

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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

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

To be held in Zoom Meeting Room, Meeting ID: 552 439 624

6:00 p.m. – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
  - a. Colleges Against Cancer’s President, Jillian Comeau came to Senate to speak on what the club has been working on this term. Before jumping into their plan for this virtual D Term, she noted their affiliation with American Cancer Society, and how they are recognized on a national level as a Top Performer by ACS.

Relay for Life usually occurs during this term, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic they have been organizing a Virtual Relay. The club is meeting as frequently as they can, so that everyone is on the same page, additionally, they want the members of this club to still feel engaged and like they are doing meaningful work. For Virtual Relay, they will have interactive posts and updates, a 3 day “Purple Week,” and then Virtual Relay. The days will go as follows:

- i. Day 1: Celebrate. This day will consist of testimonials delivered via short videos about how survivors overcame Cancer and what Relay means to them.
- ii. Day 2: Remember. This day CAC will do their best to imitate Luminaria on a virtual setting. There will also be Student Testimonials and videos from the founders of CAC .
- iii. Day 3: Fight Back. There will be some Tik Tok Challenges, Fundraising bingo boards, “On-site” fundraisers, fundraisers, and then a video from CAC Alumuni. The group recognizes that we are currently in a financial crisis, so they are prioritizing sharing their message rather than raising funds.
- iv. Relay for Life: The main event will be held over Facebook/Zoom/Instagram Live, or another streaming site of the same nature (the details are still being determined). Also, the popular “Date Auction” event will still be held. There will be videos of Relay highlights, people sharing why they Relay, and other compilations of videos from people and teams. Additionally, the importance of social distancing and Cancer will be a theme of the night.

Currently, CAC is reaching out to team captains and organizations for involvement. They are also keeping members engaged via social media through collaborating f with SAO and the Marketing Department to get the word out.

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Senate asked Comeau what we can do to help, and she responded that resharing on social media would be a great help to increase CAC outreach.

- b. Austin Shalt, a peer advisor from the Career Development Center, came to Senate to share information about the CDC and highlight their virtual resources. The Career Development Center is still having 1-on-1 appointments about topics such as graduate school, interviewing, job offers, etc. These appointments can be scheduled via Handshake, and the CDC will meet with students through any medium that works best for the students (except for in person). Additionally, drop-in hours are still available on M-F from 10-2. Shalt pointed out that employers still want to connect with WPI students and are doing so though by advertising virtual events on Handshake. If anyone has any questions, the CDC is always available at [cdc@wpi.edu](mailto:cdc@wpi.edu). In closing, Shalt stated that SGA can help the Career Development Center best during this time by reaching out to their constituent clubs, and other social circles, and having students share what is their status on finding internships, co-ops, jobs, etc.
- IV. Special Orders
  - V. President's Report
    - a. President Candy shared that the SGA Website has been updated with new exec, cabinet, and links that are relevant to SGA and D term. He ask that if anyone has any ideas, or they notice errors to please pass it along to him.
  - VI. Vice President's Report
    - a. Interim Vice President Bradley reported on COVID-19 updates. As of the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate, there were about 2 million cases globally (a 700,000 increase since the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate), but the curve does seem like it is starting to flatten in certain areas of the U.S. With this news in mind, state leaders are beginning to determine how and when to change the stay at home mandates.
  - VII. Secretary's Report
    - a. Secretary Gruner-Mitchell reminded Senators the importance of looking over the minutes, as they are a record of information that should be shared with those on campus.
  - VIII. Treasurer's Report
    - a. Treasurer Nunez talked about appeals board, which happened the weekend prior to Senate. She noted how it went well, and they were able to give money back to clubs that had been accidentally cut from their budgets. In closing, she gave a huge thank you to everyone in financial board who helped out with appeals and to the ten outside non-SGA members.
  - IX. Parliamentarian's Report
    - a. Congratulations to Chair Bell for winning Kahoot!
  - X. Cluster Reports
    - a. Student Services Cluster
      - i. Interim Chair Hager reported on the email he sent out with links regarding the Feedback Survey, Superfan Slogan Submissions, and Campus Hearing Board. He asks that Senators share these links with friends.

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- b. Internal Services Cluster
  - i. Chair Sanchez told Senate that there is a Senator Spotlight Form in Slack. She asks that anyone who is interested to fill out the form. Additionally, there will be Cluster Spotlights, which will highlight the work that Senators are doing.
  - ii. Interim Chair Ourdyl reminded Senate that Campus Hearing Board Elections are coming up, and they are still looking for people to run. He encourages anyone who is interested to run. The application is on Tech Sync.
- c. Financials Cluster
  - i. No Report
- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
  - a. **S.4 Standing Rules:** Treasurer Nunez went over SGA's updated standing rules.
    - i. Secretary Gruner-Michell stated that she agreed with the updated version.
    - ii. Treasurer Nunez motioned to table the standing rule changes until next week.
      - i. **Outcome: Motion Passed**
  - b. Interim Vice President Bradley and Parliamentarian Silva split Senate into small groups, using breakout rooms, with the goal of finding qualities that are shared amongst group members.
- XIV. Questions, Comments and Ideas
- XV. Announcements
  - a. WPI is having their first ever First-Generation Mentor Programs. If you are a first-generation student and would like to be a mentor, you are encouraged to sign up.
  - b. Virtual Trivia Tuesday!
  - c. There will be a Financial Board Meeting via Zoom this Week.
- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
  - a. Advisor Sharry stated that SAO is offering a few different workshops in the upcoming weeks. She encouraged senators to attend and/or promote these workshops.
- XVII. President's Remarks
  - a. President Candy thanked Senate for another Zoom Addition of Senate. He reminded senators to encourage their friends to submit Superfan Slogans, the Campus Feedback Form, and the Campus Hearing Board form.
- XVIII. Adjournment

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