

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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

21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Thirtieth Undergraduate Student Government Association

To be held in Zoom Meeting Room: 952 4476 3062

6:00 p.m. – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Special Orders
- V. President's Report
  - a. No Report
- VI. Vice President's Report
  - a. No Report
- VII. Secretary's Report
  - a. No Report
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
  - a. No Report
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report**

Congratulations to Treasurer Nunez for winning Financials Kahoot!

- X. Cluster Reports**
  - a. Student Services Cluster
    - i. No Report
  - b. Internal Services Cluster**
    - i. Chair Sanchez reminded Senate that her team still has fleeces. Please keep an eye out for announcements on times they will be sitting in the office handing them out. If you have not paid for a fleece yet, please do so ASAP!
    - ii. Chair Tocci reminded Senate that if a senator wishes to return to SGA, they need to submit a packet. Additionally, he asks everyone to tell fellow students that Senator packets are live.
  - c. Financials Cluster**

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- i. Chair Rosenthal's team presented the Internal Audit for FY20. Senator Lizotte, Senator Burns, and Senator Eskridge presented this information. (See PowerPoint Attached).

### Questions

Why was there a spike in Mandatory Transfers in 2018?

*Answer:* Both Greek Life Programming and SAO operations significantly increased.

Can you clarify what is meant by "per capita by club type?"

*Answer:* It is the budget per student per club type.

## XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees

- a. The Committee on Advising and Student Life is talking about ESports at WPI. They are trying to gather information from SGA about this subject. They are concerned how unsupervised these sports are considering that so many students use the WPI name. If anyone knows anything about this topic, please share.

### Discussion

Senator Burns asked, regarding the ESports Club, if they are trying to shift from a club to a sports team?

*Answer:* The committee has not reached out to them yet.

- b. Senator Pandit is on a committee about the academic calendar for next year. They are discussing the number of days between Fall Break and between Thanksgiving and Winter break. If you have anything that you would like to add to this conversation, please reach out to him on Slack.
- c. President Candy and Chair Hubbard both sit on the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP). To update, they shared that allowing students to overload a week before classes begin has been very successful. Another topic they are currently discussing is the grace period for changing classes. Currently, when you add/drop a class within the first 5 days of the term, you do not need instructor approval, but they are considering changing this to 3 days. After this grace period, there is a fee and required alongside approval.

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## Discussion

Chair Tocci asked for clarification. He thought that all one needs to do to change classes is to have a slip signed by the professor.

*Answer:* If the class is full, then one needs to a signature or a ticket to get added to class if there are open seats. You can also add it on BannerWeb.

Chair Tocci asked for the purpose of this proposed change.

*Answer:* There has been a problem were students are starting a new class after a week of classes. This can cause problems with grading.

Senator Pacheco asked if this change would mean the fee would apply after 3 days rather than 5?

*Answer:* I am not sure, but I will check on that.

Senator Burns made the point that some students may need 5 days to realize that they are in over their heads. A good example of this is Freshman and Calc classes.

*Answer:* Good point! Usually, the math department extends these dates for the Calc series for this reason.

Parliamentarian Silvia agreed with Senator Burn's point. It takes a little longer than one would think to know that one needs to change classes.

Senator Ourdyl agreed with Parliamentarian Silvia. He finds that if someone is willing to switch out of a class, they are usually willing to make up the work they have missed.

Senator Zeolla agreed and added that they don't do any heavy work until usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

Senator Wilde made the point that with the reduced break, it would not be fair to decrease the number of days students have the choice to change classes.

Chair Tocci suggested that the days should be counted by how many class periods pass rather than calendar day.

President Candy announced that if anyone else has thoughts, they can reach out to Chair Hubbard or himself.

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## XII. Old Business

## XIII. New Business

- a. Senators were split into breakout rooms to design ads for the upcoming Senator Elections.

## XIV. Questions, Comments and Ideas

## XV. Announcements

- a. Cabinet interviews are this weekend. Please sign up if you are interested!
- b. If you are interested in any of Cabinet positions, please reach out to anyone who currently holds your position of interest.

## XVI. Advisor's Remarks

Advisor Perlow announced that Advisor Sharry had her baby on Saturday and his name is Joey. He is doing well and so is mom! Advisor Perlow then shared that she will take Advisor Sharry's place while she is on leave. She reminded Senate to complete the intentions form, and she announced that students can start to sign up for Thanksgiving meals. Additionally, the President's Office hours were just announced for B term. Finally, this Friday the Dean of Student's Office will be handing out fried Oreos for Fun Day Friday!

## XVII. President's Remarks

President Candy thanked everyone for some very entertaining and productive poster making! He reminded everyone to submit their packets, and to get your friends to do so as well! He shared that the 31<sup>st</sup> Senate will have 59 Senators.

## XVIII. Adjournment

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