

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

32nd Student Government Association

3rd Meeting of the Thirty Second Undergraduate Student Government Association To be held in
Innovation Studios 203 and 205
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m Tuesday February 1st, 2022

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comments
 - A. None
- III. Special Orders
- IV. President's Report
 - A. Table Sitting
 1. President Wilde reminded senators that if they are interested in helping to run table sitting to please reach out, as there have been no inquiries yet. There was a good turnout today and we got to give away extra t-shirts and got good responses. President Wilde then asked if we could all send out the survey link to other groups slack channels, as this information will be used for her board of trustees presentation.
 - B. President's Office Hours
 1. This is a new thing President Wilde will be holding for everyone every Thursday from 2pm-4pm in the SGA office. These office hours will be open to all of campus and they do not have to be SGA related.
- V. Vice President's Report
 - A. No Report
- VI. Secretary's Report
 - A. No Report
- VII. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Club Constituent Emails
 1. Treasurer Mullenburg reminded senators that club constituents were sent out in slack channel, and all senators should email their clubs a reminder to submit a budget. Senators were then given time to work on these and ask questions if they needed to.
- VIII. Parliamentarian's Report
 - A. Interim Parliamentarian
 1. Parliamentarian Rosenthal will be going abroad for IQP during D-Term so he is sending a form in the slack for those interested in being an interim for him while he is gone. He also told senators to feel free to reach out to him for questions or even if they just wanted to talk.
 - B. Kahoot
 1. Parliamentarian Rosenthal then had senate play a game of kahoot that was snow themed.
- IX. Cluster Reports
 - A. Student Services Cluster
 1. No Report

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- B. Internal Services Cluster
 - 1. Senator Spotlight -Chair Rios
 - a) Chair Rios had a QR code for senators to fill out to nominate someone for a “senator spotlight” for the instagram page. The QR code will also be sent in the slack
- C. Financials Cluster
 - 1. Interest Meeting for Treasury 3.0 Friday at noon -Chair Geary
 - a) Chair Geary explained that for the accounting project they want to work on the development on Treasury 3.0 which is web development using java. He explained that this is great to have on a resume and that he himself is very excited to work on it. The meeting is this Friday at noon in the SGA office, so feel free to reach out via slack if you have any questions.
- X. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
 - A. none
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
 - A. S.2 Black Student Union Fashion Show (\$25,000)
 - 1. 3 presentators came in, they were all exec members of the Black Student Union. They shared the mission of BSU and gave a general explanation about the fashion show. The presenters then showed a video of the last fashion show from 2019. They mentioned that they wanted the show to be something meaningful and relatable. The show would take place in Alden Hall which has a capacity of 500 people. This year's theme would be “events from the last three years”. They are trying to make it a diverse groups of students such as korean student association, sase, and open to all students for models.
 - 2. Performers
 - a) Floor lords-boston
 - b) Kranium-international artist
 - c) WPI korean student association dance group
 - d) Wpi african percussion club
 - e) Wpi step team
 - f) Hezekiah Owuor- african student association president’
 - g) Zuzu african acrobats
 - 3. 6 designers
 - a) Potency apparel
 - b) Cue clothing
 - c) Mimi designs
 - d) SoGifted
 - e) Urban pigeon
 - f) 508x617
 - 4. Non sga funding
 - a) Raised \$348 through fundraising
 - 5. Total cost is 30,888-35,888, but they plan to cover close to \$9,000 for fashion show

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Questions:

Chair Burns asked if they have reached out to photography club

Answer: They plan to reach out to the club and ask them about hiring them for the event.

Parliamentarian Rosenthal asked if they are using the SGA budget for this

Answer: Yes it will be used

Senator Eroglu asked how many people came last time

Answer: 300-500 people

Senator Eroglu asked if they are charging for tickets

Answer: yes \$5 for student and either \$10 or 20 for outside guests

Chair Keang asked where the ticket profits go

Answer: The profits go to the next BSU exec to utilize for events

Parliamentarian Rosenthal informed BSU that tickets have to be used to offset events

Senator Krizan asked if the fundraising they did is supplementing the other stuff in the budget

Answer: yes

Senator Eroglu asked if the \$9000 going towards fashion show

Answer: yes

Discussion:

Senator Eroglu asked if we could please put up the extensive cost breakdown

President Wilde announced that this presentation can also be seen in the agenda email sent by Secretary Cocchiaro

Senator Gyurcsan asked if according to bylaws they can charge ticket prices

Answer: **Parliamentarian Rosenthal** said yes but it has to go back to offset cost, the club cannot profit off of the ticket prices

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Chair Gopal asked if the financial request should be less due to ticket costs?

Answer: **Vice-President Zeolla** explained that the ticket profits only matter when it comes to reimbursing

Senator Watson asked if they can charge people who aren't undergrads? Who can they charge?

Answer: **Chair Burns** explained they can charge anyone who isn't an undergrad, the undergrad ticket profits just have to kick back to SGA for a refund

Senator Eroglu asked how much did the event cost last time

Answer: **Parliamentarian Rosenthal** stated they were not able to find if the 2019 show was approved in full. The one approved in 2020 was approved for 28,000 dollars on top of their 9,000 budget, which is similar to the money they are requesting now

Senator Darrow asked if we are allowed to approve an FR based on an estimate?

Answer: **Treasurer Mullenberg** said that most requests are estimates. The clubs go out and buy everything and then SGA gets the receipts and the money transfer occurs. We only reimburse them for what they spend after they purchase it.

Chair Burns is in favor, as long as there is no violation of bylaws. He thinks it is a great thing for campus and is a great message for SGA to help fund

Chair Geary is concerned about ticketing, BSU did not have an estimate of people attending or a ticket sales estimation. He believes ticketing would help offset the cost, but we don't have an estimate.

Answer: **Parliamentarian Rosenthal** stated it would only be about \$2,500 so it's not that much to offset

Chair Burns said that ticketing revenue is less impactful now then it is when they are getting reimbursed

Senator Barry is in favor, she thinks it's a great event and is something campus needs. She believes SGA could get lots of students to go to the event

Senator Jain feels like some of the estimates were higher end and it sets a bad precedent because they keep increasing their requests

Parliamentarian Rosenthal informed senate that it's actually less, they are asking for less than they did previously

Chair Geary asked how does it apply to us funding secondary performer

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Answer: **Parliamentarian Rosenthal** stated there is nothing against it

Vice-President Zeolla stated the request had to do with a donation so this is fine

Senator Charpentier said if we gave them less they would be more inclined to do more fundraising. They have a lot of extra things that are not necessary so they should fund those themselves

Senator Eroglu said he would be in favor but most of the money is spent on one artist. If their goal is to enrich campus it would be good to know more about artist

Answer: **Senator Barry** said they had this performer at last show and had a good show

Senator Gyurcsan is in favor of asking for less money than 2020, in response to the performer he thinks it fits the goal of trying to immerse the campus with black culture. He is in support of this

Senator Eroglu is in favor, he thinks it is an enriching event that's good for campus

Vice-President Zeolla asked if the acrobats and facilities including in 25k

Answer: **Parliamentarian Rosenthal** said yes

A motion to vote was made by **Parliamentarian Rosenthal**

Request is passed

XIII. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

- A. Chair Burns encouraged senators to go to financial board this wednesday at 6pm, and Treasurer Mullenburg infomed senators it was be in the Hagglund room in the CC
- B. Senator Eroglu said he was working with Mackenzie Lipman to communicate more volunteer opportunities with students. They were thinking of sending out an email to invite people to a slack channel with everything there. He then asked senators if they thought slack is a good medium or is there something better.
 1. Chair Burns said he thought a combination of slack and outlook would be great as they both have perks.

XIV. Announcements

- A. none

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- A. Advisor Sharry told students that if they have any questions or concerns about projects to feel free to reach out to her as she is a great resource. She also told Senate that there is a lot of programming happening on campus and to please encourage people to follow the SAO and other departments on techsync and social media. She then said that if anyone has ideas on what types of programming they would like to see to please reach out.

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XVI. President's Remarks

- A. President Wilde thanked everyone for a great discussion, and she is looking forward to the fashion show and having a large event on campus. Regarding events on campus President Wilde emphasized that there is so much going on and asked that senators please talk to the groups they are in and encourage them to send their events to SGA as well as posting them on techsync. She reminded senators to share the survey with other student groups and to send out the club constituent emails, and that if you had any questions feel free to reach out to her.

XVII. Adjournment

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