



West Virginia University SGA Meeting 9/18/2019, 2019-2020 Administration

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

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

“We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University and the Student Government Association, an atmosphere that helps to foster an open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected, and to promote the principles of diversity and responsible self-governance.”

III. Roll Call

1. *President Pro Tempore Rawson*
2. *College Senator Buggs*
3. *Senator Collie*
4. *Senator Cunningham*
5. *Senator Dashaun*
6. *College Senator Dillie*
7. *Senator Donnelly*
8. *College Senator Doran*
9. *Senator Edwards*
10. *College Senator Evans*
11. *Athletic Senator Graham*
12. *Senator Harman*
13. *Senator Helm*
14. *Senator Ihlenfeld*
15. *College Senator Jalso*
16. *Senator Jones*
17. *College Senator Cappadona*
18. *Senator Kumar*
19. *College Senator Lombardi X*
20. *College Senator Matus*
21. *College Senator Nash*
22. *Senator Ovide*

23. Senator Pressley
24. College Senator Santiago
25. College Senator Shoemaker
26. Senator Teufel
27. Senator Zanabli

IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

VP Matheny: The minutes from last week's meeting have been posted. Are there any changes or edits that need to be made to those minutes? Seeing none.

Approved

IV. Open student forum one

Jake Evans-So do you guys know why Im here? Rise fall and recovery. Im actually here because Kathy and I began working on something Id say over the summer I got introduced to your lovely leaders here, ultimately Im here I think you guys already know this but it starts with you guys. You are the backbone of this university. The university is the backbone of the state. Th state is in turmoil. How many of you know someone might be struggling with substance abuse? How many of you have talked to that person? It's not every hand. You guys are all student leaders, and what is a leader? Anyone? We all need to feel confident and strong enough to tackle this issue. If you think it is easy to stand right here and have this conversation with you guys, its not its very hard. I was student body vice-president I was in Phi Sigma Kappa I was National Model United Nations I was working 60 hours a week managing a suit store I was busy when I was your age. The other thing I was actually was addicted to opiates when I was sitting right there running these meetings and so If it can happen to me it can happen to anyone. The thing is I ran myself down for years even in Law School I was using. While I was here there was an intern named Paul. One year after his tenure as an intern he passed away from an overdose. One year. The difference between Paul and myself is he didn't have someone have that conversation with him. He was the friends of one of you guys who haven't talked to them yet. I had a teacher who stood up and she asked if I was okay. How many times do we ask how peoples days were and get a substantive response? 2 minutes and we can learn how someones day is going and how they are. That is all it takes. My law school professor pulled me aside in class and asked me to stay behind, the only question she asked was if I was okay. For some reason she just asked me how my day was. For whatever Eason I knew she was available and I opened up. You don't have to go into the specifics and ask them directly about substance abuse just ask if they're okay its not convoluted. True genuine connection isn't through drinks or texts. You guys have an opportunity to save lives, change the culture, this goes beyond this room. The point being is that by being leaders you have a chance to make an impact. Don't let WVU in the newspaper for things like

what was done to Paul. My story and as decorated as it is I know that's the worst it can get. There's nothing better than when someone comes up to you and says you saved their life. How many of you are doctors? How many of you know how to save a life? It's a conversation every hand should be up.

VI. President's Report –

President Dye: I just want to say thank you too Jacob again. It's important to talk about issues like that so thank you again. This past week I went to a board of governor's meeting we talked about the process WVU has made in the past 5 years since president Gee has come on board as well as where we are heading. We had some consultants come and kind of talk about where higher education is going. We discussed how WVU can make itself more marketable. I was in an airplane till 6 AM I was supposed to be there at 11:30. I was eventually united with the rest of the group. It was wonderful to share ideas with the other schools and really just connect and talk to them. I'm going to let some of the other leaders on the trip talk about what they've learned and some possible new initiatives that we can work on here already ongoing at other Big 12 Universities. We did talk about Big 12 on the hill and how to handle that in the spring, there will be more info as the school year goes on on that. Besides that this week is diversity week everyone is hoping to the events, next week is hazing prevention week. There will be a round table at 6 PM we have been asked to participate in that. Next Tuesday we have been invited to President Gee's house so a sign up for that will be going around. Next Wednesday and Thursday we will be working with UPD on our pedestrian safety initiative sign ups will go out for that soon. Next Wednesday before our meeting we will be having a Title 9 training. Everyone including interns are encouraged to go. The climate change summit is from 11-2 this Friday in front of Wood-burn, you'll be hearing more about that later. That is next week, and the following week we will be having our town hall.

VII. Senator Reports –

VP Matheny: Moving right along, do any assembly members have a report?

President Pro Tempore Rawson- I went to the Big 12 conference. It was at Oklahoma State University they graciously hosted us. We talked about big initiatives with them, one of them is parking passes are a pain to get so a lot of student use them Monday Wednesday Friday or Tuesday Thursday so I think Kansas State was the one who came up with the idea for alternating parking passes. There is also a lot of big recycling initiatives that I believe we should look at doing here for ourselves.

VIII. Executive Reports –

COS Lora McDonald- hello everyone and welcome interns. Let's remember to introduce ourselves to everyone start conversations and chat about what we do. I also went to Oklahoma I was the first person sick on the trip and that slowly spread to everyone else. Carlie and I were loving on some of the ideas being bounced around in Oklahoma one of the ideas is they kinda use this reusable cup Idea all over campus and in the student common areas and Union. nStudents can by this cup and use it all over campus at dining halls and various other sits to help with sustainability. The other thing I wanted to talk about is a mixer for the new members Im looking at renting out side pocket we are going to do bowling going to do pool we are going to have food. I'll be sending out a doodle poll please fill it out. We are looking at a Thursday Friday 6:30-8:30. Interns we will make sure you get added to the group!

Intern Coordinator Williamson- Oh my god my foot fell asleep over there. As you noticed we got the interns out. This has been a work in progress since I was appointed back in May. So we are excited to have them. Make the feel welcome. To those that have interns Ill be sending out a contact sheet with your interns info on it.

Dominique- Hello everyone this week is diversity week I hope you have made it to at least one event Ive been to the poetry night. The next big thing is the town hall centered around diversity and inclusion. We will be putting out a flyer that the wonderful Khufu Edwards made. There will be speakers there. Please make sure to retweet and share that. Also, Breach multi-cultural retreat is something we should all sign up for its on engage its October 26th there are 49 spots available I think student government should be there. If you have any questions feel free to come ask.

COS Chase Riggs- It was very encouraging to go to Oklahoma and just hear from all the other BIG 12 schools. We do have a compiled list of stuff that we liked from the other schools. The last meeting I thought was very productive. We should now have some sort of prioritized list of how you want to go after things coming up. Just start focusing on those ideas and future legislation. Also Id like to meet with different committee chairs to chat I think thats it and welcome interns.

Hayden Moran- As you guys know Ive been doing a-lot more with the city council. We will be meeting with the deputy mayor soon discussing the possibility of getting an SGA member permanently on that council. We will be doing a bunch of other things with them and expressing our voice out to this community. Thank you.

IX. New Business –

Madi Matheny- We will now move into new business. I will now entertain a motion to approve FB 2019-08 by unanimous consent. The bill passes. I will now entertain a motion to approve assembly bill 2019-03. Is there a motion? Is there a second? The bill passes.

Senator Doran- *reads bill AR-2019-03

Madi Matheny- Thank you, does anyone have any questions?

President Pro Tempore Rawson- Only one problem you reference the data on the website as being 13 years old but the website is showing the data for the past 13 years since 2006. I just seeing that “where as” as a problem.

Madi Matheny-Anymore questions? Now moving into discussion.

Senator Matus-A great resolution thank you.

Madi Matheny- Discussion? Amendments? I will now entertain a motion to vote on the bill at hand. We will now do a voice vote. *Audible vote taken. The bill passes. I will now entertain a motion to go to recess to allow time for committee session. *So moved

X. Executive Committee Sessions

VP Matheny: Does anyone have anything to say for committee reports?

Student resources committee- Tonight we discussed the Student Resources Scavenger hunt. We nailed down almost 30 campus resources we want student to know where they are and what they do so the next couple of weeks will be spent mapping out said scavenger hunt and contacting the spots, Nov.4th-8th will be the date of this activity. Still working out what the incentive should be possibly YETI tumblers to the completer as well as pregame field passes. We are just looking to reach out to everyone over the next two weeks and finish the setup for this event. All I got.

Community engagement committee-Hello so we’ve been working on composting here at the University to increase our sustainability. I think I will talk to local farms and try to jumpstart that. We talked about the reusable drink container and I’m looking into the logistics of that. Josh and I will be working on getting more of this water bottle refilling fountains around campus

Inclusion Committee- Hello everyone what we will be focusing on is the downhill on diversity. We have the layout for it ready. Basically we will just start a conversation and hear the students concerns and then use that to shape legislation. We will also have a reflection on it just to discuss. We plan on doing tabling and flyers to spread the word. You guys should promote this in other orgs. College senators will be getting an email to share to those in their college about this upcoming event.

Health Committee- I meeting with the health and wellbeing g campus wide group. If y’all have any questions let me know. Also a smoke free campus meeting will be held next week. The opioid summit was great truly had a good impact. First health committee event is this Friday serving

yogurt on the green. Wellness machines have been spoken of and we will look into that. Sarah spoke on self defense which might be something soon. Thats its thanks guys.

Safety Committee- We will be focusing on the crosswalks on H-street and Law hill. We just talked to those in contact with the transportation department and the implementation of that. Iron patches are next Wednesday and Thursday with zipper tags as well as at the law school from 12-2.

Student Experience Committee- We talked about joining in on 3 major things. The mountaineer powderpuff game when its setup we will be promoting it a lot. No set date on spring game but working on it. We have discussed a social media page for student experience. A Facebook page is ion the works rather than twitter. Our third one is athletic transportation we may have to work on this between different groups on campus and wed just like to get everyone out to the games.

XI. Advisor's Report II

Welcome new members Thank you Oklahoma committee good things coming thank you all.

XIII. Adjournment –

VP Matheny: I will now entertain a motion to adjourn.

Assembly- So moved/seconded

Meeting adjourned – 9:15 pm
