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29th Student Government Association

3rd Meeting of the Twenty-Ninth Undergraduate Student Government Association

To be held in Stratton Hall, Room 308

6:00 p.m. – January 29th, 2019

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Special Orders
 - a. Club of the Week – SPARC
 - i. SPARC's mission is to educate students about sexual violence and healthy relationships. They put on different events to promote healthy relationships, with their biggest being Take Back the Night on April 3rd. They give presentations to fraternities and sororities, and hand out coffee and food while inspiring conversations about healthy relationships. SGA could better support SPARC by assisting them with promoting events especially to freshmen. For any questions about SPARC, please email sparcexec@wpi.edu.
- V. President's Report
 - a. Big 6 Presidents Meeting Recap
 - i. President Wilson met with the presidents of SocComm, IFC, Panhel, ISC, and SAS to look at ways to prevent over-programming. These organizations will also be working with smaller clubs to run distress events.
 - b. One-on-Ones
 - i. President Wilson will be scheduling 15-minute One-on-Ones with senators to get to know all senators.
- VI. Vice President's Report
 - a. Constituents
 - i. Students will be able to check the last two numbers of their ID and find their senate representative based on those numbers. Each senator will represent between 60 to 90 students.
 - b. Mentor / Mentee Forms
 - i. Returning senators are encouraged to fill out the form to be a mentor for new senators. New senators are encouraged to fill out the form to be a mentee and have a mentor assigned.
 - c. Looking for Interim Vice President
 - i. President Toomey will be looking for an Interim Vice President for D Term. Any senator interested should reach out to her.
 - d. Senator Shoutout
 - i. Congratulations to Mike Rosetti and Lauren Guerrero for their work on their financial projects early in the term.
- VII. Secretary's Report
 - a. One-on-Ones
 - i. Secretary Burack will be sending One-on-One invites to senators throughout the year to learn more about senators.

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- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - a. No Report
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report
 - a. Trivia
- X. Cluster Reports
 - a. Student Services Cluster
 - i. No Report
 - b. Internal Services Cluster
 - i. No Report
 - c. Financials Cluster
 - i. Budgeting 1:1 – Chair LaJeunesse
 1. Senators will be sending emails to club constituent and review their budgets, with a deadline of February 15th. Senators should answer any questions they have. If senators do not know the answer to questions, they should reach out to the financial chairs.
 2. Budgets should include yearly costs with sufficient details.
 3. New line items in a club's budget must have been passed as a funding request within the past two years.
 4. Senators will review the description of the event, cost per item, number of items, total cost, and cost per person.
 5. Clubs can get additional funding from departments, GSG, outside funding, using ticket sales, or using legacy funds.
 6. Senator Trey-Masters clarified that budgeting is done through CampusLabs, not Workday.
 7. Treasurer Candy informed senators that if senators return budgets to clubs, that club must resubmit the budget by February 15th.
 8. Chair LaJeunesse reminded senators to only review their assigned budgets.
- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
 - a. Chair Bimonte informed Senate that Worcester Red Sox management met with WSGA over the weekend, and that they would like to visit different colleges to learn what students would like to see with the new stadium.
 - b. Senator Trey Masters said that any senator can sign up for a faculty or institute committee, as he sits on two. President Wilson will send senator information to each committee.
- XII. Old Business
 - a. S.2 Title 5, 6 and 7 Bylaw Revisions
 - i. Return to the motion from the previous senate to approve the bylaw revisions to Titles 5, 6, and 7.
 - ii. Treasurer Candy proposed a motion to change the wording of Title 7 to comply with the rules of the Student Activities Office.
 1. Chair Bimonte is in favor of this motion because our bylaws should be in accordance with the SAO rules.
 2. **Motion Passed**
 - iii. Chair Tavares is in favor of the motion as senators and Cabinet have thoroughly reviewed this change.

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iv. Motion Passed

- XIII. New Business
- a. Senate Activity
 - i. Vice President Toomey and Parliamentarian Cataldo informed senators of how to formally write emails.
- XIV. Questions, Comments and Ideas
- a. Chair Tavares asked if it was possible for abstention votes to be taken out of the voting population. Parliamentarian Cataldo recommended speaking to Chair Rice in Internal Affairs.
 - i. Senator Nieves asked if there could be verbal abstentions for votes. Parliamentarian Cataldo responded with no in order to make sure quorum is still met. Senators should only abstain in a case of a conflict of interest or lacking a majority of information.
 - b. Vice President Toomey recommended that senators should speak up if they disagree with a decision. Chair Giacoman also recommended that if a senator has any questions behind the reasoning of a decision, they should ask exec for an explanation.
- XV. Announcements
- a. Chair Tavares announced that ISC will be holding a ski trip on Saturday, February 2nd. The International House will be having a Mexican Midnight Breakfast on Tuesday, February 5th.
 - b. Senator Trey Masters announced that Cheese Club will be holding a meeting, and they should direct questions about time and place to him.
 - c. Vice President Toomey announced that next senate will have dedicated time to work with project groups.
 - d. Senator Wisniewski announced that Alpha Xi Delta will be hosting Karaoke for a Cause on January 31st from 7PM to 9PM in the Odeum.
- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
- a. Advisor Sharry reminded senators that the Student Activities Office's trip this weekend is snow tubing. Also, the leadership academy registrations close on Friday, and she recommends any students interested to register as soon as possible.
- XVII. President's Remarks
- a. President Wilson thanked senators for a great Senate meeting, and hopes senators are getting the most out of Senate meetings. This week is the last chance to reach out to become the Interim Academic Improvements Chair. Chair Tavares will also be on IQP in D Term, so any senator interested in being Interim Community Outreach Chair should reach out to Vice President Toomey.
- XVIII. Adjournment

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