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29th Student Government Association

10th Meeting of the Twenty-Ninth Undergraduate Student Government Association

To be held in the Rubin Campus Center, Hagglund Room

6:00 p.m. – April 16th, 2019

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Special Orders
 - a. Club of the Week – Society of Magicians
 - i. Chair Bimonte asked what SGA can do to help the Society of Magicians. They responded that they would like to put on more shows and gather more members. They would appreciate more opportunities to perform on campus.
 - ii. Senator Starr recommended tablesitting and showing card tricks to gather attention. He also recommended making an Instagram account to gain followers.
 - iii. Technical Coordinator Tocci recommended performing at the Goat's Head. The organization responded that they have performed in the Goats Head before.
 - iv. Chair Bimonte asked how many active members they have and where they meet. The organization has 8 active members, and they meet on Fridays from 5-7 in Stratton Hall.
 - b. Student Ushers Needed for Commencement – Jim McLaughlin
 - i. The administration hopes to have 70 ushers this year. Currently, 50 ushers are signed up to help with commencement. This opportunity will allow people to learn how commencement works and how to prepare for their own graduation. Ushers will be able to listen to the student speakers as well. Ushers will be needed on Thursday, May 9th from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM for the Graduate Commencement. Ushers will also be needed on Friday, May 10th for Baccalaureate. All ushers will required to attend Commencement on Saturday, May 11th. Students living on campus may continue to live in their dorm rooms until after commencement. Jim McLaughlin, the Assistant Dean of Student Programs, urges senators to assist as it will display the leadership that SGA provides. Students may sign up to be ushers for Commencement by visiting the following link: https://wpi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOO1IL26aSnZDg1?Q_CHL=qr
- V. President's Report
 - a. Interim Academic Improvements Chair
 - i. President Wilson asks that any senator interested in becoming the Interim Academic Improvements Chair should reach out to Chair Nunez and either schedule a meeting with President Wilson or email her a letter of Candidacy.
- VI. Vice President's Report

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- a. A/B Inactive Status
 - i. Senators who will be inactive in A or B Term should fill out the form sent to senators.
- VII. Secretary's Report
 - a. No Report
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - a. FY 20 Budgeting Process Feedback
 - i. Treasurer Candy asked for feedback from the budgeting process of the Fiscal Year 2020.
 - 1. Senator Starr believes that senators should be given more information, or examples of what a proper budget would be, in order to provide better information to clubs.
 - ii. If anyone has any suggestions, they can reach out to Treasurer Candy or Chair LaJeunesse.
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report
 - a. Trivia
- X. Cluster Reports
 - a. Student Services Cluster
 - i. No Report
 - b. Internal Services Cluster
 - i. Hearing Board Elections Update
 - 1. There was a technical issue with the voting platform, so elections for Hearing Board and Superfan Slogan will be postponed one week.
 - c. Financials Cluster
 - i. Treasury Update – Chair Bimonte
 - 1. The FY18, FY19, and FY20 budgets are currently in the updated treasury, with more information being put in over the summer.
- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
 - a. S.7 Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal
 - i. Treasurer Candy informed Senate that this vote will be approving \$712,606.55 in club budgets and \$288,670.00 in mandatory transfers.
 - ii. Renee asked why the operating account was raised.
 - 1. Treasurer Candy informed that Funding Requests that were consistent every year from SGA were put into the SGA Operating Account
 - iii. **Pros:**
 - 1. Senator Charles is in favor of this budget after the work and analysis put into the budgeting process.
 - 2. Senator Starr is also in favor as this provides plenty of funds for clubs to use and submit requests for.
 - iv. **Outcome:**
 - 1. **Motion Passes**

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- b. Senate Activity
- XIV. Questions, Comments and Ideas
 - a. Senator Starr asked that anyone with feedback on the new Weekly Events email should reach out to him.
 - i. Senator Lang asked if there was a reason for putting everyone in the same group.
 - 1. Senator Starr responded that this was done so individuals could unsubscribe from the weekly events alias instead of one person making the undergraduates alias void.
 - ii. Treasurer Candy asked if faculty or graduate students could join the alias. Senator Starr answered that theoretically it is able to be done, but it hasn't been done yet.
 - iii. Senator Puhalski asked for senators to send him any project updates or internal information that they would like to send with the SGA newsletter.
- XV. Announcements
 - a. Chair Bimonte announced that cross-registration for all courses across the Worcester Consortium opened on April 1st. Students are able to register for one free course at another college within the Worcester Consortium.
 - i. Senator Lang asked if the courses are transferrable for credits at WPI. Chair Bimonte answered that this one of the steps for registering.
 - b. Senator Gruner-Mitchell announced that the Student Comedy Production Festival is on April 18th, where many different comedy groups will be performing.
 - c. Technical Coordinator Tocci announced that the SGA website will be going live on Friday, April 19th.
 - d. Parliamentarian Liberacki announced that Alpha Phi Phi will be on April 28th, and if anyone in SGA would like to be on an SGA Team should reach out to him.
- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
 - a. Advisor Sharry congratulated the financial board and senators on their completion of the budgeting process. She also encourages senators to be student ushers. This weekend's SAO trip will be to Kimball farms. Lastly, she wanted to remind senators to take care of themselves as finals week is approaching.
- XVII. President's Remarks
 - a. President Wilson reminded Senate that there will be a discussion on this new structure, and senators should start preparing points of information and ideas to gather feedback. She also congratulated the financial team for their work on the budgeting process
- XVIII. Adjournment

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