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29th Student Government Association

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Special Orders
 - a. Swearing In
 - i. Senator Barret was sworn in as Interim Vice President.
 - b. Interim Appointments
 - i. President Wilson appointed Senator Hager as Interim Community Outreach Chair, and Senators Ranieri, Gammel, Moreira, and Bradley as Interim Senators.
 - c. Club of the Week – Active Minds
 - i. The point of Active Minds is to raise awareness of mental illness. They hold events on campus to allow students to learn more about their mental health. They meet on Mondays from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Foise 105, having presentations and providing an area to destress and discuss mental health issues. SGA can help Active minds by reaching out to promote health related events, provide funding for larger events to improve mental health, and spread the word about the organization. For more information, please contact Active Minds at activeminds@wpi.edu.
- V. President's Report
 - a. Office Hours
 - i. President Office hours will be on Fridays from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
 - b. One on Ones
 - i. President Wilson has been sending outlook invites for one-on-ones and asks senators to reschedule their one-on-one if times don't work.
- VI. Vice President's Report
 - a. Office Hours
 - i. Vice President Office Hours will be on Mondays from 3:00pm to 4:00 PM
 - ii. Every senator should be signed up for a project this term.
 - b. Term Response
 - i. This term's response will be "What motivated you to join Senate"
- VII. Secretary's Report
 - a. No Report
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Funding Requests Overview
 - i. For any questions about Funding Request, please reach out to Treasurer Candy.
 - b. Office Hours
 - i. Treasurer Office Hours will be on Tuesdays from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the SGA office for senators and club treasurers.
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report

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- a. Trivia
- X. Cluster Reports
 - a. Student Services Cluster
 - i. Create a Reddit Account – Chair Nunez
 - 1. Chair Nunez requested Senators to create Reddit accounts to promote the SGA Reddit page.
 - ii. Ultrafan Nominations and Volunteers Needed – Chair Hager
 - 1. Chair Hager asked Senators to spread the word about the Ultrafan nomination form.
 - 2. Senators are needed for tablesitting for Accepted Students Day
 - b. Internal Services Cluster
 - i. Project Promotion – Chair Coelho
 - 1. Chair Coelho asked senators to send an outline of projects so they can be promoted on social media.
 - c. Financials Cluster
 - i. Budgeting Updates – Chair LaJeunesse
 - 1. The initial amount requested was over \$1 million, and cuts were made to a total of \$622,846.67. Events that were cut were ones that were against bylaws, repeated events, and events with a very high cost per attendee.
 - 2. Appeals will be due Saturday, March 30th with appeals board on April 5th and 6th.
- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
 - a. Treasurer Candy sits on the Student Organization Council, and the council approved the Association of Women in Mathematics, Student for Life, Puzzle Club, and Storybox Books as provisional organizations.
 - b. Chair Bimonte announced that there will be another bike share meeting with WSGA, and the organization will be having a meeting on Sunday, March 31st.
- XII. Old Business
 - a. S.3 29th Senate Standing Rules
 - i. Discussion:
 - 1. Secretary Burack stated that the Standing Rules provide a better understanding of how the organization works.
 - 2. Senator Starr thinks the addition of Funding Request Appeals rules were needed.
 - ii. Outcome:
 - 1. **Motion Passed**
- XIII. New Business
 - a. S.4 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers Funding Request (\$13,741.65)
 - i. Purpose of Funds:
 - 1. SASE, CSA, JCC, VSA, KSA, BSA and SASA came to request funding for the Pan-Asian Festival This event will take place on April 13th, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This event is designed to celebrate the presence of the Asian Community at WPI. They are expecting 400 attendees and are requesting a total of \$13,741.65 for the event.

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ii. Questions:

1. Is the number of expected attendees based on last year's predictions?
 - They expected 300 total people and are expecting more this year due to its location on the quad.
2. Was the amount of food last year enough?
 - Food ran out at the event last year, so the organizations are preparing for more food.
3. Are any materials from last year's festival being used?
 - Yes.
4. How do the organizations plan on publicizing the event?
 - Members from each organization are tablesitting to promote the festival and the Dragon Night.
5. Has the food been approved by Chartwells?
 - Yes.
6. What is the purpose of the T-Shirts, and will they be kept within the club?
 - The shirts are used for the staff, and they will be kept by the volunteers.
7. Have they considered using a cheaper form of identification for staff?
 - The goal of the T-Shirt is to allow people to recognize the staff from a distance.

iii. Discussion:

1. Points of Information:

- Per bylaws, the event is permitted \$320 for printing material, however they are requesting for over \$700.
 - i. Last year, the event used printing to provide more entertainment and fulfill the purpose of the event. 350 maps will be printed, but they may not need so much.
 - They never clarified anything on prizes that would be given out for the event.
 - i. This is \$300 for prizes, a \$200 prize for a raffle, and \$100 for memorabilia made on the laser cutter.
 - Senate has up to \$124,000 left to allocate this term.
 - Do the T-shirts follow bylaws?
 - i. No personal apparel is funded.
2. Motion to amend the requested amount to cut money for staff t-shirts and amend printing down to \$421.00, with a new total number of \$13,157.50
 - Questions/Points of information:
 - i. If the shirts were to be used again in the future, this would be okay to use.
 - ii. Did they say how many volunteers would be needed?

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VIII> At most 50 volunteers for 50 shirts, at a total of \$450.

- Pros:
 - i. If we cut T-Shirts for all other clubs, it would be unfair to give this event shirts.
 - ii. T-Shirts aren't very necessary to identify staff.
- Cons:
 - i. Since this is an event, this may not be included as apparel.
- Outcome: **Motion Passed**

3. Pros:

- This event brings awareness to culture on campus that doesn't have a lot of awareness.
- The organization has done lots of research and will put on a good event.
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iv. Outcome:

1. **Funding Request approved for \$13,157.50**

b. Senate Activity

XIV. Questions, Comments and Ideas

- a. Chair LaJeunesse mentioned that TechSync changed the locations of budgets. Senators should direct club treasurers to financial chairs for more information.
- b. Chair Bimonte requested to take a Senate photo for the website at the conclusion of senate.
- c. Senator Starr asked that any comments about the weekly events emails should be directed towards the communication team.
- d. Technical Coordinator Tocci updated that he will be meeting with the marketing department to continue designing the website. Anyone interested in the website should speak to him.

XV. Announcements

- a. Chair Racca announced that auditing project members please stay after senate
- b. Chair Coelho announced Trivia at the Goat's Head
- c. Secretary Burack announced that SocComm will be
- d. Chair Nunez announced that SocComm is planning a trip to Tri-State Speedway on March 30th, and anyone interested can put down a \$5 deposit to attend.

XVI. Advisor's Remarks

- a. One week from today is the University Lecture celebrating 50 years since the Apollo missions. SAO trips are wrapping up, and tickets for Kimball's Farm and Boston are still on sale. Club officers are offered tickets to a Leadership Academy. The Worcester Railers season is coming to an end, and tickets are available at the Student Activity Office.

XVII. President's Remarks

- a. President Wilson thanked senators for a great discussion during the Funding Request and urges senators to read the bylaws. Senators should reach out to anyone interested in becoming an honorary or interim center. Senators should

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make sure their notifications are turned on in Slack so chairs can contact everyone.

XVIII. Adjournment

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