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29th Student Government Association

5th Meeting of the Twenty-Ninth Undergraduate Student Government Association
To be held in the Rubin Campus Center, Hagglund Room
6:00 p.m. – February 19th, 2019

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Special Orders
 - a. Club of the Week – Math Club
 - i. Math Club is one of the five mathematic clubs on campus. Every Wednesday from 4:30PM to 6:00PM, Math Club hold a weekly Math Hour where they solve math problems and eat pizza. They also have board game nights and have finals destress events. To help Math Club, SGA can help support Math Club apparel. If interested in joining Math Club, students can attend their events or reach out to the club at mathhour-officers@wpi.edu.
 - b. Chair Appointment
 - i. Congratulations to Mara Nunez for being appointed as Academic Improvements Chair.
- V. President's Report
 - a. Welcome to Senate
 - i. President Wilson welcomed people to senate. She recommended people to reach out to chairs and other senators to learn more about SGA if they would like.
 - b. Interim Vice President
 - i. Congratulations to Nicole Barrett for being appointed as Vice President.
 - c. Chair of the Term
 - i. Congratulations to Chair LaJeunesse for all of her hard work with budgeting.
- VI. Vice President's Report
 - a. Senator of the Term
 - i. Congratulations to Mike Rossetti for his hard work with his financial transparency project.
 - b. Senator Shoutouts
 - i. Congratulations to Megan Hendry, who has done great work on superfan management.
 - ii. Congratulations to Abigail McGahey for great work on reviewing budgets
 - c. Mentor/Mentee
 - i. President Wilson learned that Senator Gruner-Mitchel loves nature and wants to do work with nature for IQP
 - d. Term Response
 - e. Finals Week Hangout
 - i. The Hagglund Room will still be booked for SGA on Tuesday February 27th, and senators can come to destress.
- VII. Secretary's Report

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- a. No Report
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Account Updates
 - i. While the General Disbursement and Sponsorship accounts are currently in the red, the spring payment of the Student Life Fee will balance out the General Disbursement account. Since Mandatory Transfers have now been fully paid, there will be a transfer from the General Dispersant account to the Sponsorship account, bringing the total Sponsorship account to approximately \$77,000, with approximately \$6000 left to allocate in C-Term.
 - ii. There will be approximately \$70,000 to allocate in D term for funding requests. Money could be transferred from the reserve account to the sponsorship account if need be.
 - iii. \$1.07 million was requested for budgets after the recent budgeting deadline, which is less than what was requested last year. Potential budget cuts will be made based on the discretion of the Financial Board.
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report
 - a. Trivia
- X. Cluster Reports
 - a. Student Services Cluster
 - i. Project Updates
 - 1. Reddit Project – Chair Nunez
 - Senator Nieves updated Senate on the Reddit page for students to ask questions to SGA. Senators will act as confused students to test Senator responses. There will be no questions or responses about parties, alcohol, professor bashing and personal attacks, offensive language, hate speech, and memes.
 - Senator Stabile presented that the project team originally wanted subreddit pages for all students but are now working closely with Crimson Key and the r/wpi Reddit page.
 - 2. Student Life Improvement Projects – Chair Serven
 - Senator Hager presented on the Free Printing project. The best option for this project would be for WPI to pay for free printing, but that is not feasible. Students may be allowed to print for free in the SGA office, allowing senators to talk to students.
 - Senator Ranieri presented on the updates of Gompei Goes Green. They will be promoting recycling and educating students one the ways and rules of recycling. They will also be partnering with Chartwells and the Green Team to learn and apply new practices.
 - Senator Gruner-Mitchell presented on the Newsletter project. The goal of this project will be to promote diversity in student life. The project team will create a platform to

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share information about clubs, what clubs are doing and their actions. Senator Starr also updated that the newsletter will be used to promote campus-wide clubs by consolidating them into a weekly email. The next steps with this will be to contact club presidents to remind them, to submit their events to TechSync. Senator Puhalski updated Senate that the newsletter will also create transparency between campus and SGA by posting updates in Senate in the newsletter.

3. Collaboration and Superfans – Chair Tavares

- Chair Tavares updated that SGA is planning to partner with other organizations for plan SGA events for the WPI community. The next steps of this project are to put on the Relay for Life Barbecue, hold a Worcester Red Sox meeting to gain information from students to make the team most beneficial for students. Lastly, they are also planning pep rally early.
- Senator Hendry updated senate on campus spirit projects, specifically with superfans. They are currently looking into better methods of distributing shirts, more events to distribute shirts at, and planning the order for next year's shirt. Senator Trey-Masters asked for students to nominate people for ultrafans.

b. Internal Services Cluster

i. Project Updates

1. Social Media and Website – Chair Coelho

- Senator McGahey announced that our number of views and followers are up, with the most feedback from Q and A posts. Senators should give the team a 24-hour notice about potential posts.
- Technical Coordinator Tocci announced that a timeline has been created for the release of the SGA website, with teams for posting information and aesthetics. The website release date is tentative, depending on when information is gathered and there is an aesthetic plan, so the website looks appealing and has the appropriate information. Any senator interested in working on the website should speak to him or Chair Coelho.
- Senators should reach out to Chair Coelho with any project ideas.

2. Bylaw Revisions – Chair Rice

- Chair Rice is working on creating a new bylaw system to hold with the Project Structure.

c. Financials Cluster

i. Project Updates

1. Financial Transparency and Canvas Updates – Chair LaJeunesse

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- Senator Rossetti has sketched out an idea of a file to be posted on the SGA website for campus to see.
- Senator Matthews updated Senate on the Financial Canvas page. He is now creating quizzes for treasurers to take, so they can be more informed.
- 2. Fiscal Trends and Club Audit – Chair Racca
 - Senator Barrett updated senate on fiscal trends. She has gathered all relevant content and is now planning to look at patterns in spending.
 - Chair Racca presented updates on individual club audits. There is now a grading system for senators to use during evaluation and will be making final edits and written report. Her team hopes to test this with a club soon. This project is not a form of punishment, but more of a way to look at spending habits and see how they can be improved.
- 3. Treasury – Chair Bimonte
 - Chair Bimonte has created an Access Database to keep track of all Funding Requests from Fiscal Year '16 and keep track of financial history of all clubs. He is currently trying to host this database on a server for senators and chairs to access with no conflicts, add in budgeting and SOC information, and work with the Financial Trends project.
- ii. Mandatory Transfer Basics – Chair LaJeunesse
 - 1. Chair LaJeunesse presented Senate on Mandatory Transfers. The amount for mandatory transfers will be presented and voted on in Senate during D-Term.
- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
 - a. Worcester Bike Share Taskforce
 - i. Chair Bimonte announced updates on the Worcester Bike Share project. The team met with BIRD, Lime, and Gotcha. Lime has electric assisted bikes and used a pilot program of using library cards to rent bikes. Gotcha also has electric-assisted bikes, scooters with 15MPH top speed, and 6 passenger electric vehicles. The public is still very resistant to scooters and is looking to introduce Lime bikes.
 - b. Senator Charles is working with CASL one creating a list of good practices for faculty to have with students.
 - c. Senator Trey-Masters is looking for senators to sit on the Chairman's Award Committee or Education Development Council, as he will be on IQP in D-Term.
 - d. Chair Tavares announced that the CAO discussed that Engineering Science courses that are double-listed should be divided to allow a more focused approach for a specific major.
 - i. Senator Trey-Masters is in favor of this change, as it would allow a better understanding of the material in a student's specific field.
 - ii. Senator Rice is against this since it will potentially hurt RBE Students.

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- iii. Chair Tavares announced that any student will still be able to sign up for the major-specific course.
- e. Vice President Toomey attended WSGA this weekend and urges senators to attend WSGA meetings.
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
 - a. S.3 29th Senate Standing Rules
 - i. Treasurer Candy motioned to approve the Standing Rules for the 29th Senate.
 - 1. Parliamentarian motioned to amend the Standing Rules to accommodate for formatting and added clarification.
 - Chair Tavares
 - Chair Bimonte asked if the document's date is necessary. Parliamentarian Cataldo clarified that the official document will not have this date.
 - **Motion Passed**
 - 2. Chair Tavares motioned to table the vote until next Senate.
 - Parliamentarian Cataldo clarified that the vote is usually tabled so senators can go in depth about the standing rules.
 - **Motion Passed**
 - b. Senate Activity
- XIV. Questions, Comments and Ideas
- XV. Announcements
 - a. Chair Tavares announced that there will be Ecuadorian Midnight Breakfast at the CRC on Tuesday, February 19th at 9PM.
 - b. Senator Cannata announced Tuesday Night Trivia at the Goats Head
 - c. Senator Charles announced that there will be Thank Kap Its Wednesday on February 20th.
 - d. Senator Gruner-Mitchell announced that Guerilla Improv will have a show on February 21st at 8PM.
 - e. Chair Nunez announced that Senator Rossetti and Secretary Burack are trying to start a Bowling club, and anyone interested should reach out.
 - f. Secretary Burack announced Oscar Night on Thursday, February 21st in the Goats Head. The first 75 people will receive a free meal swipe, and SocComm will be showing Green Book.
 - g. Vice President Toomey will be having dinner in the SGA office after Senate and invites any senator to join her.
- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
 - a. Advisor Sharry announced that she is trying to promote the Shark tickets that are good for any game hockey game at the DCU Center. She also wishes everyone good luck on finals. If senators need anything, she is happy to help.
- XVII. President's Remarks
 - a. President Wilson thanked senators for bringing friends. If anyone is interested to become an honorary senator, they can find the form on TechSync. There is no Senate next week due to finals and wishes senators luck on finals. She also hopes

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senators continue to make progress on projects. The first Senate of D-Term will be during the second week of D-term.

XVIII. Adjournment

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