

West Virginia University
SGA Meeting- 04/05/2017 2017-2018 Administration
Call to Order – at 8:30
Hatfields B. Mountainlair Student Union

Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

“We, The students of West Virginia University, desiring to preserve within our university an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion, inquiry, and self expression to insure the person freedoms and general welfare of the student within our University, to promote principles of diversity and to continue in our tradition of responsible self-governance, do hereby establish this Constitution of the West Virginia University Student Government Association.”

Roll Call

President Pro Tempore Brewster – Present
Senator Alotaibi – Present
Senator Arbogast – Present
Senator Ball – Present
Senator Cawley – Present
Senator Gupta – Present
Senator Henriquez – Present
Senator Hoang – Present
Senator Hunt – Present
Senator King – Present
Senator Leasor – Present
Senator Osborne – Present
Senator Underwood – Excused
Senator Vijay – Present
Senator White – Present
College Representative Hall – Present
College Representative Stover – Not-Excused
College Representative Robinson – Present
College Representative Amato – Present
College Representative McGraw – Present
College Representative Cooper – Present
College Representative Morgan – Present
College Representative Smith – Present
College Representative Fakhouri – Present
College Representative Levelle – Present

Minutes from last week have been approved.

Open Student Forum I

None.

Senators' Reports

Senator Cawley – If anyone is interested to work with Mason and I on Welcome Week, we are meeting with Alexis McMillen from CSL. Let us know!

College Representatives' Reports

College Representative Amato – I am working on two things. I am working on the Residence Life Living Community. I would love to see some SGA support with this. Also, going forward I would like to see a new live learn community in September. More recently, I have been working with College Representative Robinson and we have been working with the bike shares. If anyone would like to help us with that please let us know.

College Representative McGraw – Who is in the Eberly College? I just want to let you know what I was working on. One of the things I wanted to see in the Eberly College would be having direct communication with students, advising ... anything. If anyone would like to help with that let me know.

Executive Reports

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Senator Hunt: I like to bring line item B to the beginning of New Business

Second

Hunt reads resolution 2017-02-01

Open Student Forum II

College Representative Smith – I do not know if any of you have heard of this org. but it's the Blue and Gold Ambassador Program. We help with events at Gee's house. It is really good for community service hours. Also, it's a great way to work with people higher up. It is really fun so you guys should apply.

Sen. Hunt - Student United Way is a student branch. There is not one in Mon county. For those of you who do not know there was a graduate assistant who helped with the branch.

To take some weight of SGA, we have separated. If you are interested it is a great way to get involved. One gold rush is over we will start expanding to other parts of the state.

Rachel Daw - I will speak on behalf of the old events director. He is still doing an event for SGA. They are doing a FIFA Tournament. There will be different leagues. There will be different prizes. You can go to the SGA Twitter account to see what prizes there are. The Image Awards are tomorrow and a lot of people in SGA and the orgs. we gave grants to are going to be there.

Marcus Campbell– Saturday, April 8th is the last day of this session. At the moment the senate is proposing a 15% reduction to higher education funding. The numbers that we are seeing as far as tax revenue are increasingly getting better. It is less money that they will have to cut elsewhere. I have been trying to shrink the 15% to 10%. I have been working with President Gee. I did not get a meeting with the Pres. Of finance until next week. As far as the new budget that is coming out, everything will just be frozen and the university will just lose money. There is good and some bad for that.

College Representative Hall – I am pretty sure this was a mix email. There will be a Ryan's Rally 5K to help support his family with donations. It is a run or walk.

President's Report

I apologize we were coming back from Washington. We had a really fun time. We talked a lot about mental health and our budget cuts. We also talked about sexual assault on campus. Of course, with everything in congress, everything is changing. We had a lot of interesting days. Anything can happen in D.C. and it can be really impactful. If anyone wants a full report I will type it up and send it to you. We will be planning Big 12 on the hill next year so it will be a great thing. I have written something that will reinforce that the need now is more important than ever to support higher education. We will keep you up to date and up-to-date on any advocacy efforts. With that being said, I will make the first two executive appointments. I really did want to be here for these appointments. I hope that during that 24-hour time that I sent you their information, you contacted them.

The first one would be Rachel Daw to be Treasurer. Rachel has really helped do almost everything and I think Roshan would also speak to this. When we talked to Rachel we have impressed by her dedication. That is exactly the type of person we would like to be leading us. She will help us find accountability in the BOF and helping with the issues.

My second choice is Jarred Cannon to serve as Attorney General. I think the congressman's words speak to him. He looked in me in the eye and he said, "he's a good kid, and he will be a great Attorney General. He is someone who understands this process. I am really excited to be making these appointments this evening.

There is a reason that these two were picked first they are special to this organization. We are sure that they will continue to help.

Rachel Daw -For those of you who do not know me I am Rachel. I helped Roshan chair all of the meetings last year. Most of you probably know that we changed a lot in the BOF and I want to continue this to make it easier for you guys to help get these grants passed on Wednesday Nights.

Questions?

Senator Brewster - Rachel through your role of Director Of Student Orgs. how do you think you have prepared for this year?

Rachel Daw - I have went over a lot of grants, and although I was only the Director Of student orgs. I did a lot of what a treasurer does.

Jarred Cannon - Hello my name is Jarred Cannon, I am from Huntington. I would like to say thanks to President Humphrey for the nomination. I would like to answer any questions you have for tonight.

Senator Brewster - So as the lead parliamentarian, could you tell me what the significance of a “more destructive” motion is?

Jarred Cannon - A motion that is more destructive is something that takes precedence over something else. Basically, if something is a lower rank then something else then you are not allowed to make that motion. I will be able to deal with it when it comes up.

Senator Hunt – Were you involved with SGA in high school?

Jarred Cannon - I was on student council and Vice President two or three times.

Vice President Smith - I will open floor up to discussion for Rachel.

Senator Hunt – I worked with her a lot this year. Rachel did a great job with Treasurer Daniel last year.

Senator Cawley – I think appointing Rachel would be a great idea. She asked me a couple times this year if I needed help.

Vice President Smith - I will entertain a motion to vote on Rachel Daw

Senator Hunt – I motion to vote on this via secret ballot

Second

Discussion on Jared for Attorney General:

College Representative Amato -It might be weird to appoint a freshman for this role, but for someone with his experience I think this would be a great idea.

Senator Brewster - He gave a very good answer, so I would have no issue for this appointment.

Senator Cawley - He is a first semester freshman and he has already done all this work.

College Representative Amato – I move to vote on this by secret ballot

Second

Advisors Reports

None.

Adjournment