



Student Government Association
General Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Peter T. Mazza Student Government Association Room
Ely Campus Center

A livestream of the meeting for public viewing took place on YouTube.

Members Present: Justin Wald, Travis McLoughlin, Melissa Kuzmeski, Zeke Tamarkin, Tyler King, Jacob Constant, Barney Garcia, Jakob Traynor, Brenna Guliani, Luke Stehley, Ali Sutherland, Matthew Crusha, Christopher Lannan, Zara Rivett, Megan Fran, Grant Wenhart, Cole Dos Santos, Alyssa Hanafin, Kayleigh Afonso, Fabian Morales, Ethan Haynes, Maria Renta-Marrero, Angelina Cassella, Celia Rocino, Lorraine Fernández, Raymond Croteau, Raul Rosario, Adian Gomez, Karlie Beamenderfer, Ethan Haynes, Dianyeliz Ozuna Sandoval, Aviannah-Leigh Saulters*

Members Excused: Angelina Cassella

Members Absent: Will Onorato

Also present and participating was SGA Advisor Matthew Dellea.

Call to Order: President Justin Wald called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. It was announced that the meeting was being live streamed and recorded. Members were asked to review the meeting agenda, and a roll call was taken of members present (listed above).

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the October 7th, 2025, meeting, were amended to include the Representative at Large report and to exclude new business as it was not entered in the last meeting and then approved.

President's Report: Justin Wald reported on his and Barney Garcia's recent tour of campus facilities with Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, which they used as an opportunity to advocate for the passage of the BRIGHT Act. They showcased buildings in critical need of repair, such as Bates and Lammers halls, to highlight the negative impact of deferred maintenance on students' educational resources and living conditions. Wald shared that the tour culminated in a roundtable discussion where students gave personal testimonies, and he spoke one-on-one with the Lt. Governor about how students can support the legislation. He then announced that following the upcoming retirement of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, he will be selecting student representatives to serve on the search committee for the position. Wald concluded with a reminder for senators to finalize their committee selections and announced that the Executive Council has approved funding for technology upgrades in the SGA room.

Guest Speaker: Matthew Dellea introduced himself as the Director of SAIL and gave some information about his department and what he oversees. He then goes into the roles of the members of his department. After that he goes into the goals of SAIL. He then goes into the three G's Grit, Grace and Growth.

- Ethan Haynes asked about the goals and specifically the technology and then talking about the trainings.

* Missed First Roll Call

** Missed Second Roll Call

- Matthew Dellea goes into explaining that the trainings have started and how in order for a club to continue being a club they need to complete a required training and complete some more over the course of the semester.

Vice President of Student Life Report: Travis McLoughlin again reminded the Senate to complete the Healthy Minds Survey, which is a brief questionnaire regarding mental health that helps the university assess its policies and programming. He offered to help anyone find the email containing the survey link after the meeting and reiterated that the final day to complete it is this Friday, the 17th. Travis ended his report by asking for volunteers for the Coffee Crawl.

- Ali Sutherland asked about the coffee crawl
 - Tyler King gave a point of information
 - Christopher Lanna
- Luke Stehley asked about the time on it, if there is any setup required.
 - Tyler King explained that there shouldn't be any setup for students but the start time is 11:30
- Zara Rivett asked if they have already signed up on the excel sheet if they need to add their name again.
 - Travis explained that she does not.

Dining Services Report: Chris Lannan delivered a detailed report from the Dining Services committee, outlining numerous updates across campus. He announced new items at Ely Harvest, including açai bowls and seasonal smoothies, and a new lavender matcha at the Owl Cafe, where chocolate croissants have been removed due to allergen concerns. For the main dining commons, Lannan noted that soups are now on a daily rotation, the soft-serve machine will be limited to a Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule to prevent overuse, the menu will feature less of an overload on chicken options, and the Worry Free station will move to a four-week rotation for more variety. He also clarified the university's meal swipe policy, explaining that swipes are designated for substantial meals, not snacks, which is why some late-night items are not eligible. Lannan concluded by mentioning several upcoming initiatives, including a special restaurant night in November, the addition of tofu to the salad bar, and a new collaboration with the Sustainability Committee to address food waste.

Vice President of Finance Report: Ezekiel Tamarkin announced that the Westfield State Foundation is hosting an online auction beginning this Sunday, October 19th, to raise money for the school. He stated that the auction is open to everyone, including students and their families, and will feature a wide variety of valuable items and affordable experiences, with potentially over one hundred items to bid on. Tamarkin encouraged everyone to visit the provided website to participate, to spread the word, and to look out for a forthcoming email with more information.

- Christopher Lannan plugged the day in the life event that the senior class is doing.

Vice President of Student Belonging Report: Lorraine Fernández announced that the first meeting for the Committee on Belonging will take place next Monday, October 20th, at 5 PM in University Hall, and that she will distribute the agenda for member review by this Thursday. She also informed the senate that she has her biweekly meeting with Jenyka Spits-Gassnola from the BIL Office this Wednesday and requested that any discussion items be submitted to her by tomorrow morning. Fernández concluded with a reminder for her team huddle members to schedule their individual meetings and provide their availability for the group's monthly check-in.

Rules and Regulations Committee Report: Jakob Traynor reported on the first Rules and Regulations meeting held on Thursday, October 9th, where the committee reviewed 11 proposals for new and reactivated student clubs, clarifying that this is just the first step in the approval process. He stated that nine proposals were passed to the next round, including the WSU Pep Band, Current Events Club, MOSAIC Club, Turning Point USA, and reactivations

for the Owl Runway and Philosophy clubs. The Music Listening and Fencing clubs were also allowed to proceed by the chair, despite initial denials, with conditions for securing an advisor and adding a liability clause, respectively. The committee denied the Rollerblading Club proposal due to a lack of an advisor and insufficient student interest, and the Creative Writing Club was denied for its similarity to an existing organization, while the Westfield State Students For Live Music Club was tabled for further clarification of its purpose.

Campus Activities Board Report: Matt Crusha reported that the Campus Activities Board (CAB) met last Wednesday, October 8th, where the Signature Event Committee finalized plans for Fall Fest Weekend, which will run from October 24th to the 26th and include a Hypnosis Show and Spooky Skate. He noted that other committees are planning for November events and designing promotional flyers. Crusha announced two upcoming events for this week: a Salsa Class and Speaker this Wednesday at 7 PM in the Owl's Nest, and Art in Motion this Saturday at 7 PM on the Green. He also mentioned that the CAB E-board will be attending the NACA conference this weekend and that the next regular CAB meeting will be held tomorrow, October 15th.

- Luke Stehey asked about the event on Saturday
 - Matthew Crusha explained what the event is about
- Ali Sutherland asked if there will be an email going to be sent out by CAB
- Matthew Dellea confirmed the dates of the events.
- Ethan Haynes recommends using and utilizing involve more as it was in Matt's presentation earlier.
- Dianyeliz Ozuna Sandoval lets everyone know that they are using Involve and reminds everyone to make sure that they check out the events.

Announcements: The following announcements were made:

- Raymond Croteau talks about the event that they are doing with the university police this Thursday 8-10 AM!
- Tyler King reminds everyone to wear WSU merchandise next week as there will be a group picture taken.
- Melissa Kuzmeski reminds everyone about their event tomorrow.
- Travis McLoughlin reminds everyone to take the healthy minds survey.
- Kayleigh Afonso talked about MT-CoWs' event that is going on next week.
- Dianyeliz Ozuna Sandoval mentioned that there is 212 days till commencement!

Adjournment: There being no further business, Justin Wald adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Student Government Association (SGA) general meeting held on October 14, 2025.

Executive Secretary Jacob Constant