d like a grant for food/drinks for our event for our school. This will promote interaction between the two graduate programs, we are requesting $156.

- Humphrey: Motion to vote on approved amount.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

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WVU Experimental Rocketry

- Spear: Did anyone know before tonight that we had this club? We have multiple different majors being involved with us, we have started some very basic rocketry classes to help train new students how to build a rocket. This is our competition rocket we’ll be taking to Utah, this flies at .5 MAUK and aims to fly at 1,000 ft. We want to fly at community events too. We’ve helped elementary school students get certified to build rockets. We’re also reaching out with Morgantown/University High to start having classes. We have an event in the beginning of June, including 5 from international. Part of this major experience, you have to be involved in the community. We go to Greenwater, UT to help teach them about rocketry – we doubled the town population. We’re trying to get the new generation hooked on STIM. We have to create our own propellant, only school that does. We need at least a $1500 grant to help us out. Thanks!

- Hudson: We think we should award the full amount.

- Humphrey: Vote on suggested amount.

- Dirkman: Recall Role.

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – p

-Governor Fitzwater – p

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Left Alliance Club

* They will hosting a conference. They want $1500, we suggest $1207.50
* Riggins: What event is this for again?
* Hudson: Conference with several other schools come in.
* Humphrey: Has the event been confirmed?
* McIntyre: Yes, at the BOF meeting they confirmed it.
* Fitzwater: Motion to vote on suggested amount.
* - Vice Chair Merow – y
* - Governor Dirkman – y
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* -Governor Humphrey –y
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  1. Executive Appointment
* Emma Harrison is our elections chair and she has chosen 3 people to help her run the elections, so we’re asking for the Board to vote on these individuals, please add Roshan. Joy Wang, Steven Scott, Ashley Morgan, Matt Blair, Liz Barnharn, Justin Click, Roshan Daniel.
* Humphrey: What will Matt and Ashley be doing?
* Emma: They will helping me out, especially when we have violation meetings. Just in case there’s always someone there, that’s why there is so many people.
* Humphrey: The 3 that will on Communications, will they not be involved with the proceedings or things of that nature?
* Harrison: They will be, but that is their main focus. There are also people working on the t-shirt committee.
* McIntyre: Can you tell us the specific teams?
* Harrison: They will all work with the communications team, and the elections committee will work alongside them.
* Humphrey: I have full faith that the folks on this committee will work in an unbiased way during the election. I think its great more people will be on the committee, but I express my concern in regards are to why Roshan, Liz, and Justin are being put on the committee. Their job is to promote all things within SGA, not just a special thing for elections.
* Heeter: Emma is appointing these people to work with the communications team to help tell the students things about the campaign.
* Kiess: The way I understand it. This is more seamless transition between elections committee and communications?
* Harrison: Blake, are you questioning our bias?
* Humphrey: I do not.
* Fitzwater: Motion to vote on these appointments via secret ballot.
* Unanimous approval.

Erin: next is exec sec. Kristen Siers had to resign. We have her intern Tyler Brewster who has been acting exec sec these last few weeks. He will do an amazing job.

Tyler Brewster: I take accurate minutes, sometimes Governor Humphrey talks too fast but I will take minutes as best I can. Just know that I’ll do my best and I’m grateful for this opportunity.

Blake: I completely support Tyler its great that were incorporating freshmen

Mac: I support him. He’s a hustler.

Blake motions to vote via secret ballot.

Governor Kaska seconds his motion.

He passes.

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1. Open Student Forum II

* Evan Mcintyre: Thank you very much Erin, hopefully I can continue Erin’s work as Director of Student Orgs.
* Gov. McIntyre: We are descended from war heroes and businessmen. JK. Evan will be phenomenal at this job.
* Gov. Waris motions to vote on via secret ballot.
* Unanimous.

Humphrey: Happy Veterans Day, thank you to all those who serve for our country. We have decided to put forward a proclamation on the Board of Governors.

Kiess: Reads said proclamation.

* Veterans Day has been a great day for a long time, and I’m very glad that WVU is so kind for their continued support of Veterans here on campus.
* Riggins motions to vote via acclimation.
* Unanimous vote.

OPEN STUDENT FORUM

* Fitzwater: Next Wednesday is Transgender Day of Remembrance, “Transphobia is a very real experience for people in this world. Nov 18th @ 5:00 PM this ceremony will be taking place remembering those 28 individuals.
* Richardson: Order of Omega is accepting applications, must be Junior or Senior with good GPA, the Order of Omega is new to WVU, but historically, they are a very big deal. This is not a joke, and is a very important thing down South. We are having a Mountaineer Art Competition, we want any kind of art that has anything to do with this state or this university. If you know people who want to participate, please tell them & get them involved.

1. Advisor’s Reports

- Brewster: I planned to read this during Open Student Forum I, I’m a Sociologist – I think you all know this. First, I applaud you for signing on as a co-sponsor of this, this is more than just putting the label on a flyer and no one comes. This is an event in front of the MountainLair, and we need to get as many people there as possible. I want to read Pres Head letter.

- Klandorf: I want to ask Gov. Kiess – when you say 50% of RA’s oppose?

- Kiess: At RHA, it is mostly residents. We’re going to RA’s after we get back from Texas.

-Klandorf: Ok, just consider it.

1. Announcements

- Reads announcements.

1. Adjournment – 9:15 PM

Announcements

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra ***From the New World*** concert us up for literal interpretation. This eclectic program will showcase the different influences on American culture through time. The program begins with *Capriccio Concertante* by living American composer, Byron Adams. Following, distinguished pianist William Wolfram will perform the jazz-inspired pieces, Gershwin’s *Rhapsody in Blue* and Ravel’s *Piano Concerto.* The orchestra completes the program with Dvorak’s personal portrayal of late 19th century America in his *Symphony No. 9.*