

# WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

32<sup>nd</sup> Student Government Association  
22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Thirty Undergraduate Student Government Association To  
be held in Innovation Studio 205  
6:00 p.m. – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Special Orders
  - A. Kylar Coleman Foley was appointed as an interim senator for the 32nd senate.
- V. **President's Report**
  - A. Procedure Discussion
    1. President Wilde shared that in regard to financial requests, it is important for points to not be redundant. Points of information, questions, motions, points for, and points against are the only five areas of discussion points. Please do not put any opinions in questions or points of information. The whole point of a debate is to convince people of your perspective, or if you are unsure ask questions. She may cut off the discussion if people are not following this protocol.
  - B. Cabinet Applications
    1. The new executive board will release the applications for the new cabinet positions after the senate tonight, and feel free to reach out if you have any questions.
- VI. Vice President's Report
  - A. No Report
- VII. Secretary's Report
  - A. No Report
- VIII. **Treasurer's Report**
  - A. Upcoming Budgeting Workshops
    1. Treasurer Mullenberg and Chair Jacob are looking to open the budgeting portal early for those who may be on IQP. There will be training meetings coordinated with the SAO for how to use Workday, SGA financial bylaws, and all things financial regarding being treasurers. He is looking for senator volunteers to help support them, and this will help lighten the load for appropriations C Term.
- IX. Parliamentarian's Report
  - A. No Report
- X. Cluster Reports
  - A. Student Services Cluster
    1. No Report
  - B. Internal Services Cluster**
    1. Senator Elections Presentation
      - a) Senate elections are happening now, and everyone has to reapply for the 33rd senate. There are three information sessions listed.

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These are not required, however, they are helpful and you are encouraged to bring your friends. This Friday and Saturday there will be filming for the promotional video, which will be released on the 22nd. Applications are due on the 30th at 11:59 PM. They will need senators' support during table sitting. There will be superfans given out at the tables as well. There will also be a Q & A panel that needs senator volunteers. You need 60-80 signatures to be able to put on the ballot. It is important to submit everything on time! It would be really helpful to share the promotional video, get people excited to vote, and market SGA to your fullest over the next week. There will not be a Saturday film time if they can finish this Friday.

Questions:

Treasurer Mullenberg asked when and where they are filming the financial board?

*Answer:* Tomorrow at 6 in the Taylor room.

2. Bylaw Trivia

- a) Vice President-Elect Cormier led the senate in a bylaw trivia on Kahoot.

C. Financials Cluster

1. No Report

XI. Faculty, Institute, and Special Committees

- A. Senate Chair-Elect Levitan shared that no faculty committee meetings met last week.

XII. Old Business

**XIII. New Business**

**A. S.16 30K Videos and Voting**

- 1. Information for the voting is in the Senate 2022 channel on slack. The semi-finalists were presented. There were 24 submissions in the first round and there are eight semifinalists. All of them sent in a one-minute-long video and a cost breakdown. We are picking 4 to be voted on on December 5th at 5 pm. If people have ID 2050 they will go first. You can promote it during table sitting. The options are as follows:
  - a) Renaissance Faire
  - b) World Day
  - c) Winter Wonderland
  - d) WPI Pride
  - e) Camping on the Quad
  - f) Gompei's Gala
  - g) Woodstock Music Festival
  - h) Cinco de Mayo X Festo Junia

Questions:

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Senator Cluett asked if there was a breakdown of clubs involved.

*Answer:* It is available on slack.

Secretary Damon asked why the World Day event breakdown was based on the number of people in their organizations.

*Answer:* For how much they get to spend, not necessarily on what each member gets.

Vice President-Elect Cormier asked if there was any coordination between the events at World Day.

*Answer:* They probably have to end up communicating. Each organization has the freedom to choose its activity.

Senator Houscher asked how many people went to Ren Faire last year.

*Answer:* It was advertised poorly.

#### Discussion:

#### **Pros:**

The Ren Faire was very fun last year.

Winter Wonderland is more distinct from Pep Rally.

World Day is an educational opportunity for the cultural groups on campus.

World Day may be more impactful than Cinco de Mayo.

#### **Cons:**

World Day is not very concrete.

World Day and Cinco de Mayo are not as organized.

Woodstock may be difficult for people studying for prolonged periods of time who live on campus.

#### **Vote**

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**Outcome: Winter Wonderland, Camp on Quad, World Day, Gompei's Gala**

**B. S.17 Photo Club (\$29,721.80)**

The Photography Club is looking to spread appreciation for photography in the WPI community. They provide services to clubs and teach students about digital editing, photo taking, etc. They are looking to upgrade their equipment so that general body members are able to use high-quality equipment. Only three of their current camera are newer than the 2013 models. They consistently cover 10-15 events per term, and they are doing more. The money they make stays in the club. They also charge significantly less than outside vendors. The money goes towards dark room maintenance. They still use film cameras even from the 60s, therefore these cameras are an investment. They have struggled to balance requests for events versus the amount of equipment. Lots of planning went into their camera selection, and some members have adaptable products for these particular cameras. They have 40 active members as of right now. They have had 45 requests since the start of the semester.

Questions:

Chair Geary asked if they would still be able to fulfill their commitments without the new equipment?

*Answer:* They are able to cover most of the gear via the exec's personal cameras but they often have to delay for trading etc.

Vice President-Elect Cormier asked what their current advertisement and club outreach looks like?

*Answer:* They have been working with Greek Life for composites. Their rates are severely less. Usually, they use word of mouth.

Parliamentarian Rosenthal asked how rates are determined for events?

*Answer:* Booking revenue is used for material upkeep. To protect the investment of lenses for example they use filters. They also provide free film to active members. A lot of money goes into that general maintenance.

Parliamentarian Rosenthal asked if any finances are run through Workday?

*Answer:* Yes.

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Chair Jacob asked if we purchase that equipment, how can we ensure that they will be protected?

*Answer:* There will be a protocol for using the higher quality material. There is a dark room in the cc that is locked with keycard access. They will also look into storing in lockers.

Senator Tang asked what camera damage had occurred in the past few years?

*Answer:* It happens pretty rarely. There has been nothing broken in the past year.

Secretary Damon asked what repairs look like for these products?

*Answer:* It depends on the price of the lens or equipment. For this type of equipment, maintenance is nonexistent besides cleaning lenses and sensors. Because people are not using them as frequently, then there will not need to be as much maintenance.

President Wilde asked what happens if an entry-level member breaks or loses a camera.

*Answer:* A member fills out the google form to request. You are signing a form that states that you will cover those damages.

President Wilde asked if they would be willing to work with the student activities office to formalize the insurance procedures?

*Answer:* Stolen items are more finalized but the rest should be covered.

Senator Krizan asked how many cameras are used in a typical event?

*Answer:* 2 for bookings, but for photo club-run events like photography workshops or photo walks there are more with 20+ people.

President-Elect Rios asked how people in the clubs get access to the camera room?

*Answer:* Executive board only.

Senator Tang asked if educational discounts were considered for these items?

*Answer:* Last year, when they did the order, they received discounts that

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made it even less than what they requested. They get everything from DNH.

Secretary Damon asked what SGA can help them do to advertise?

*Answer:* They worked with the admissions, but will connect with their PR chair to work on that connection.

Discussion:

**Pros:**

Essential for their club operations.

They currently have a lack of equipment.

The equipment will last a long time.

This will event a lot of organizations on campus and they will be doing more outreach.

Fits the purpose of the club.

Saved a fraternity \$1,000 and had a high-quality experience.

General Body members are held back by the current layout.

The quality of the high-end cameras makes a significant difference.

**Cons:**

There may not be a purpose in training GBMs on high-end cameras.

Technology improves really fast for digital photography.

**Vote**

**Outcome: Passes**

**C. S.18 Vote to Approve Bylaws**

The Senate votes on the bylaw changes that were proposed last senate.

**Motion: Add a section for Academic and Performance Trips**

**Pros:**

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Nothing requires us to fund however it eliminates any discrepancies regarding what is competition.

**Cons:**

If it is deemed beneficial educationally, it can be stretched.

Having something in the bylaws will be an invitation for clubs to say that they will get an academic trip funded.

Money could be spent too frequently on other clubs.

We do not fund academic trips that don't have a reason to be at that particular location.

**Points of Information:**

We have funded smaller performance trips in the past.

**Motion: Passes**

**Pros:**

More specific information on financials is beneficial.

We already discuss and approved these.

**Cons:**

**Vote**

**Outcome: Passed**

XIV. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

Treasurer Mullenberg reminded everyone to go to financial board tomorrow in the Taylor Room from 6-6:30.

Chair Link shared that cool people come to financial board.

Vice President-Elect Cormier shared that everyone should come to promotional video filming.

XV. Announcements

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Senator Giancola asked everyone to gather any clothes people might not want while they are home on Thanksgiving for the Green Team thrift store.

Vice President MacGregor shared that the banquet is on December 3rd and asked everyone thinks of paper plate nominations

- XVI. Advisor's Remarks
- XVII. President's Remarks
  - A. There will be no senate next week but keep an eye out for paper minutes. Check the email from Dean Perlow for food options if you are on campus for Thanksgiving.
- XVIII. Adjournment

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