



Student Government Association

Senate

Minutes- 1/26

- I. Call to Order: 5:01 PM**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda: 1st by AJ, 2nd by Nour**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: 1st by AJ, 2nd by Jorge**
- V. AJ Kamara, President/EVP**
 - A. Council for Equity and Justice Bylaw Review Presentation by David Jones**
 - i.** David Jones introduced himself to the Senate. He started at WP briefly before the pandemic began. He proposed a council consisted of faculty, staff and students to address equity, inclusion, and justice on campus. Staff membership will count for two years whereas student terms will count for one year. There will be 4 undergraduate students and 1 graduate student to serve on the council. The council will meet once a month for two hours. The goal to start the council is March 2021. You can email David at jonesd76@wpunj.edu if you have any more questions.
 - B. EVP position**
 - i.** The two nominees are Kaydyn and Donovan. Due to timing, the Senate voted on who will be the temporary EVP. Afterwards, Senate voted on whether the appointee will be temporary or permanent. Temporary would result in a special election whereas permanent the appointee keeps the position. Each participant spoke on their behalf. Kaydyn won the position. The Senate voted to make Kaydyn temporary EVP, 1st by AJ, 2nd by Nour, 30-0-0. The Senate voted to make Kaydyn permanent EVP, 1st by Jorge, 2nd by Kendall, 30-0-0.
 - C. SGA wellness week**
 - i.** From March 8th-12th, one committee each day will host a presentation on self-care and wellness. Please send AJ concrete ideas on what your committee will be presenting on by February 15th. Monday is Academic Affairs, Tuesday is Student Life, Wednesday is Allocations, Thursday is Judicial Review Board and Friday is Public Relations.

- D. Senator of the Month
 - i. Executive board is considering bringing back Senator of the Month to show appreciation to Senators. The first two senators will be chosen for February.
- E. Club Council Update
 - i. AJ hosted the first meeting yesterday. A few people showed interest in club council representatives. The club fair was today and some students showed interest in joining SGA today. It went well for a virtual event.
- F. Welcome Back
 - i. Students shared a few experiences they had during Winter break.
- VI. **Claudia Morales, VP of JRB**
 - A. Waiving Distance Learning Fees
 - i. The Senate discussed their concerns with distance learning fees especially when many courses are required to be hybrid/online this semester. Members expressed how the fee is an added cost to students, many who are under financial pressure from the pandemic. Claudia wrote a letter to address to the President and Academic Provost their recommendation to remove the distance learning fee this semester. Claudia motioned to send the letter on behalf of SGA, 2nd by Jorge, 30-0-0.
- VII. **Amelia Medici, VP of PR**
 - A. Announcement
 - i. Please share and interact all posts on the SGA Instagram. The more engagement a post received the more it is shared and viewed by other individuals. Also, please share on your individual IG stories.
- VIII. **Makayla Abraham, VP of AA**
 - A. College Survival Guide
 - i. Makayla will share in the group chat what her committee has been working on.
 - B. Senator Appointment
 - i. Terrence Morris introduced himself and expressed his interest in SGA and Academic Affairs. He is a transfer student and is interested in engaging with other students. Makayla motioned to appoint Terrence, 2nd by Kendall, 30-0-0.
- IX. **Advisor's Comments**
 - A. Welcome back, we're glad a lot was accomplished in the first meeting. Jaime was happy many senators returned this semester and warned that this semester will go by faster so be prepared.
- X. **Old Business**

- A. Claudia mentioned that everyone should have their camera on during the meeting. If there are any issues, please inform NJ. Cameras turned off for the entire meeting will hinder overall performance.

XI. New Business: N/A

XII. Announcements

- A. MLK day of Service is on Friday, 1/29 from 10-2 PM.
- B. Greek Org Fair is on Thursday, 1/28 during common hour.
- C. MSU will be hosting their first event. The flier is in the group chat.
- D. Black History Month will begin next week. Please promote and attend the events!

XIII. Adjournment: 6:48 PM