



## **Student Government Association**

### **Senate**

#### **Minutes- 2/23**

- I. Call to Order: 5:01 PM**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda 1<sup>st</sup> by Joselito, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jorge**
- IV. Approval of Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> by Rozan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donovan**
- V. Anisa Kamara, President**
  - A. Guest Speaker: Kody Guedes**
    - i.** Kody introduced himself, he is currently the Graduate coordinator for Stevens Institute, and presented a PowerPoint on organization culture theory. He focused on inclusive leadership and held a discussion with the Senate on how to address everyone in your group and community. The goal is to always be mindful of who is in your group. Another aspect to consider is an attitude/mindset has a ripple effect on people. For example, positivity is contagious and can affect everyone in a space. For Senate to consider:
      - 1.** What are steps committees can take to create a more inclusive environment among ourselves and our committees?
    - ii.** Kody is here to help facilitate hard and necessary conversations on cultural change. If any senators have topics they would like to address, please let AJ know. She'll communicate back to him and he'll prepare a discussion on the topic.
  - B. Town Hall Meeting, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**
    - i.** For next week's meetings, Senators please attend the Town hall meeting from 5-6 PM. Senate will presume immediately afterwards in the regular Zoom link. The meeting is open to every student. Students should check their emails for the Zoom link information.
  - C. Middle States Orientation Town Hall**
    - i.** This is an opportunity for student leaders to learn about the accreditation process for a university. Students may be asked questions regarding their

experience on campus. Attending both meetings will count as office hours for Senators.

**D. Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund**

- i. The 2<sup>nd</sup> covid relief funds are here. Please check your emails to see how to apply for a scholarship.

**VI. Amelia Medici, VP of PR**

**A. Shirts**

- i. Shirts are in. Please head to the office to receive a t-shirt. Sign off when you take one.

**VII. Claudia Morales, VP of JRB**

**A. Monthly Reports**

- i. Monthly reports are due Tuesday, March 2nd. NJ will send the link out soon. Please fill out for both January and February. Please email the form to your VP once you fill it out for them to approve through email.

**VIII. Makayla Abraham, VP of AA**

**A. Faculty Senate**

- i. President opened the meeting with the faculty layoff and mentioned that if anyone has other solutions to even out the budget, he'll listen to them. He knows that students feel unheard and faculty feels unwanted but he encourages more faculty members to speak out. He reassured faculty members will not be fired just for their opinions/thoughts.
- ii. Senate discussed the idea of having an ad-hoc committee but with faculty members to work together on suggesting ideas to the President.

**B. Forum Updates**

- i. The Academic Affairs committee will be hosting a forum with the Provost early March for students to ask him questions.

**IX. Advisor's Comments**

- A. <https://wpunj.campuslabs.com/engage/event/6901613>

- B. Please attend the town hall meeting next week.

**X. Old Business**

- A. Please sign up for the community service event to read to students virtually.
- B. Dining Services forum is this Thursday during Common Hour. Attendance will count as office hours.
- C. Please continue to stay engaged during Senate meetings.

**XI. New Business:**

- A. Let Claudia know if you're interested in attending a Board of Trustees meeting and be a part of the agenda to speak to the committee. The next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> approximately at 10 AM.
- B. SGA elections are coming up soon in April for the next Academic school year.

**XII. Announcements:**

- A. Women's History Celebration starts next week on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> during common hour.
- B. The Career Development Center is hosting a student advisory group event on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM to gather notes on what programs students want to see.
- C. The Political Science Club is partnering with the Library this Thursday at 6:30 PM to discuss with prevalent Black issues and how civil leaders have tackled these issues.
- D. This Thursday at 8 PM, the PHAs and Pride Alliance are hosting an event on Voguing.
- E. LSU is hosting an informational tomorrow.
- F. MSU is doing a week long Instagram takeover on student loan debt.

**XIII. Adjournment: 6:18 PM**