

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

## 29<sup>th</sup> Student Government Association

15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Twenty-Ninth Undergraduate Student Government Association  
To be held in Foise Innovation Studio, Room 105  
6:00 p.m. – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
  - a. A representative from the CDC announced that the Fall Career Fair is on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. To prepare, students should research companies on Handshake, and make a spreadsheet of companies they would like to talk to. This research will help the student prepare what to say to the company recruiters. Students should also develop an elevator pitch, a quick description of who they are, what they have done in the past (skills and experience), and end with any questions for the recruiter. During the Career Fair, students should take a quick walk around the area to adjust to the layout of the fair. Then they could go to the companies on their spreadsheets and speak to the recruiters. Taking notes after talking to recruiters is very important, as recruiters will give important information. Lastly, it is important to follow up with recruiters and apply to any posted jobs. Drop-in hours will be very busy at the CDC but are still encouraged to attend, or view the CDC Career Fair Tips sheets to get information on how to prepare for the career fair.
- IV. Special Orders
  - a. Honorary Senator Appointments
    - i. President Wilson appointed Safiya Ali as an Honorary Senator
- V. President's Report
  - a. Foise Update
    - i. President Wilson reminded Senators that the room in the Foise Innovation Studio will remain open. However, this area will not be a quiet study space. Instead, it will be used as a collaborative workspace. A committee will be made to evaluate spaces on campus, with Senator Puhalski representing SGA on this committee.
  - b. CAO Representative
    - i. President Wilson announced that SGA needs a new representative on the Committee on Academic Operations, and encourages any senators interested to reach out to President Wilson.
- VI. Vice President's Report
  - a. Senator Hangout
    - i. Vice President Toomey reminded senators that they can always hang out with senators in the SGA office.
  - b. Senator Shoutout
    - i. Vice President Toomey shouted out Senator Cannata for his dedication to the students of WPI.
  - c. Gompei's Go-To's Reminder

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- i. Gompei's Go-To's is Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, and is mandatory for all senators.
- VII. Secretary's Report
  - a. Guess the SGA Member
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Financial Updates
    - i. Treasurer Candy informed Senate that the S.9 appeal was heard last week, and that any questions should be directed to him.
    - ii. Funds will go towards capital projects to improve campus, and Treasurer Candy asked senators for possible capital project ideas.
      - 1. Chair Tavares recommended elevators in all buildings on campus.
        - This money would be a funding request that would go to senate.
      - 2. Senator Guerrero recommended replacing and fixing Campus Center tables and chairs.
      - 3. Chair Bimonte announced that it may not be SGA's responsibility to improve campus with capital projects.
        - President Wilson announced that the Board of Trustees dedicated funds towards student life projects, and would like to collaborate with SGA for projects that trustees would not think about.
      - 4. Senator Trey-Masters suggested free or subsidized printing for student.
        - Chair Hager suggested providing a free printing area for students, instead of providing free printing to all student in all places. This would allow people to use the printer in more of emergencies instead of providing constant expensive free printing.
      - 5. Senator Angelini suggested more power outlets in the Campus Center.
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report
  - a. Elections reminders
    - i. Any senators interested in slating committee should complete the application for it and attend the final information session.
    - ii. To be on the executive slate, candidates must complete the academic release form, the application for executive elections, and attend an information session.
    - iii. Applications for both slating committee and executive elections are due on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:59 PM.
    - iv. Senator Starr asked for a quick description of slating committee.
      - 1. The slating committee is responsible for picking the two candidates to be slated for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. This committee is to ensure that the candidates running for the position are qualified to be an exec.

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- b. Trivia
- X. Cluster Reports
  - a. Student Services Cluster
    - i. Gompei's Go-Tos and Fall Treats – Chair Serven
      - 1. Gomepi's Go-To's is on September 21<sup>st</sup>, with 15 confirmed resources attending. The event is to show all of the campus resources to freshmen. There will be an Ultrafan giveaway, and students who visit at least three resources will be put into a raffle. Resources will provide their own material, but senators will need to represent some resources at their tables.
      - 2. Senators will also be hanging out food during Fall Treats. Chair Serven encourages senators to sign up to help.
  - b. Internal Services Cluster
    - i. No Report
  - c. Financials Cluster
    - i. Club Constituent Emails – Chair Racca
      - 1. Senators sent club constituents emails informing them of the upcoming club audit.
- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
  - a. Goals Review
- XIV. Questions, Comments, and Ideas
  - a. Chair LaJeunesse recommended that anyone interested in Appropriations Chair should reach out to her.
  - b. Chair Tavares has superfans for all senators who submitted requests for them.
  - c. Vice President Toomey recommended that anyone interested in running for exec should submit their applications for that.
  - d. Senator Pacheco is making a list of questions for the Student Census. Anyone with recommendations for questions should reach out to him.
  - e. Chair Bimonte asked if there was an updated list of student constituents.
    - i. Vice President Toomey answered that the process of constituents will be the same, being assigned to the last numbers of student IDs. The constituents of senators haven't changed.
  - f. Senator Shalit asked how the construction of the new building will affect campus life.
    - i. President Wilson announced that construction should not affect campus life too much. The paths for senators to get to classes may be different, and there will be fewer parking spaces in the Boynton Lot.
- XV. Announcements
  - a. The Higher Education Consortium for Central Massachusetts and the Communications Directors from each school in Worcester are making a video to showcase Worcester. The reveal for the video will be on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Beer Garden.

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- b. Senator Shalit announced that the career fair is Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Senator Starr recommended that all organizations that would like to showcase their events should put their events on TechSync a week before the Weekly Events Email is sent.
  - d. Chair Tavares announced that it is Arts and Science Week, and the administration has many activities planned. A new Latin-American Studies plan is being revealed, with a new minor being available.
  - e. Technical Coordinator Tocci announced that he received an email from the marketing department to fill a job as a web developer for WPI. Anyone interested should reach out to Technical Coordinator Tocci.
  - f. Chair Coelho announced that elections are happening soon, and encourages senators to sign up to help with elections.
- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
- a. Advisor Sharry reminded senators that events should be put in TechSync before the weekends, as the SAO will not review events until after the weekend. Events open to the community will be public events, which will be pulled into the weekly events email. The SAO is going to Tougas Farm for apple picking, but the event does not include the cost of apples. Next weekend, the SAO is going to the Wrentham Outlets. She also thanked Senators for their support with Family Weekend. The SAO has had two successful leadership workshops, with ones on September 24<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup> to teach people about good PR strategies and gain feedback. The deadline to register a team for the Homecoming Cup is Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- XVII. President's Remarks
- a. President Wilson asked if Senators would be interested in participating in the Homecoming Cup as SGA. Anyone interested should reach out to President Wilson. She also recommended senators run for either exec or to be on the slating committee.
- XVIII. Adjournment

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