The Student Government Association General Board Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2024 ♦ 7:15pm ♦ Held in Sykes Student Union, 110 W Rosedale Ave, West Chester, PA 19382, Room 10A



Call to Order: 7:18pm

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:

- Motion to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes:
 - **-** 9/24
 - o Approved, the minutes are approved

Public Comment:

• There was no one for public comment

Forming Clubs and Organizations:

- The Disability Justice Club presented to the senate for ten minutes.
- Rams Official Club presented to the senate for ten minutes.

Officer Reports:

Parliamentarian: Caleb Winters

• - No report

Public Relations Officer: Emma Holston

• - Working to create new merchandise

Secretary: Aliza Greenfield

• - No report

Treasurer: Rachel Treiffesen

 There are appeals, auxiliary requests, and new organization funds to vote on in new business.

Vice President: Claire Shutack

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Student Trustee: Chris

• No report

President: McKenna Nugent

- - Senate and Cabinet Mixer on October 21 at 4:30pm in the Autograph Library
- Board Of Student Government Presidents meeting on October 17

Committee Reports:

Bylaw Review Committee: Chaired Caleb Winters

• No report

Finance Committee: Chaired Rachel Treiffesen

- Between this week and last week, we've seen:
 - o Forensics Speech and Debate
 - Biomedical Engineering Society (appeal and aux)
 - WCU Pageants
 - Actuary Society
 - o LASO
 - Society of Physics Students
 - Hands Helping Paws
 - The Hidden Opponent (New Org request)
- Meetings are on Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm in Sykes 257

Outreach Committee: Chaired Lukas Williamson

- Voter drive tabling tomorrow
- Presented the roundtable event to the exec board.
 - o discussed promotion, budget, renaming, public safety, and check-in.
 - It will be located in Phillips Autograph Library!

Public Relations Committee: Chaired by Emma Holston

• Working to create 'there's a senator for that' posters.

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Advisor Report

Kimmy Farrer

• - no report

Senator Reports

- Student Leadership and Involvement: Noah Smith
 - Met with Cara Jenkins, Director of Student Leadership and Involvement.

- Discussed that the Office of Student Leadership & Involvement is the umbrella office for all 300+ organizations on campus, charged with oversight and support of these groups that provide so much of our student life. This is the first time in the last 4 years the office has been fully staffed, consisting of a Director, Associate Director, Assistant Director, Graduate Assistant, and 11 Paraprofessionals (Leadership Consultants).
- Discussed active initiatives and the weekly agenda. SLI has hosted 23 Events as of October 8th 2024, including large scale events such as Council of Organizations and the Fall Involvement Fair, leadership development programs (Explore), and organization management programs (Advanced Financial Management, Org Leadership 1.0). According to RamConnect data, SLI has garnered ~750 registrants across all events, with a full programming schedule for the remainder of the semester. LEAD (sli sub-org), SGA, FSL, and CCESI have partnered for a Voting Plan drive, in which organizations can encourage their members to create their voting plan on RamConnect. When users submit the form, they can pick an organization to support. The top 3 organizations who garner the most responses will receive a monetary prize to their SSI account.

■ Health and Wellness: Abby Hart

- Met with Dr. Jayme Trogus, Director of Wellness Promotion, on 10/7/24.
 - Discussed what the role and communication as the health & wellness senator looked like.

■ University Libraries: Annie Wineka

- Met with Dierdre Childs, Director of Public Services, on 10/7/2024.
 - Discussed different ways to get students more involved and familiar from the library, and we decided to try and engage students by the Starbucks entrance as it gets the most traffic in the library.
 - Discussed, reviving the Student Library Advisory Board, which would help plan various activities in the library. Tentative plans for the group include starting a book club or running nights in the library.
 - Discussed different spaces in the library which are popular to maybe build upon, like Relaxing Rammy corners.
 - Working to meet with the Student Success Librarian to plan more activities and brainstorm different ways to spread the word about events in the library.

■ College of Arts and Humanities: Maggie Olsen-Rye

- Met with Dr. Boyle, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities (CARHU), on Friday October 4th.
 - Discussed furthering the idea of a CARHU suggestion/question box.
 - Discussed "The Women's and Gender Studies Collection" and the series of Alumni Spotlights! If you're in CARHU and do amazing, inspirational stuff, or know an alumni who was in a CARHU program, or a professor or faculty member in CARHU, who have accomplished cool and great and amazing things, please reach out to Alyssa Kowalick, the Assistant to the Associate Dean. Her email is AKowalick@wcupa.edu.

■ Wells School of Music: Miles Cressley

- Met with Dean Hanning, Dean of the Wells School of Music
 - Discussed issues such as including a gender neutral bathroom in the Swope Music Building. Also discussed incorporating new places for students to relax and purchasing new furniture like seated benches in the lobby.

■ _IFC: Joseph Mingioni

- Met with the interfraternal council.
 - Discussed that recruitment concluded on Sept 25th with around 125 new organization members. These new members attended a guest speaker who is a former athlete guest speaker who spoke on men's mental health, leadership, and personal growth on Sept 29th. The Good Fellowship Ambulance Company is coming in to speak on the use of Narcan and to educate the new members on drugs and alcohol. IFC has hosted weekly homecoming safety and procedures meetings with all the chapters. Greek Weekend took place October 4th-5th, where a guest speaker spoke about community togetherness and then yard games in which whoever's chapter wins the most will receive money for their philanthropy.

■ Faculty Relations: Avery McKnight

- o Met with Dr. Israel Sanz, President of the Faculty Senate, on 10/07/2024.
 - Discussed that the Faculty are currently focused on working RamPortal and are trying to wrap their minds around the new system. This is a particularly big concern with class scheduling currently happening. A lot of the faculties attention is currently focused on guiding students through this advising season.

■ _ Sustainability Senator: Alix Brewer

- Met with Bradley Flamm, Director of the Office of Sustainability, and additional members of the office of sustainability, on September 23rd and the Sustainability Peer educators on October 1st.
 - Discussed the role of the sustainability senator.
 - Discussed sustainable event planning and a Green Fund. Since this, the request for the Green Fund through SGA has been denied.

■ Legislative Affairs Senator: Lukas Williamson

- Met with Dr. Julie Dietrich, Executive Director for External Relations, on 10/1/24.
 - Discussed planning the legislative affairs breakfast. Discussed the budget and prepared a presentation for the sga executive board, which went well.

Unfinished Business:

• There was nothing for unfinished business.

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New Business:

- Motion to open a five minute discussion on Rams Official.
 - o Seconded, Approved, discussion is opened.
- Motion to close discussion on Rams Official.
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is closed.
- Motion to open a vote on Rams Official.
 - o Seconded, Approved, Rams Official is approved.
- o Motion to open a five minute discussion on Disability Justice Club.
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is opened.
 - Motion to close discussion on Disability Justice Club.
 - o Seconded, Approved, discussion is closed.
 - Motion to open a vote on Disability Justice Club
 - Seconded, Approved, Disability Justice Club is approved.
 - Motion to open a five minute discussion on the Office of Educational Accessibility Ad-hoc senate seat.
 - o Seconded, Approved, discussion is opened.
 - Motion to close discussion on the Office of Educational Accessibility Ad-hoc senate seat. .
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is closed.
 - Motion to open a five minute discussion on budget appeals and auxiliary requests
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is opened.
 - Motion to close discussion on budget appeals and auxiliary requests
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is closed.
 - Motion to open a vote on Forensics Speech and Debate budget appeal of \$9,850.
 - Seconded, Approved, Forensics Speech and Debate budget appeal of \$9,850 is denied.
- Motion to open a vote on Biomedical Engineering Society \$700 budget appeal and \$950 for their auxiliary request
 - Seconded, Approved, Biomedical Engineering Society \$700 budget appeal and \$950 for their auxiliary request is approved
 - Motion to open a vote on WCU Pageants budget appeal of \$2,500.
 - o Seconded, Approved, WCU Pageants budget appeal of \$2,500 is approved.
- Motion to open a vote on Actuary Society of \$750 budget appeal
 - Seconded, Approved, Actuary Society of \$750 budget appeal is approved
- Motion to open a vote on LASOs budget appeal of \$4,000.
 - o Seconded, Approved, LASOs budget appeal of \$4,000 is Denied.
- Motion to open a vote on Society of Physics Students budget appeal of \$1000
 - Seconded, Approved, Society of Physics Students budget appeal of \$1000 is approved

- Motion to open a vote on Hands Helping Paws budget appeal of \$600
 - o Seconded, Approved, Hands Helping Paws budget appeal of \$600 is denied
- Motion to open a vote on The Hidden Opponent New organization request of \$500
 - Seconded, Approved, The Hidden Opponent New organization request of \$500 is approved
- Motion to open a vote on Ramboree's 10K donation
 - o Seconded, Approved, Ramborees 10K donation is approved
 - Motion to open Senate Elections.
 - o Seconded, Approved, Senate Elections are opened.
 - NAME runs unopposed for Senator and is acclimated into the senate.
 - Motion to close Senate Elections.
 - Seconded, Approved, Senate Elections are closed.

Discussion:

• Open discussion regarding town hall, supper club attendees.

Announcements:

- - Sustainability Senator: Environmental Progress in Chester County Panel Discussion on October 28th at 6:30PM in SECC 101A
- -- President: Apply to be an orientation leader on Handshake
- -- Sustainability Senator: A conversation with public safety on Wednesday October 9th in Sykes Theater on 7 PM

Closing Role Call

• In Attendance:

- President, McKenna Nugent
- Vice President, Claire Shutack
- o Parliamentarian, Caleb Winters
- Secretary, Aliza Greenfield
- Treasurer, Rachel Treffeisen
- o Public Relations Chair, Emma Holston
- College of Arts and Humanities Senator, Magie Olsen-Rye
- College of Business and Public Management Senator, Ant Forgacic
- College of Education and Social Work Senator, Lizzie Guidici

- Wells School of Music, Miles Cressley
- o Faculty Relations Senator, Avery McKnight
- Sustainability Senator, Alix Brewer
- o Alumni Engagement, Sakina Farooq
- o Athletics Senator, Lucas Henke
- o Campus health and wellness, Abby Hart
- o Career Development Senator, Harrison Green
- o Dining Services Senator, Derrick Addison
- o Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Jen Harter
- First Generation, Kayden McCabe
- o Interfraternal Council (IFC) Senator, Joseph Mingioni
- o International Affairs Senator, Nina Liddington
- o Legislative Affairs, Lukas Williamson
- o National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), Raven Davies
- o Off Campus and Commuter Senator, Marcella Tate
- o On Campus Housing Senator, Nathan Schallack
- o Parking and Public Safety, Alan Astimbay
- o Student Leadership and Involvement Senator, Noah Smith

Call to Adjourn: 9:13PM

