

**Student Government Association**

**Senate**

**09/24/2024**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** 5:05pm
2. **Roll Call:** Please see below.
3. **Approval of Agenda**

Teddy asked members to look over the agenda to see if anything needed to be added and/or removed. Teddy motioned to approve the agenda 1st by Ariadna 2nd by Sean. Approval unanimous.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Teddy asked members to look over the minutes to ensure what was said is stated correctly. Teddy motioned to approve the minutes as is 1st by Tara 2nd by Fatimah. Approval unanimous.

1. **Teddy Lockhart, President of SGA**
2. **Swearing In of Senators**

Before the swearing in Teddy introduced President Helldobler who congratulated the new senate and stated that they are the student’s voice! He gave kudos to Teddy for his great leadership and stated that he is looking forward to working with everyone. Also in attendance was Prof. Wendy C., Loretta McLaughlin, Provost Powers, Dr. Camarata, Eileen Lubeck and Francisco Diaz. They all introduced themselves, stated their title, and congratulated the newly elected senate.

Teddy then proceeded with the swearing in of senators and asked all those who were elected to senate positions to please stand, raise their right hand and repeat after him. At the end he congratulated and informed them that they now have voting privileges.

1. **Provost Powers**

Provost Powers asked who knows what it is that a Provost does. Only a few members responded. He stated that his purpose is to make sure that students have the best educational experience, go on to graduate school and/or find employment. He mentioned that if they ever have questions or concerns to reach out to Mark as he is the contact person for him. Provost Powers stated that WPU is emphasizing the following topics: certificates, experimental learning, UCC redesign, and faculty/student mentoring.

1. **Barbee Edwards, VP of JRB**
2. **Chartering of South Asian Student Association**
3. Barbee stated that Saira was in attendance to state reasons on why she would like to have the chartering of the South Asian Student Association approved. She explained the purpose of the club and why she feels it would be beneficial to students that are interested in this type of club. Senate members were enthusiastic and asked questions to which Saira answered. Barbee mentioned that Section C: Voting Privileges and Article IV in their constitution needs to be updated. Barbee motioned to approve the chartering of the South Asian Student Association 2nd by Mark. Approval 37-0-1.
4. **Appointment of Anthony Baisden as Senator of JRB**

Barbee stated that Anthony would like to appoint as a Senator of JRB. Anthony stated reasons why he would like to be appointed and how he feels he can contribute to the committee of JRB. Members asked questions to which Anthony answered. Barbee motioned to approve Anthony’s appointment 2nd by Fatimah. Appointment approved 38-0-0.

1. **Appointment of Medge as Senator of JRB**

Barbee stated that Medge would like to appoint as a Senator of JRB. Medge stated reasons why she would like to be appointed. Members asked questions to which Medge answered. Barbee motioned to approve Medge’s appointment 2nd by Jeremy. Appointment approved 27-9-2.

1. **Monthly Reports**

Barbee explained what monthly reports are and asked for them to be completed and returned to their respective VP by 9/30.

1. **Stipend Review Criteria**

Teddy explained what stipend review is and what and how responsibilities are scored.

1. **Sehaj Osan, VP of Student Life**
2. **Appointment of Casey Kizito as Senator of Student Life**

Sehaj stated that Casey would like to appoint as a Senator of Student Life. Casey stated reasons why he would like to be appointed and how he feels he can contribute to the committee of Student Life. Members asked questions to which Casey answered. Sehaj motioned to approve Casey’s appointment 2nd by Alexa. Appointment approved 38-0-0.

1. **Ariadna Giraldo, EVP of SGA**
2. **Retreat Itinerary**

Ariadna stated that October 4th is the retreat. She went over the itinerary’s timeline. She also stressed the importance of everyone’s attendance and how it may affect their stipend if they are absent.

1. **Jeremy Tavares, VP of Public Relations**
2. **PR Update**

Jeremy sent a link to senate members to obtain their t-shirt sizes. He mentioned that PR will be posting e-board spotlight on Ig.

1. **Mark Spuhler, VP of Academic Affairs**
2. **Academic Affairs Update**

Mark mentioned that Student Life and Academic Affairs will be hosting a joint forum on 10/8 during common hour in the MPR. He explained what forums are for those that were newly elected. He asked if senators would please help post flyers.

1. **Faculty Senate Report**

Mark stated that he attended Faculty Senate, and the following was discussed: UCC guidelines, Dr. Gamin spoke about AI, mentor model and certificates.

1. **Advisor’s Comments**

**Jaime** congratulated everyone and stated that he has an open-door policy. He wished them all well in hopes of a good semester.

**Donna** congratulated everyone and stated that she has an open-door policy. She advised that everyone complete Leadership Academy.

1. **Old Business:** None
2. **New Business**

Ariadna stated that phones and computers are not to be used during the meeting. They are only allowed in the beginning when approving minutes and agenda.

1. **A close up of a paper

   Description automatically generatedAnnouncements**
2. **Adjournment:** 6:07pm

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| Teddy Lockhart- *President* | **P** |  |
| Ariadna Giraldo- *EVP* | **P** |  |
| Jeremy Taveras- *VP of Allocations* | **P** |  |
| Sehaj Osan- *VP of Student Life* | **P** |  |
| Mark Spuhler- *VP of Academic Affairs* | **P** |  |
| Barbee Edwards- *VP of JRB* | **P** |  |
| Titi Sharpe- *VP of Allocations* | **P** |  |
| *Public Relations Committee* |  |  |
| La-Tanya Currie | **P** |  |
| Tara Nucum | **P** |  |
| Olivia Stone | **P** |  |
| Andrea Colonbong | **P** |  |
| Alysaa Darby | **P** |  |
| Emily Bellofatto | **P** |  |
| Lucy Narobi | **P** |  |
| Ivan Gallardo | **P** |  |
| *Student Life Committee* |  |  |
| Danielle Perpignan |  | **A** |
| Fatimah Abbassi | **P** |  |
| Misty Skupienski | **P** |  |
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| Sylvie Rugira | **P** |  |
| Kavan Sutaria | **P** |  |
| Jotvir Kaur | **P** |  |
| Idil Abali | **P** |  |
| *Academic Affairs Committee* |  |  |
| Tavian Montague | **P** |  |
| Chelsy Kizito | **P** |  |
| German Peralta | **P** |  |
| Arnav Sarna | **P** |  |
| Iyinoluwa Adey | **P** |  |
| *JRB Committee* |  |  |
| Sean Vaughan | **P** |  |
| Koushani Gupta | **P** |  |
| Ameer Rabboh | **P** |  |
| *Allocations Committee* |  |  |
| Alexa Marie Aguirre | **P** |  |
| Rugie Shane Bandalaria |  | **A** |
| Jahzeel Lintag | **P** |  |
| Abraham Kim | **P** |  |
| Samuel Esenabhalu | **P** |  |
| Mohammed Arham | **P** |  |
| Luca Espardinez | **P** |  |
| Anjana Pun | **P** |  |
| *Delegates* |  |  |
| Jason Peralta- *Voting Member of BOT* | **P** |  |
| Luis Aguilar- *Greek Senate Rep.* | **P** |  |
| Jason Delacruz- Greek Senate Rep. |  | **A** |
| Xavier Clavijo- *Non-Voting BOT Member* | **P** |  |