



**West Virginia University SGA  
Meeting 10/28/2020,  
2020 - 2021 Administration**

**I. Call to Order at 7:30PM**

**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

College Senator Bonar - present

Senator Brooks- present

College Senator Cade - present

Senator Colbert - present

Senator Daniel - present

Senator Donnelly - present

Senator Eby - present

College Senator Eyler - present

College Senator Glass - present

College Senator Hanson - present

Senator Harman - present

College Senator Hitt - 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 - present

College Senator Robinson - present

Senator Rosello - present

College Senator Seidel - present

College Senator Zanolli - present

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

*VP Bragg:* All those opposed. This motion passes.

#### **V. Reading and Approval of the Agenda**

We will now move on to open student form 1. Does anyone have anything for open student form 1?

VP Bragg: Last call. Alright, seeing none we will move on to the President's Report. Chase.

President Riggs: Alrighty, can you all hear me? Can you see me?

VP Bragg: Yes

#### **VI. Open Student Forum I**

#### **VII. The President's Report**

*President Riggs:* Alrighty, can you all hear me? Can you see me?

*VP Bragg:* Yes

*President Riggs:* What about now? Ok cool, cool. I'm gonna take that as a yes. Alrighty, so hello everyone I hope everyone is doing well. Um uh, just a brief recap I have and an update on some things i've been working on. Last Friday and Saturday, myself, Vice President Bragg, um Chief of Staff Kemp- Rye and Satterfield, and Senator Jernigan, and Daniel. We were all able to attend

the virtual big 12 conference. Uh we spent those 2 days last week discussing what is happening on each of our campuses sharing some different ideas on how to become better advocates for our student bodies and um we were also able to give a quick presentation on civic engagement efforts that we are doing this month. Uh, if those of you know who attended wanna share some from your experience um feel free to do so and uh during your report um but you know overall I always look forward to hearing from our big 12 school um especially now. Um, communication and collaboration is very important. Um, as we all know we all navigate these uncertainties um you know that covid has created um just across our campus communities. But, uh also as you know um this month we're focusing on community and civic engagement. Um I wanted to thank Local Governance Liaison Riffey for all of his work and dedication in overseeing all of these efforts. I'm giving my snaps a little bit early tonight.

Um, the video we created encouraging students um to create a voting plan uh released yesterday so if you haven't already um please be sure to re tweet, re post, quote, tweet that, put it on your story, uh we are wanting that message to reach um as many students as possible across campus. Um we'll have some additional messaging going out surrounding the election. So I ask that you know you all keep an eye on/out for that. Um, any additional posts um. After talks with College Senator Moore, and the direction of further direction of transportation here, um there's actually gonna be an additional bus route um on election day that takes students um directly to the Erickson Alumni Center. So, that's super exciting. It will certainly help our students that are downtown voting and using that um that polling place um make sure that voting is more accessible. Um, the last thing that I have to share is that tonight um it will be our committee sessions.

I just wanted to um to remind you all um that you know what we are seeking to accomplish with these sessions. Um, this is supposed to be a collaborative working space provides executives and assembly members um the opportunity to just discuss potential pieces of legislation or potential ideas um for programming efforts. Um so be sure to just use this time to um brainstorm, collaborate with one another. Um, I look forward to uh to hearing some of the discussions you guys have tonight and the reports you all give afterwards.

Um, I'll be popping in and out of some of those discussions. Um but with that I hope all of you guys have a great and um spooky I guess uh meeting. Um, this weekend though it is Halloween and we do have a home football game so please um be safe um please continue to follow the guidelines that have been outlined for us um as we've been doing all semester. Um but if there's anything I can do uh for any of you guys be sure to let me know. Um but i'm gonna mute myself now.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you President Riggs. Are there any questions for President Riggs? Alright seeing none we will move on to Assembly Reports. Do any assembly members have a report?  
Senator Daniel.

### **VIII. Assembly Reports**

*Senator Daniel:* Hey everyone, um, happy Wednesday. I loved seeing all the costumes today especially uh Theo's and Hunter's. Um, I wanted to talk about a couple things. The past couple of weeks the safety committee compiled a report on our 10 for 10. It is located under our drive er the safety folder in the drive. I wanna give a huge shoutout to this safety committee and especially Safety Coordinator White and Chief of Staff Kemp-Rye for all the work they've done the past few months. If you have any questions about that please feel free to reach out to either myself or Safety Coordinator White. Um, i'm also grateful to have attended the big 12 conference this past weekend. I know it wasn't like what we expected in person but it was still an amazing experience from learning about all the big 12 schools what they do. Um, but just meeting after with all the schools I just wanted to say thank you to everyone in this organization. I really appreciate all the effort everyone has contributed. Um, and then thank you to President Riggs, Chief of Staff Satterfield, and Chief of Staff Kemp- Rye for twittering with me on Saturday cause we looked like a unit! Uh, but anyways happy Halloween everyone. Stay safe. That is all.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Senator Daniel. Senator Knotts.

*Senator Knotts:* Hi so I um met with un with the dining and we discussed like different option for um more sustainable efforts. And then they're also forming a committee and also trying to kind of come up with more things so they're gonna give me those emails and everything. They also on my call were discussing they would like to form some kind of committee or some kind of student organization and they said it doesn't have to be like through us here or anything so that they can get um more student input on different things that they're thinking about in the dining halls. And then they also wanna get more input on student marketing techniques because so far the events they have been having probably no ones really been coming to so i'm gonna start working with them and um call with them this Monday to kind of talk about more efforts on that front. *VP Bragg:* Thank you. Senator Smith.

*Senator Smith:* Yeah, I just wanted to let everyone know how um my meeting went with Jean Watson. We are just basically um updating him on what we are doing in SGA and then he told me what they are doing in CPASS. So, during the summer he said that CPASS came up with Jean to work on diversity, equity and inclusion. So there's 3 groups. One of them works with the curriculum, the other group works on student recruitment and retainment, and then the last one works on employment recruitment and retainment. Um, we also have a weekly email that gets sent out to us. It's called Momento Mondays. If you guys have any information that you feel is important and wanna set on that for CPASS students um please let me know and then I can work with him um and we can let students know. Also, CPASS is working on a student service center. Um and this is a place where students choose to go and study, get tutoring, and career advising. That is it.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Senator Smith. Red or President Pro temp Jones

*President Pro Temp Jones:* Thank you Jaron. So I just wanted to pop in and promote the third part platform usage survey that's the word. Um, that President Riggs and I have been working on um in our committee with the faculty senate on third party platforms. Um so i'm gonna drop that in the chat and I would appreciate everyone to fill it out. Um, sending it out to people who you know that have had to purchase their party platforms in order to complete the course because this matter is gonna help our committee um come up with recommendations to uh TLC and the

provost Um, and if anyone has any questions or ideas for it please let me know. Also thank you assembly members for filling out the pool for our brainstorming legislation session. I will send you all an email either tonight or early tomorrow morning about when we will meet and I encourage all assembly members to attend that way we can collaborate um on different pieces of legislation that um we are passionate about. As always, my inbox is always open to you all anytime and have a good meeting. Thank you!

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Amelia. Senator Jernigan.

*Senator Jernigan:* Hi everyone I just wanted to come on and talk a little bit like about the big 12 conference and um a little bit about what i've been doing since then. Um for starters, the big 12 conference was really fun although it wasn't as what we were expecting. I did get a chance to meet um a lot of people and a lot of people to connect with. Um, also I think that um what my big takeaway from the big 12 conference is definitely um just the structure of SGA and all the retention of it of SGA members I would say. Um, and i'm gotta chance to work with um Oklahoma's president a little bit and we've been in communication about having meetings on something just to stay in communication with each other just so we can bounce ideas and stuff off of each other so yeah I just wanted to talk a little bit about that.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Amaya. Any further assembly reports? Alright, seeing none we'll move on to executive reports.

## **IX. Executive Reports**

*VP Bragg:* If any executive has a report feel free to go ahead and raise your hand. I'm gonna report real fast uh over the weekend we processed all of the assembly monthly reports for the month of September I believe. Yeah September. Uh, there were less than half of the assembly members that reported. Uh, just a reminder to stay on top of that guys. September was a very odd month. We had that break and stuff. So let's just make sure that uh this month we fill out those reports. Uh now we move on to executive reports. Uh Chief of Staff Satterfield. *Chief of Staff Satterfield:* Thank you um and just what Senator Jernigan said as a reminder executive and assembly reports do open this Friday um the 30th and they close the following Tuesday. So the way that you will access those is um for our new college senators but also just for everyone as a reminder um we will send you a link in our group chats. Either the assembly member or executive member group chat um and these are just so important again um for our student body to know what you've been working on.

It's very hard when our student body isn't able to make it to meetings or um aren't coming to meetings and are not able to understand what you're working on if we don't get all our members to fill these out. So, um just a reminder they take about 5 minutes to 10 minutes just again um for executives again for Adrienne and I to kind of see where you're at and what we can do to support you better but also for assembly members for Jaron and Amelia to um also know where they can be supporting you.

So, um we will be sending messages this Friday with those links so be sure to fill that out and then just an update for the attorney general process. So that application does close this evening at 9pm. So we have one more hour if you have any other friends or interests um be sure to once

you send that to them they can find it under the forms tab on WVU Engage. Um and Chase and I will hopefully have an update and appointment next Wednesday. So interviews will be happening Thursday, Friday, and Monday. So, um if you have any questions let us know.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Chief of Staff Kemp- Rye.

*Chief of Staff Kemp-Rye:* Hi everyone, um my report is pretty short today. Um, just a last minute reminder our 10 for 10 community engagement does end tonight at midnight. So if you wanna send that to any last minute people that would be great. The more input we have the better. Um, and then of course our 10 for 10 for safety closed last month and thank you Sohan for um reporting on that. Um so that's pretty much my update. My last thing is that Joey Georgy did resign from his position. Um, so we will be looking to fill that in here soon. Um, so that's pretty much all for me, um, please do reach out if you need anything from us, if you are struggling or anything. Um, we are here for you but I think that is pretty much it. Thank you.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Uh, Governor Smith, aka local governance liaison Riffey.

*Local Governance Liaison Riffey:* Uh hi everyone so um first of uh we are set to likely have our community engagement townhall actually November 11th during the SGA meeting during the open student forum. Um secondly um, electoral map madness is ah accepting submissions for um predictions of the electoral map. Uh, and that will be open until uh election day at noon. Then we will be having a zoom meeting. Uh, with a little discussion on voting processes and an announcement on our winners. That will be November 5th at 7pm. And, to uh reiterate what Adrienne had said please uh in the next few hours um see if you can get any more people to fill out the community engagement 10 for 10. Um, that would mean a lot to me, and that's all I have. Thank you.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Elections Chair Pressley.

*Elections Chair Pressley:* Hey you all so this past Monday at 7:30 we had our governing docs committee. We didn't vote because i'm also a voting member and you know working as out interim attorney general but we also had a really good discussion. We discussed the elections code, and basically we discussed our ticket system, campaigning, filing fees, finances and fines. Then we went in you know to discuss a little bit more about write-in candidates. It was a really good discussion. We determined that we were gonna have our meetings at 7:30 on Mondays about once a week or every other week. So, if you all wanna attend um until we get a new attorney general I will put that in our formal SGA group chat. The more input we have the better. Thank you to Devin and Dolly for coming out and giving us input as interns of course you know for some people who did not go through an election, and thank you all to the governing docs committee and especially Chase and Allie.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Cam. Safety Coordinator White.

*Safety Coordinator White:* Hi everyone I hope you all are doing well. Um, just a few things to make you all aware of. Um, first of all we are planning our Evansdale safety walk for next month and so if you would like to help us out in any part of that process please let me know. Um secondly um, that the pedestrian safety board is looking for student representation in their healthy streets initiative. So, if you google Morgantown healthy streets initiative you can find a page on the city's website to nominate areas that you'd like to see become no traffic zones outside to people can become social distanced and all that. Um, and then lastly I have been in

contact with the NOVID app applications team and um our committee we'll be meeting with them soon to improve our advocacy about using the NOVID app on campus and just developing better understanding for our student body. So if you would like to join in on this meeting please reach out to me. Thank you.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Auditor Shoemaker

*Auditor Shoemaker:* Hey everyone um, I just had a super quick budget update. It is on your screen now uh we approved a couple of grants these passed couple weeks for the Graduate Women Advocating for Science and Pediatric Pharmacy Association. We've seen a lot of really cool grants coming through. A lot of people uh using our grant application to fund their community service events which I think is great. Um I would encourage you all to let organizations you know um that they can apply for that as well um we're still trying to reach up to our projections for the year but um if you guys have any questions about the budget just let me know.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Any further executive reports? Alrighty seeing none we will now move on to new business.

## **X. New Business**

*VP Bragg:* At this time I will now entertain a motion to consider financial bill 2020-0. President Pro tempore Jones.

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* So moved.

*Senator Nichols:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor? Opposed? This motions passes. Treasurer Cappadona did you have anything you wanted to say on this bill?

*Treasurer Cappadona:* No I do not.

*VP Bragg:* At this time I will now entertain a motion to pass financial bill 2020-0 via unanimous consent. Senator Daniel.

*Senator Daniel:* So moved.

*VP Bragg:* College Senator Moore. Second.

*College Senator Moore:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* And I finally figured out how to do this one. Ah if anyone objects please raise your hand. This motion passes. At this time I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly bill 2020-05. President Pro Tempore Jones.

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* So moved.

*VP Bragg:* Senator Harmon.

*Senator Harmon:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor? All opposed? This motion passes. Senator Zanabli you have the floor. Also, just as a heads up we will be fast tracking this piece of legislation tonight. *Senator Zanabli:* Alright, hey guys so um today I have a piece of legislation i'm really excited about. Um, it is called virtual bill to encourage Naloxone training, and annual Naloxone training. Whereas the WVU constitution states that WVU an organization that desires to ensure the personal 33

freedoms and general welfare of the students within the university and whereas everyday 128 people die from an opioid overdose and opioids accounted for about 70% of all 60,367 drug overdoses stats in 2018. Whereas in West Virginia, drug overdose stats declined from 833 deaths in 2017 to 702 in 2018. Such that deaths from prescription opioids declined however deaths from Heroin and synthetic opioids remained steady. Whereas the average rate of U.S. prescriptions per 100 persons is 51.4 prescriptions. However probiary's in West Virginia wrote an average of 69.3 opioid prescriptions for every 100 persons which is among the highest rate in the country but is the lowest rate in the state since 2006. Use of prescription opioids can cause dependence and tolerance which leads many to switch to Heroin if they can no longer obtain prescription opioids. Whereas synthetic opioids including Fentanyl which is 50 times stronger than Heroin killed more Americans than any other type of opioid in 2018. West Virginia accounted for the highest synthetic opioid related death rate in the nation in 2018. A rate 34 per 100,000.

Whereas a nationally representative survey conducted in 2018 found that 1 in 4 college students meet the criteria for substance abuse which is defined as a dependence on an addictive substance. Furthermore the rates of drug addiction in college students is higher than the general public. Whereas Naloxene is a safe medication that is used to immediately reverse an opioid overdose by attaching to the Opioid receptor effectively removing and blocking the effects of other opioids. It will not harm an individual and can be administered via an injection or nasal spray which lasts about 30-90 minutes. Some individuals may need multiple doses of Naloxene to save them from respiratory failure.

Whereas in 2019 Naloxene training was held in the Mountainlair on February 17th from 12-3pm and on the 27th to educate students, faculty and staff on the severity of the opioid epidemic. How to combat it and the importance of Naloxene as well as how to use it. Over 60 Mountaineers attended and many left with Naloxene kits to carry in cases of an emergency additionally efforts are still being pursued but they have been delayed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, be it enactive that the university section 1 association of West Virginia University corresponds on Naloxene training WELL WVU on Wednesday November 4 from 3-3:45pm. Tuesday, November 10 from 3-3:45pm. WVU will distribute 100 kits of nasal Naloxene, also known as Narcan to any WVU student, staff, or faculty member who participates in the sessions. Attendees will be taught what signs to look for in an opioid overdose, how to use medication and other important information and the sessions will be recorded.

Section 2 of West Virginia University ensures that Naloxene training will occur at least once a year on campus online or in person in conjunction with the distribution of Naloxene training kits in order to fight stigma surrounding addiction and to educate Mountaineers about the reality of an issue that West Virginian's know to well. Section 3 upon passage and approval this legislation will be forwarded to the people listed below.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Senator Zanabli before we move forward would you like to explain why you fast tracked this piece of legislation?

*Senator Zanabli:* Yeah, um so basically the 2 Naloxene sections um are November 4th which is next Wednesday at 3-3:45 so in order for us to be in time for the 2nd reading the first training would have already happened. So um, please sign up on iServe I dropped the link but yeah that's why. I'll send it again.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Senator Zanabli are there any questions? College Senator Hanson.

*College Senator Hanson:* Yeah so i'm curious. Um the training is already taking place does this resolution just give our endorsement to it or does it encourage it to be a recurring thing every year? I just want to make sure what it is we're actually voting for here.

*Senator Zanabli:* So, excellent question. It has 3 sections to it. The first part talks about us co-sponsoring it. I like collaborated with WVU to bring to kind of like a more um SGA oriented audience but it's kind of like um we're trying to gear it towards like have SGA like talk about and show the student body cares about this so it's kind of just a collaborative effort. The second part of this legislation is to try and mandate it to be an annual occurrence so that after I leave there is this piece of legislation for people to refer to and continue to reach out to WELL WVU.

*College Senator Hanson:* My other question about this is in your conversation with the university have they been on board with this in terms of the cost? Obviously the budget is gonna be in the crapper so this seems to be very important but I wanna know if they're gonna be okay in terms of funding this in the future.

*Senator Zanabli:* Yeah, so WELL WVU is in charge of all the expenses and because they work with the university. It's all taken care of on their end. This year I wrote a resolution about this as well to do like an in person Naloxene training I forwarded it to President Gee and he surprisingly responded with an email like I commend you for these efforts and want to see this annually. They are on board and the expenses are taken care of. It's just like SGA to publicize and that SGA cares about this issue.

*VP Bragg:* Any more questions for Senator Zanabli? Also real fast that is why this is an assembly bill and not a resolution. Assembly bills have to do with things within our organization. The fact that Senator Zanabli wants this to be a recurring thing every year is why this is a bill and not a resolution. Any further questions?

*Senator Harman:* Hi Senator Zanabli, I really think this is a great bill, and I think it is great that you stuck through this over multiple years. Um, in your first whereas you mentioned the first 33 personal freedoms I was just wondering what those are?

*Senator Zanabli:* When I was looking at resolutions that had been passed this year I had received a recommendation to use SGA's 33 freedoms. I just kind of quoted it since other people had used it. I can look into it.

*VP Bragg:* Any further questions?

*VP Bragg:* Alright seeing none we will move on to discussion of the bill. Is there any discussion?

*VP Bragg:* Alrighty seeing none I will now entertain a motion to pass the bill via a raising of hands. President Pro Tempore Jones.

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* So moved.

*VP Bragg:* Senator Smith.

*Senator Smith:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor? Opposed? This bill passes. We will now move on to committee sessions. I would like to entertain a motion to ask for 30 minutes for committee sessions. College Senator Backus.

*College Senator Backus:* So moved. Yeah sorry.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you is there a second? College Senator Cade.

*College Senator Cade:* Second.

## **XI. Committee Sessions**

*VP Bragg:* All those in favor? Those opposed? This motion passes at this time we will work on sending you to your breakout rooms if we haven't already done so. See you in 30 minutes.

**\*Committee Sessions breakout from 9:10-9:40pm (30minutes)\***

## **XII. Open Student Forum II**

*VP Bragg:* Does anybody have anything for Open Student Forum II?

Election Chair Pressley and Executive Secretary Picou mentions their NAACP Mental Health Event that following Thursday.

## **XIII. Advisor's Report**

*VP Bragg:* We will now hear our advisor's report.

*Dr. Thanh Lee:* He advises everyone to stay safe during the halloween weekend. He mentions his score in fantasy football.

**\*SNAPS\***

## **XIV. Adjournment**

*VP Bragg:* I will now entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

*College Senator Bonar:* So moved.

*College Senator Cade:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* all those infavor. All those opposed. This motion passes, meeting is adjourned.