

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Student Government Association

4<sup>th</sup> 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 8th, 2022

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. Minutes are approved by unanimous consent
- III. Public Comments
  - A. Club of the week: SASE
    1. 4 presenters came in and explained the three pillars that SASE is built on..
      - a) Business professionalism
      - b) Community service
      - c) Cultural celebration
    2. They spoke about some of the events they have held in the past and about the regional and national conferences held that SASE attends. They then informed senate about their future events...
      - a) 2/10 career fair prep
      - b) 2/15 alliance and sase dancing with the stars
      - c) 2/19 sae x sase cooks
      - d) 2/22 swe x nsbe x sase intersectionality discussion
      - e) D-term pan-asian festival

### Questions:

**President Wilde** asked what SGA can do to better help and support their club and help their agenda

*Answer:* Financials are everything and SGA has a large network which can help with larger discussions

- B. A student came in and did not feel the opportunity for public comments is publicized well. The student also brought up concerns they had with budgeting such as the unwritten rule that a club needs to FR for an event or have an event for a few years for it to be in a budget. The student then urged SGA to consider approving these budgets for events because it is hard to have continuity from before covid and clubs are trying to do new things after covid. The student also stated that they thought constantly doing reallocations was not productive.

### Questions:

**Parliamentarian Rosenthal** stated the rule is if the budget for the event was requested once in the past 2 years it can be added to the clubs budget. He then told the student if they had the

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budget but it was not used it can still go in the budget.

The **Student** then said that two years ago was covid

**Vice-President Zeolla** said that if it's cut from a budget you can still FR for it later, the budget is just for record keeping

The **Student** said going to FR because of covid is not convenient

**Treasurer Mullenberg** stated the transition between people and financial knowledge has been lost through clubs. He has spent time helping people and he will look into a more campus wide approach, or he offered to help the speakers club treasurers.

**Senator Watson** said appreciate that we should publicize public comments more, it is something we are looking into more

**Senator Boyer** asked the student if they had any suggestions for publicizing the public comments?

The **Student** suggested instagram and the weekly events

**President Wilde** clarified they were advertised on techsync and in the weekly events email

IV. Special Orders

V. President's Report

A. Board of Trustees Presentation

1. President Wilde showed her presentation and walked senate through her thoughts on it. The questions were given by Philip Clay and the answers to the survey were used to create the presentation.

### **Feedback:**

**Chair Cormier** said it looks good, she likes the international perspective, and it covers a lot

**Senator Gyurcsan** asked if it meant academic advisors or major/career advisors

*Answer:* academic advisors

**Senator Boyer** said maybe add a suggestions section and draw on those general themes

**President Wilde** said that would be a good thing to end on

B. Roundtable on Title IX

1. President Wilde explained representatives from admin, Title IX, and student representatives will be there (on Friday). They are looking for feedback or things you may want seen talked about, you can feel free to

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message her about this.

**Comments:**

**Senator Barry** asked why WPI does not have a set Title IX policy as it is an interim policy, and she asked what is the status on that

**President Wilde** said she can talk to John Stweart about it, and why it is like that during the meeting

- VI. Vice President's Report
  - A. Senate Activity
    - 1. Vice-President Zeolla explained we would be making Haiku's and senate broke into 5 groups
- VII. Secretary's Report
  - A. No Report
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Senate Budget Cuts
    - 1. Treasurer Mullenberg took 5 minutes to review club constituents and a presentation on how to navigate techsync to do this. Senators were then given time to ask questions and work on it.
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report
  - A. Interim Parliamentarian Reminder
    - 1. Parliamentarian Rosenthal said the cut off for the application is friday and it will be sent in slack again
  - B. Outside of Senate Activities
    - 1. Parliamentarian Rosenthal explained he will be sending out a form in slack, he is looking for input to see what students want to do outside of senate
- X. Cluster Reports
  - A. Student Services Cluster
    - 1. No Report
  - B. Internal Services Cluster
    - 1. Affirmations Survey -Chair Jerusal
      - a) A QR was shown and senators were able to fill it out with affirmations, the affirmations must be positive and not sarcastic
    - 2. Diversity Survey -Chair Jerusal
      - a) Will be sent in slack
  - C. Financials Cluster
    - 1. Interim Accountant Position -Chair Geary
      - a) Treasurer Mullenber said that Chair Geary is looking for an interim position and he will be sending out a form that is due by the 25th

**Question:**

**Chair Jerusal** asked what are responsibilities

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**Treasurer Mullenberg** explained it was the up-keep of the financial database, the accountant has access to treasury and deals a lot with FRs

**Vice-President Zeolla** explained from his experience they are responsible for heading the accountant project, it was a lowkey chair position and a lot of it can be done during financials

- XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
  - A. S.3 Standing Rules
    - 1. Parliamentarian Rosenthal explained these were sent out by President Wilde. He then gave a brief overview that there was not much to change but we needed to approve or deny these.

**Questions:**

**Chair Cormier** thinks these are great changes, and that updating and clarifying them is good

**Senator Eroglu** made a motion to table

*Vote: the motion was tabled*

- XIV. Questions, Comments, and Ideas
  - A. Senator Eroglu shared that if you want your volunteer work to be published on a larger slack channel, reach out to him he is working with the SAO on this
- XV. Announcements
- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
  - A. Advisor Sharry shared that the Cheese truck is here (and sold out), she also shared that spa night is happening on friday, and a dance party on saturday. She reminded senate to take care of themselves during midterms and the food truck next week will be here from 7-10
- XVII. President's Remarks
  - A. President Wilde thanked everyone for coming to senate, and said she was sorry about the food truck sell out. She thanked senate for their Haiku's and encouraged people to reach out to her about her report and to come to her office hours.
- XVIII. Adjournment

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