**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AGENDA**

**April 11, 2017**

1. ROLL CALL: Mikayla Lapre, Derek Estrella, Maddy Scott, Dan Pandenza, Rhynell Christopher, Suwayne Rowe, Nate Hayden, Aleixa Gagnon, Brandon Donahue, Joanne Kaprielian, Dianelise Acevedo, Jillian Tardi and Courtney Smith were absent. Andrew Morin, Nicole Hannon, Tara O’Hanlon, Danny Chamberlain, Algenis Joaquin Ortiz were excused and Caitlyn Hurley sent an alternate
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: April 04, 2017
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **Brendan McKee**
4. I want to give a giant shout out to all of those involved in a tremendous weekend of events geared towards kicking cancer. First off, the Relay for Life was a great success, raising $38,000.00 for the American Cancer society. Next, the Class of 2018 did a great job with the Buzz Off for Cancer, raising $2,200.00 to benefit children with cancer. Finally, the Classes of 2017 and 2019 put on a wonderful Mr. Westfield, with three of the contestants being our fellow senators and the event as a whole raising enough money to grand another wish. Congratulations to both classes, Marcus DiBacco, Andrew Manchino and your new Mr. Westfield, Emmett Witherspoon.
5. Elections are on April 18 and April 19 on MyWestfield under the Campus Life tab. Please get your constituents involved. We will also be having Pizza with the Candidates on April 13 at 4:00pm in the SGA room.
6. Just a reminder that Representative Velis is making a comeback to campus on April 13 at 5:00pm in the Owl’s Nest. Representative Velis will be here to host a town hall like event. Pizza with the Candidates should be wrapping up a little bit after the beginning of this town hall, so definitely come on over afterwards and spend some quality time with Representative Velis.
7. If you or anyone you know is interested in a fall or spring DC internship, there will be a representative from the Washington Center on campus tomorrow, April 12, at 12:45 pm in the Ely Club Room.
8. Items not listed on Agenda:

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: **Brandon Trafford**
   1. All University Committee: **No Report**
   2. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
   3. NEASC Steering Committee: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE: **Arielyss Santiago**
   1. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
   2. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: **Aaliyah Mercer**
2. The Culturally Defined event and the Triple Threat events this past weekend were huge successes.
3. MSA’s third annual Black Excellence is on April 19 in Scanlon Banquet Hall, it starts at 7:30pm they are asking for a $2.00 donation**.**
4. Dress to impress all black attire event. It is a celebration of the Diversity in Art through performances and displays. Also there will be an open mic.
5. The Jewish Student Organization is hosting a Passover Seder on Thursday, April 13 at 6:00pm in Scanlon Banquet hall. This is a celebration of liberation combining rituals, blessings, songs, stories and great food. Students are free and Fac/staff is by donation. Please RSVP by April 10 to Alessa Foley.
6. Diversity and Inclusion is holding a crisis of Black Education in the United States and the impact on Black Masculinity. There will be a Panel Discussion and Dialogue on April 12 at 4:00pm until 6:00pm in the Owl’s Nest.
7. This event brings together four brilliant African American scholars to provide insight into challenges, possibilities and hopeful futures for black males.
8. Disabilities Awareness Day is on April 13 in the Ely Garden Level Lobby from 9:00 am until 5:00pm. There will be events like Rethinking College movie, baked goods and coffee and so on.
9. Just a recap on the Diversity Committee, we want to hear more from everyone and created a survey to gather information about everyone’s thoughts about SGA. The survey will be posted on Facebook page at some point this week.
   1. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
   2. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
   3. Student Athletic Advisory Board: Delany Gembis
10. The Baseball Team is 15-4, and 4-0 in the conference.
11. The Softball team is 9-7, and 3-1 in the conference.
12. The Lacrosse team is 7-3 and 2-0 in the conference.
13. This Friday, April 14 at 1:00pm is the Baseball Home opener with the new stadium**.**
14. The Softball team plays on Wednesday, April 12 at 3:30pm and Friday, April 14 at 1:00pm.
15. Friday’s games are CODE BLUE so come out to support the teams and wear your WSU gear.
16. The Track team is home on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00am for the Gerry Gravel Classic.
17. Men’s and Women’s golf are both starting their seasons too, and are off to a great start.
    1. Substance Advisory Committee: **No Report**
    2. Community Relations/Fundraising Report: **Marissa Cremin**
18. Our fourth and final blood drive of the year is tomorrow, Wednesday, April 12 from 1:00pm until 7:00pm in the Parenzo Gym. I need a few more volunteers so please sign up if you’re available to help.
19. Some updates from Health Services:
20. Just a reminder that April is Alcohol Awareness Month and Ad care. A treatment and support center, will have a table at the Dining Commons on Thursday, April 13 from 11:30am until 1:30pm.
21. There are still openings for HIV/STI testing for this Thursday by appointment form 1:00pm until 3:00pm in Health Services. Again people must bring their Insurance information. Testing is free but insurance claim Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) could be sent to the insurance subscriber, usually a parent. Mass Health doesn’t send EOBs.
22. Remember when you are enjoying the spring weather to wear a hat, sunscreen and drink plenty of fluids.
23. Seniors you might want to stop by and pick up a copy of your immunizations especially if you’re continuing on to grad school or if you are an Education major.
    1. Veteran’s Affairs Report: **No Report**
    2. Advisory Committee on University Infrastructure: **No Report**

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: **Jacob Lotter**
   1. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
   2. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
   3. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
   4. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
   5. Academic Technology and Information Services Committee: **No Report**
   6. Writing Liaison Committee: **No Report**
   7. Advisory Committee on Academic Planning: **No Report**
   8. Advisory Committee on the CURACW: **No Report**
   9. Guest Lecture Committee: **No Report**
2. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: **Madeline Dexter**
3. Programming update: **Madeline Dexter**
4. Congratulations to all the successful programing this weekend.
5. One update about the Owl Bash: The color run is cancelled for Saturday morning because Active Minds club will be hosting their Suicide awareness event, the Out of the Darkness walk. It will be at 11:00am, the same as the color run was supposed to be.
6. Advertisements for Owl Bash are going out now so, please keep an eye out.
7. The Dance Company is performing this weekend in their spring recital on Friday, April 14 at 7:00pm and Saturday, April 15 at 12:00 noon in Dever. Tickets are $3.00 for students and $5.00 for general public.

1. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: **Marcus DiBacco**
2. Finance Report: No Report
3. Foundation Report: No Report
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Karina Sallaway/Rebecca Kennedy**
5. Executive Secretary Report: **No Report**
6. Legislative Secretary Report: **No Report**
7. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT: Andrew Manchino
8. Rules and Regulations Committee: Andrew Manchino
9. Tonight is the night where I present you all the changes that have been made by the Con Review Committee and were approved by Rules and Regs. How this is going to work tonight is I will explain whichever amendment is up on the screen and you will have a minute to look it over. After that I will make a motion to approve said amendment and after that you will have the chance to ask me questions or have comments about the amendment. After that discussion we will vote on said amendment. Keep in mind all of these changes become reality next year, not this year so don’t freak out yet. Also, you need to know this is a two week process because constitutional amendments have to be voted on twice first being a 2/3 majority vote and next week being a ¾ majority vote, however the bylaw amendments only get voted on once with a 2/3 majority vote. If this makes sense just nod your heads because it is a lot of heavy information coming to you.
10. Constitutional Amendment 1: This change was made to keep the language consistent with WSU now being a University not a College.
11. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
12. Constitutional Amendment 2: This change was made so we can refer to Westfield as WSU throughout the constitution.
13. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
14. Constitutional Amendment 3: This change was made to since the Student Advisory Council changed their name to the SAAC and to create a consistency among the mention of numbers.
15. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
16. Constitutional Amendment 4: This change was made since the Exec Board currently holds town halls and we felt it was an appropriate responsibility for them to keep so that they can be transparent to campus.
17. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
18. Constitutional Amendment 5: This change was made to specify the role of VPAL and add membership to SGA committees such as other Vice Presidents do.
19. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
20. Constitutional Amendment 6: This change was made in case the Vice President of Finance cannot sit on the WSU Foundation Board of Directors Inc.
21. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
22. Constitutional Amendment 7: This change was made to create consistency with all Exec Board members being ex-officio members of SGA committees.
23. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carrise
24. Constitutional Amendment 8: This change was made to coincide with the deletion of units and addition of the Campus Engagement Requirements, which we will explain when we go to the Bylaws, as well as the addition of publishing attendance for all Reps of SGA. In brief they are Office Hours, a Town Hall a semester and committee attendance and participation.
25. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
26. Constitutional Amendment 9: This change was made to clarify between Class Councils and Clubs and Organizations.
27. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries
28. Constitutional Amendment 11: This change was made to be consistent with the mention of SGA and to add the word Rep after Commuter Council.
29. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
30. Constitutional Amendment 12: This change was made to coincide with the tracking of Club, Organization and Class Council Constitutions, as well as to add office hours to the position which have been done by the Parli for years.
31. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries
32. Constitutional Amendment 13: This change was made since the information in section J has been out of practice for years and clubs only need to show they have 10 members to be active to be considered a club.
33. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries
34. Constitutional Amendment 14: This change was made to put the Parliamentarian as chair, how large the committee will be, and state that no members of Rules and Regs may be on the committee.
35. **Rehana Yusif**: Why can’t someone on the Rules Committee be on this committee?
36. **Andrew Manchino**: It was talked about that it was a conflict of interest.
37. **Rehana Yusif**: Why does the Parliamentarian get to choose how many people are on the committee?
38. **Andrew Manchino**: It is set up so there is at least one per class as well as two representatives from the executive board. This just gives the Parliamentarian the option if they want two from each class or more.
39. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
40. That is everything I have for the Constitutional Amendments, but do not forget we vote on those again next week. Now we are going to turn over to the Bylaw Amendments.
41. Bylaw Amendment 1: This change was made since we have changed several parts to this section due to the deletion of units.
42. **Ashley Deleon**: Is there a reason behind getting rid of in section c bullet point 1 where it says or the SGA President?
43. **Andrew Manchino**: I believe that was just out of common practice, that wasn’t happening anymore. The legislative secretary was controlling that specifically.
44. **Ashley Deleon**: In section c bullet point 3 where it says form of excuse must be written, were there any talks as to putting a deadline for when the excuse should be written or submitted?
45. **Andrew Manchino**: That’s a good point I don’t think we talked about that in the meeting. You can make an amendment to the amendment as we normally do if I was to bring this to you in October.
46. **Jacob Lotter**: Just a point of information traditionally it’s up to the discretion of the legislative secretary whether they want to accept a written excuse a week later, but there’s no reason why we couldn’t set a deadline.
47. **Ashley Deleon**: I move to amend the amendment so that section c point 3 reads that, “the form of excuse shall be written and submitted by a specified time frame created by the Legislative Secretary.”
48. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
49. Bylaw Amendment 2: This change was made since in the past years the President has always done this duty.
50. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
51. Bylaw Amendment 3: This change was made since for some time the Blue Key info hasn’t been placed in Res Halls.
52. **Rehana Yusif**: Why are we removing the residence hall part?
53. **Jacob Lotter**: This isn’t advertising for Blue Key, this is just we are no longer going to be providing the actual nomination papers in the Residence Halls because in the past it’s been a hassle trying to find somewhere to leave them, checking with the RAs to see if they have any. It just takes out that extra step of having ResLife do extra work for us. It’s easier if we have it available down here and we send it over email anyway and that’s where most of them come from. In recent history we haven’t gotten any from the residence halls.
54. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
55. Bylaw Amendment 4: This change was made since the issue of the chair being nominated had no clearly defined resolution.
56. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries
57. Bylaw Amendment 5: This change was made because the original Clause 7 was not deemed necessary since that never happens anyways.
58. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
59. Bylaw Amendment 6: This change was made since it did not clearly state who the signatures had to be from in subsection C, original subsection E was too difficult to enforce and was deemed irrelevant to current practice, and the new Subsection I was added because there was no information as to what happened for students studying abroad.
60. **Rehana Yusif**: Why are we not making the C clause that signatures have to be from non SGA members? When you look at the papers it is all SGA members signing for other SGA members, it’s very exclusive.
61. **Andrew Manchino**: I think that would cause a problem of being internally exclusive. You are a Representative of the Class of 2017 so I think you should be able to sign for another member of the Class of 2017, but I do get what you are trying to say in that we should branch out and talk to more people and get more signatures from students across campus. I think the way it is worded allows for that. I think it’s on the prerogative of the person to actually go to different people to get those signatures from those students.
62. **Ashley Deleon**: I am throwing out the suggestion that we say 25 signatures of which majority are non SGA members that way it’s kind of a balance of both.
63. **Marissa Cremin**: I don’t think that’s a bad idea, I’m just wondering if that would be difficult to track as who is in SGA vs. who wasn’t. I feel like that would cause a lot of added work for the Executive Secretary to go through all the signatures and determine who is an SGA member and who isn’t. Maybe if we had a new signature paper where one column was SGA and the other was non SGA, but I don’t know if that would divide it even further. Just a suggestion.
64. **Andrew Manchino**: Would adding more signatures make that a little bit better? Doing 50 signatures instead of 25.
65. **Aaliyah Mercer**: We can have SGA members sign their signature and then write their position on the side. To get 50 signatures I think that’s a lot of signatures to get, but maybe bump it down to 40.
66. **Rehana Yusif**: Fifty is a little ridiculous, but I would say the first 5 signatures could be SGA members and then the rest of them have to be non SGA.
67. **Sharleen Varghese**: I think it’s also important that if we do make a list that specifies SGA members that it’s not required, especially for first year students who don’t really know anyone on SGA and are just going to the people around them for signatures. That would make things a little more difficult so just being cautious about that and making sure it’s optional to have SGA members sign.
68. **Marcus DiBacco**: I move to close the speaker’s list. Motion carries.
69. **Cam Swan**: I just want to point out that the format of the signature paper is not mentioned anywhere in the constitution so we can play with that at a different time. I would recommend that if we want to look at changing it make a solid motion now.
70. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
71. Bylaw Amendment 7: This change was made since it is believed to have an increase in unbiased voter participation (clause 3).
72. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
73. Bylaw Amendment 8: This change was made to meet common practice.
74. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries
75. Bylaw Amendment 9: This change was made to clearly identify Clubs and Organizations.
76. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carris.
77. Bylaw Amendment 10: This change was made to clearly identify Clubs and Organizations.
78. **Ashiah Richeme**: What’s the difference between a club and an organization?
79. **Marcus DiBacco**: Mainly it’s how they are structured. Organizations tend to be chapters. Like Circle K is a club because the group as a whole is a club, but if you go to Relay for Life because it’s from the American Cancer Society that’s an organization.
80. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
81. Bylaw Amendment 11: This change was made to clarify the voting procedure by defining what a majority is.
82. **Marcus DiBacco**: I just want to point out to you all that E 3 says less than 50% plus 1. That’s a little bit different than what we usually do so just make note of that.
83. **Sue LaMontagne**: Do you want to also rewrite this to say a club or organizations proposal?
84. **Ashley Deleon**: I move to amend the amendment to say club and organizations. Motion carries.
85. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
86. Bylaw Amendment 12: This change was made since the Office of Finance no longer exists and to add that the Parliamentarian has the power to hear appeals.
87. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
88. Bylaw Amendment 13: This change was made since the Office of Finance no longer exists.
89. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
90. Bylaw Amendment 14: This change was made since the Office of Finance no longer exists.
91. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
92. Bylaw Amendment 15: This change was made since terminology for this practice of travel has changed since students wish to request air and rail travel.
93. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
94. Bylaw Amendment 16: This change was made to clarify clubs and organizations only.
95. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
96. Bylaw Amendment 17: This change was made to clarify the current practice of having one chaperone per 10 students.
97. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
98. Bylaw Amendment 18: This change was made since the committee no longer felt that units were an effective method for gauging senator involvement and representation on campus. This new method would create more openness to campus where students can ask questions and understand the SGA.
99. **Teresa Aloi**: Is there any language in this that specifies student teachers or nursing students who are not on campus during those hours?
100. **Andrew Manchino**: Yes. So, our thinking is that the Legislative Secretary at the time could work with these students and decided what they could do instead of these office hours.
101. **Rehana Yusif**: Let me just say as someone who joined SGA very late, this area is intimidating. Students are not going to come in here. It seems like everything is being wrapped around here.
102. **Bryan Pimentel**: Is there anything preventing senators coming in for office hours doing homework? That doesn’t really show campus engagement.
103. **Cam Swan**: If the concern is about doing the office hours in here we can always have them done at different locations because I agree with the office hour sentiment, but if we look at changing the location I think that’s an option.
104. **Rehana Yusif**: I move to table the amendment. Motion carries.
105. Bylaw Amendment 19: This change was made to clarify between Clubs and Organizations and Class Councils. It also delegates responsibility between chairs and vice chairs for Student Organization Council.
106. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
107. Bylaw Amendment 20: This change was made to match Massachusetts law.
108. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
109. Bylaw Amendment 21: This change was made since Owl Ball was not needed in this section due to its not ever having been a secret vote.
110. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
111. Bylaw Amendment 22: This change was made since the wording in clause 6 is no longer relevant.
112. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
113. Bylaw Amendment 23: This change was made since “role call” votes are part of Robert’s Rules of Order naturally and can also give more freedom when it comes to not needing to have this type of vote.
114. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
115. Bylaw Amendment 24: This change was made to clarify the ability of Class Councils to secure finances for their functions.
116. **Ashiah Richeme**: Is there a Diversity and Inclusion requirement in the constitution?
117. **Andrew Manchino**: No.
118. **Rehana Yusif**: What is the difference between constitutional laws and bylaws?
119. **Brendan McKee**: The constitution is the written what is done by each person, what’s expected of each position and how the meetings are run and what not. Whereas the bylaws go into further detail about specifics. The bylaws just support what is already in the constitution.
120. **Rehana Yusif**: Which one applies to line items, constitution or bylaws?
121. **Marcus DiBacco**: That falls under the position of the Vice President of Finance and I will be presenting that next week with the budget.
122. **Arielyss Santiago**: What is holding us back from implementing a diversity training as a requirement in our constitution?
123. **Brendan McKee**: I did speak with Larry Johnson about doing a Diversity and Noncompliance training in SGA to start off every year. While I do find that to be very important and something that we would do every year, the constitutionality of it is that it wouldn’t fit under anyone’s position in terms of a positional requirement for it to happen. We can highly recommend it every year. It is something that we are going to do, but I don’t see it as being something that needs to go in the constitution.
124. **Arielyss Santiago**: I think what gets difficult with that is the wording recommended and required, which I think it should be required. This is something that should be required.
125. **Marcus DiBacco**: I move the speaker. Motion carries
126. I move to approve this amendment. Motion carries.
127. Our next scheduled meeting is tonight after SGA in the Conference Room E020.

1. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
2. Commuter Council: **No Report**
3. Senior Class: **No report**
4. Junior Class: **Alexis Finn**
5. I just wanted to say that the Buzz Off went really well. Loving all the bald heads I am seeing today. We were able to break our goal and raise $2,200.00. Which all could not have been done with the help and participation and support form you all and the people of this Campus. Thank you Barb Hand and Kim Hosmer, the Class of 2020, Lammers Hall for their raffle basket, New Student Success Program and all those who were at the event and promoted it to their friends. Thank you so much on behalf of myself and the Class of 2018 Council. Basia, the owner of Vivid Hair was super impressed with everyone from Westfield, especially our very own President Brendan McKee, who got a henna tattoo for her salon. She also wanted me to relay that if anyone ever wanted to do any more events with her, she is more than interested in being a part of the campus and doing community service. Congratulations
6. Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 13 at 5:00pm in the SGA conference room E020.
7. Sophomore Class: **No Report**
8. First Year Class: **No Report**
9. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
10. Courtney Hall: **No Report**
11. Davis Hall: **No Report**
12. Dickinson Hall: **No Report**
13. Lammers Hall: **No Report**
14. Lansdowne Place: **No Report**
15. New Hall: **No Report**
16. Scanlon Hall: **No Report**
17. University Hall: **No Report**

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
2. NEW BUSINESS:
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
4. **Jacob Lotter**: Registration for first years is this coming Friday at 7:00am.
5. **Marcus DiBacco**: Finance committee meeting tomorrow.
6. **Marissa Cremin**: Blood Drive tomorrow, April 12.
7. **Rebecca Kennedy**: Can I have my sheet back please.
8. **Brendan McKee**: Can I have the other two packets back for Owl Bach please.
9. **Karina Sallaway**: Elections next Tuesday and Wednesday polls open next Tuesday at 9:00am and don’t forget Pizza with the Candidates on Thursday, April 13.
10. **Jasmine Bobbitt**: 39 days until Commencement.
11. ROLL CALL: Mikayla Lapre, Derek Estrella, Maddy Scott, Dan Pandenza, Rhynell Christopher, Suwayne Rowe, Nate Hayden, Aleixa Gagnon, Brandon Donahue, Joanne Kaprielian, Dianelise Acevedo, Jillian Tardi and Courtney Smith were absent. Andrew Morin, Nicole Hannon, Tara O’Hanlon, Algenis Joaquin Ortiz were excused and Caitlyn Hurley sent an alternate.
12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

*To ensure the courtesy of others,*

*Please turn off your cell phone before the meeting*