

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

## 30<sup>th</sup> Student Government Association

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Thirtieth Undergraduate Student Government Association

To be held in Foisie Innovation Studio, Room 105

6:00 p.m. – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
  - a. Michelle O’Connell, marketing manager of Chartwells, came to Senate to speak about the dining services in relation to social media outreach. Chartwells uses an app called Dine on Campus to relate what is happening on campus in terms of Chartwell’s dining services to students. However, not many students are aware of this app, so O’Connell asked senators what she can do to increase both the awareness and usage of it. The responses were as follows: During NSO have freshman download the app; The app is sometimes inaccurate in terms of what is being served, so this is something that could be fixed; Have it be more up to date and provide nutrition information on what is being served; and advertise it by placing flyers on the table in the POD. O’Connell also made the point to say that she plans on returning to Senate with the director of dining services, Joe Kraskoukas, to speak about the future of dining on campus. Following this, she asked another question to Senate about how she can best send dining related updates to the undergraduate student body. The responses were as follows: sending text messages to students (to this O’Connell responded that the before mentioned app will send push notifications, utilizing geolocation); Is there a website with dining hours? (question posed by a senator to which O’Connell responded that yes there is a website, which contains all dining related information that is essentially summarized on the app); sending the website’s URL to students. O’Connell followed with another question about the guidelines to get emails across to the undergraduate student body. Interim President Tocci responded saying that he can double check these guidelines and get back to her on the subject. Staying on theme, O’Connell asked what is the best way to share the upcoming change in hours for Morgan Hall if she is unable to send out an email to all undergraduates. The response is as follows: Since most students who dine at Morgan are under WPI residential services, it could be best to use the student resident email alias. Overall comments from senators towards the end of the presentation were to utilize the digital displays better by slowing down the transitions and/or putting less content on each slide, and to remove dining hour changes from past years from their website since they are irrelevant to the present and near future dining hall changes. O’Connell’s final remark was that if anyone has any questions, comments, and/or suggestions for her, that her office is downstairs in the CC next to the Chairman’s Room.
- IV. Special Orders
  - a. Interim President Tocci appointed Rimsha Kayastha as a Senator at 6:19 p.m..
- V. President’s Report

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- a. We are looking for a D Term Interim Internal Affairs Chair. If you are interested, please reach out to exec, and be on the lookout for more information via email and Slack.
  - b. Additionally, Interim President Tocci noted that during Michelle O'Connell's presentation he saw that some senators were using their devices. He asks that senators refrain from using their phones, laptops, etc. during Senate (unless asked to), especially during a guest's presentation.
  - c. Finally, he informed senators that the last Senate of the term will be next Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- VI. Vice President's Report
- a. Vice President Serven announced that SGAssassins will be done bracket style, meaning that assignments will be changed every week based on who is still in and who is out.
  - b. For those who applied to be the D Term Interim Vice President, Vice President Serven will send an Outlook invite for a 30-minute interview to go over the role and responsibilities of Vice President. The decision will be made by both exec and the Student Services Cluster's chairs of D term. The reason for this being that it is important for both exec and the chairs to be comfortable working with the Interim Vice President.
  - c. Before starting Debate Series Part 2: Choose Your Character, Vice President Serven explained that even though these topics are light-hearted and fun, that this is meant to be a professional debate that practices and promotes advocacy within Senate.
- VII. Secretary's Report
- a. Secretary Gruner-Mitchell asked senators to sign up to table sit.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
- a. No Report
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report
- a. Interim Parliamentarian Sanchez presented a Leader Self Care Workshop. The reason for this being that it can get very hectic on campus (especially during the winter); As senators we are each leaders, and if we are not able to take care of ourselves, then we are not able to take care of the people we lead. During this she talked about the different methods of self-care (physical, emotional, social, spiritual, etc.), things to watch out for/when to ask for help, and to remember that it's okay to take time for yourself to focus on yourself.
- X. Cluster Reports
- a. Student Services Cluster
    - i. Chair Gammal asked senators to volunteer to throw out Superfans for the Men's Basketball game tomorrow.
  - b. Internal Services Cluster
    - i. No Report
  - c. Financials Cluster
    - i. No Report
- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees

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- a. No Report
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
  - a. **S.2 Bylaw Revisions:** Chair Rosenthal presented the proposed bylaw revisions under the Financials Cluster, specifically Titles 7-9. The first change, in summary, clarifies the period of time where provisional clubs (clubs recently approved by the SOC) have to reclassify (previously between 12 and 18 months and now proposed to be between 12 and 36 months). The next change, in summary, clarifies that the cost of trips, conferences, and competitions that is covered by SGA (total official transportation cost and up to 66% of the remaining event cost) also applies to the club's advisor if the advisor is required for the event. The final change, in summary, clarifies that if an executive veto is made against the Financial Board's decision(s), the request(s) will be forwarded to either the Senate if the request is a Funding Request or Reallocation Request, or the Executive Board if the request is a Reclassification Request.
    - i. Chair Guerrero made a motion to approve these changes.
      - 1. Chair Guerrero asked for further clarification on the proposed revision regarding the executive veto.
      - 2. Chair Moreira asked if these proposed changes are simply clarifications of what the Financial Board already does, or if they are new. Treasurer Nunez responded that the first two changes are clarifications to what the Financial Board already does, and that the third change is in response to a situation that arose that had never previously arisen in the past.
      - 3. Chair Rosenthal made a motion to propose amendments to these revisions based off a meeting himself and Interim President Tocci had with Advisor Sharry to match the SAO policies. These more specific changes are as follows: To create a 7<sup>th</sup> class called non-funded. This applies to provisional clubs that have not applied to reclassify within the provided time constraints. All these clubs can still reclassify, the only differences between Class 6 and Class 7 clubs is that Class 7 clubs are ineligible for Funding Requests.
        - Senator Shah asked how an inactive club could provide a treasurer to state that said treasurer's club is inactive. It was clarified that, in this case, treasurer referred to the treasurer of SGA.
        - Vice President Serven asked if Class 7 is more so their status of a club according to SOC make them ineligible for Funding Requests. Chair Rosenthal stated that the purpose of this is to separate our class definition system from what they deem as inactive because that is not applicable to us. This is a holding period if they had not reclassified on our end.

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- Senator Ripa asked for clarification on the reclassification process.
  - Chair Puhalski is for these changes because they are generally aligned with what we do currently, and these changes make sense with fellow organizations on campus.
  - Senator to Rhodes made a motion to table these changes.
  - **Outcome: Motion Passed**
- b. **S.3 Financials 101 Document Revisions:** Chair Rosenthal presented these proposed revisions. He explained how these revisions are essentially the same as what was in the bylaws; it just clarifies that the 66% cost coverage (mentioned above) applies to advisors. Additionally, clubs are allowed to request stickers, drawing from promotional funds, and if it's a larger event, it is not limited by promotional funds.
- i. Senator Wilde made a motion to approve these changes.
    - 1. Senator Rhodes agrees with these changes. He believes that they make sense in accordance with what was previously discussed.
    - 2. Chair Rosenthal made a motion to make the appropriate changes in accordance with the meeting with Advisor Sharry and Interim President Tocci and to match the bylaw changes.
      - Senator Shah asked why are we approving stickers. Chair Rosenthal explained how it was previously thought that facilities did not want us to approve stickers; however, this was a false misconception.
      - Senator Grady supports these changes; They seem reasonable.
      - Chair Gammal made a motion to table these changes.
      - **Outcome: Motion Passed**
- XIV. Questions, Comments and Ideas
- a. Attire should be sent out by the Monday night before Senate.
- XV. Announcements
- a. Don't forget to sign up to throw Superfans and Ultrafans!
  - b. The Society of Industrial Engineers and System reached out about offering a Green Belt certification course between March 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - c. The Chipotle Alpha Phi Fundraiser was this past Tuesday night.
  - d. Remember to vote for Mr. WPI in the CC between 10-3.
- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
- a. Advisor Sharry reminded senators that the SAO has Worcester Railers tickets. They are flex tickets, so they are good for any home game. Also, her office has opened applications for the Leading Edge Series: Advanced Leaders. This is a 7-week program that meets once a week during D term, and, at the end of the program, participants will receive a Leadership Certificate. Finally, she wishes all senators good luck on finals!
- XVII. President's Remarks

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- a. Interim President Tocci thanked everyone for another successful Senate! During the meeting, he gave everyone a guiding hand when it came to today's new business, but he hopes to steer everyone into a direction where we are independent with these matters in the future. Additionally, he reminded senators to spend 10-15 minutes to read over relevant documents when necessary prior to Senate.

### XVIII. Adjournment

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