

**The Student Government Association
General Board Meeting Minutes
April 15th, 2025 ♦ 7:15pm ♦ Held in Business and Public Management Center,
50 Sharpless Street, West Chester, PA 19382, Room 323**



Call to Order: 7:16 pm

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:

- Motion to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes:
 - - Seconded
 - Approved, the minutes are approved

Public Comment:

- There was no one for public comment

Forming Clubs and Organizations:

- P.E.A.C.E presented to the senate for ten minutes.
- IfYoureReadingThis presented to the senate for ten minutes.
- C.A.R.E presented to the senate for ten minutes.
- Diabetes Awareness presented to the senate for ten minutes.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Chair of Outreach Committee: Lukas Williamson

- The Student & Community Leaders' Roundtable was a success!
- Wingo: Tomorrow @ 5:00-7:00 in the CSI.
 - Free food guaranteed for the first fifty people to register
- Outreach Committee Social: April 23rd, 7:30PM in BPMC 311
 - No committee meeting tomorrow, as it would be directly after Wingo.
 - The Outreach Committee has closed for the year. See you next Fall for more Outreach Committee adventures!

Parliamentarian and Chair of Bylaw Review Committee: Caleb Winters

- - No report

Public Relations Officer and Chair of PR Committee: Emma Holston

- •Filming for the night (tell me about your leadership journey and who are you? I'm the owner of this house

- Banana Day reel sign up
- SGA office t-shirt order form for \$12ish
- Transition dinner reminders
- Food drive
- Senator of the Week
- Check SGA Instagram
- Pet March Madness awards!

Secretary and Chair of Elections Committee: Aliza Greenfield

- We only have one more senate meeting!
- Elections are over!!
 - Congratulations to the new executive board
 - President: Derrick Addison
 - VP: Caleb Winters
 - Director of Communications: Raina Wall-Williams
 - Director of Organizational Relations: Emma Holston

Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee: Rachel Treiffesen

- Budget Timeline
 - Introduction of budget on April 22nd and voting the next week
 - Last Voting night is 7-10 tomorrow night in Sykes 218
- New Organization and Auxiliary Requests to vote on in new business

Vice President: Claire Shutack

- Attend your committees!
- Submit absence report form/text your committee head for excused absence

Student Trustee: Chris

- Former WCU President Dr. Christopher Fiorentino was appointed as PASSHE's sixth Chancellor by the Board of Governors!

President: McKenna Nugent

- Currently working on the applied exec position process.
- 2024-2025 executive board is not meeting for the remainder of the semester.
 - We are fulfilling our tasks individually while maintaining communication with advisors.
- Remaining Semester will be used to...
 - Assist New Exec with transition alongside advisors
 - Maintain relations
 - Work on Ramboree
 - Attend meetings as they arise

Senator Reports

- ***_ Gender Equity: Lauren Marsh***
 - Attended the Women's Commission Meeting on April 9th at 2pm .
 - Discussed that the Women's commission is collecting donations through May 1st for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and the Period Project through the Pretty Moody Foundation. The Period Project is asking

for items such as tampons, pads, liners, etc and I can share the wishlist for the DVCCC on Teams. The drop off locations are the Exploratory Studies Advising Suite in Lawrence, the Cottrell Entrepreneurship Leadership Center in this building, The Center for Women and Gender Equity in Lawrence, and Dowdy Multicultural Center in Sykes. There are two more big events happening under the Women's commission this spring, the Recruitment and Retention of Women of Color Annual faculty and staff award and Recognition Ceremony, and the Women's Leadership Forum. Donations will also be collected at these events. This month is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Center for Women and Gender Equity still has a couple more larger events happening this month. Clothesline Project is this Thursday in the Academic Quad from 10-2 pm. This event involves creating a shirt with a supportive message or an anonymous, undetailed message about an experience of harm. The shirts with experiences face the inside of the quad so no one has to engage with those if they do not want to! Also, Take Back The Night is happening on April 25th from 5-8 at the Academic Quad and Main Hall. There will be a resource fair at 4, and then we will transition into the march and speak out. There is an alternative event happening at the Center for Women and Gender Equity if you would like to honor any experiences away from the main event, and in a sensory friendly space.

■ **_ *Sexuality Equity: Raina Wall-Williams***

- Met with the President of SAGA, on April 1st.
 - Discussed what SGA could do to benefit SAGA. The meeting was more of an introduction to SGA and what we can do for them. There was a conversation about students wanting to put in their preferred name without the chance of their parents or legal guardians seeing this name change.
 - On Wednesday April 9th, I attended the LGBTQ+ student leadership panel for the CTQA. This event was the Do's and Donuts: LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Training for Faculty and Staff. At the training, faculty and staff that attended were refreshed on their knowledge of the LGBTQ+ history, terminology, and proper use of pronouns. There was also a student panel of LGBTQ+ student leaders on campus, which I was apart of. Students were asked questions on our experiences on campus and what changes we believed that can impact the students here on campus. This turned into an open discussion, where ideas were bounce between students and faculty. The Lavender Graduation is still happening, so if you know any LGBTQ+ students who may be interested participating in the Lavender Graduation. Please let them know to register on RamConnect.

■ **_ *University Libraries: Annie Winneka***

- Attended the LSAB meeting on Friday March 21st.
 - Discussed the Library Student Advisory Board had the social media team come to discuss ways to enhance social media for the library. We brainstormed different ways to get the students involved with our pages and what could get students to follow the page. A few of us came up with displays to arrange around

graduation season, like adding cute photo spaces around the library and on campus to take pictures. We also talked about staff takeovers who would showcase playlists from music in the Presser Music Library.

- On Friday, April 4th, LSAB took a tour of the Innovation Media Center (IMC) and learned about all of the rentable spaces and equipment, including the Inov8 space and the equipment in the back. Through this tour, we were able to give feedback about how to better expose the equipment available to students. We talked about an IMC club mixer night and craft night for students. Along with this, we talked about creating new events/competitions in order to use some of the more outdated equipment, like a “make your own home movie” competition for the handheld recorders or a podcast challenge. In order to cut down on some waste, we also talked about using excess lamination as erasable sheets for students taking their GREs.
- On Monday, April 7th, I held my usual steering committee meeting with Deirdre Childs, Director of Public Services. We chatted about some of the ideas we posed at the IMC open house and ways to elevate the social media of the library. Lastly, we talked about the distribution of a survey to students about how to improve the library. Our next LSAB meeting is this Friday to look at what we can arrange for the upcoming year.
- ***_ Career Development: Sophia Klotz***
 - Met with Jen Long, the director for the career development center and Kate Shellaway who oversees our data and assessment efforts at the center.
 - Discussed collaborating on an internship survey. They already have one established and we found it good to revise it and push it all next year since students have various internships throughout the academic school year and summer. We will work together throughout the summer, and I plan on updating and adding questions to the survey. We thought it would be a good idea to set up designated stations outside of the career fair to have students take the survey. This could be done though SGA students if anyone is willing to sit with me and do a few hours of tabling. These questions aim to understand students' struggles in finding internships. I am interested in the logistics that go into this but also it should be a space for students to express their concerns about career pathways and employers.
- ***_ Honors College: Olivia McClain***
 - Met with Timothy Jussaume, Director of the Honors College, on April 9th.
 - Discussed updates within the Honors College and SGA. We are still in the early stages of workshopping and working with New Student Admissions to figure out exactly how we want to incorporate the Honors College into Welcome Week and Orientation. I have another meeting scheduled with him on the 28th which will be another luncheon with Honors College Students to hear student feedback. During the luncheon we will be mostly focusing on asking how Honors can better promote the Graduate Fellowship Program to its students.
- ***_ Parking and Public Safety: Alan Asitimbay***
 - Met with Ashley, Parking Services Manager, on 4/8.

- Discussed potential changes that we could bring up to the university to help the student body with parking. We mentioned the idea of creating a survey to determine when students commute to their classes. With this data, we could consider adjusting the enforcement hours to accommodate as many students as possible. We are aware of how scarce parking can be and how many students commute everyday so this can help with making sure these individuals have a smooth experience on campus. In addition, commuter permits are nearly ready to be sold which will take place in the summer with around 70 being expected to be distributed around M Lot.
- ***_ Athletics: Lucas Henke***
 - Met with Kellianne Milliner, Associate Athletic Director.
 - Discussed reforming student-athlete career resources through evaluating and strengthening student-athlete alumni connections. Through this process, I was able to make concrete improvements by updating the official athletics website's career development page. But looking to further this initiative by formally setting up a student-athlete alumni mentor program. We are also collaborating with SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) to play the first-ever RAMMY's, which is an end-of-year athletics awards event honoring student-athletes and the athletic department achievements of the year. This was after we completed our annual water-pong event, which is a community-building favorite by student-athletes (our obvious winner was a pair from, you guessed it...the obvious team choice of... men's golf) while also doubling as a Make-A-Wish fundraiser..
- ***_ College of Science and Mathematics: Rainna Liddington***
 - Attended the STEMmersion event.
 - The event allowed 10th graders from underserved school districts to visit WCU's campus to explore the CSM. The point of this event was to encourage high school students to think about college and West Chester as a whole. This past STEMimmersion revolved around collecting data and polling. We are also working on setting up a table for SGA at the CSM student research poster session on April 30th.
- ***_ Faculty Relations: Avery McKnight***
 - Met with Faculty Senate, on March 28th.
 - The senate had presentations from multiple groups and advisors. B.K. Taylor- Assistant Vice President, Health and Wellness, Chair of CARE team Bradley Flamm- Director, Office of Sustainability David Thomas- Director, Office of Educational Accessibility Vanessa Kahen- Director, WCU Moon Shot for Equity; Department Chair and Professor of Psychology Tracey Robinson- Vice President, Division for Access, Compliance and Engagement (ACE). These presentations gave light to best practices from this year and how the faculty can support students from these offices as the year closes. The first presentation was on how we can make sure students get the care they need, the second was on how we can keep sustainability on campus, the third was on how we can support the OEA and how teachers can fully support and guide students who need accommodations

(and how ram portal got the year off to the rocky start), and finally, the fourth presentation was from moonshot representatives and how we can reach our goal of eliminating institutional equity gaps by 2030.

■ _ ***Facilities: Leo Bignault***

- Met with Executive Director of Facilities Campus Services Steve McStravick.
 - Discussed the organizational structure of Facilities, ongoing projects and roles, and areas of improvement. I mentioned the necessity to increase accessibility of Facilities for the average student, to easily communicate when things are needed or can be improved by anyone.

■ _ ***Sustainability: Alix Brewer***

- Met with Dr. Bradley Flamm, Director of the Office of Sustainability and Calli Lambard, the Administrative Assistant, on March 27th.
 - Discussed the initiative that Derrick, Dining Services Senator, talked about before about oil recycling from Aramark to turn oil into biodiesel; Brad mentioned that they have done this in the past, so I plan to connect with Derrick to find out more about why it stopped.
 - I spoke about Joyful Journals, the new junk journaling club, and they were excited about the potential to work with them, so I have reached out to Joyful Journals with contact information and other details they might want or need. I mentioned the Student and Community Leaders Roundtable, including the sustainability representatives Rachel Griffith and Dr. Mandie Cantlin, and this will be going in the Sustainability Bulletin. They mentioned additionally how Rachel Griffith will be hosting a Chester County Sustainability Summit and Expo here on campus on May 17th. Speaking of the Bulletin, they have been approved to send out the bulletin to all active emails on campus once a month. There are still weekly emails for subscribers, but the monthly emails reach the entire campus and this has generated approx. 20 new subscribers. We spoke about the new campus master plan, and how sustainability is mentioned specifically in regards to the repairs and upgrades of the geothermal pump, but not in other places where it could be, like general sustainability and its importance, and requested that I spread the word to make comments on this, which I did myself. I mentioned that I and many others on campus have had issues with the wind, and I brought up the idea of if there is any way we can try to harvest some of the wind for energy, especially thinking about places like U-Hall tunnel and the walkway between the gym and the science building, so they are going to look into what other colleges are doing, with some ideas coming from the mini wind turbines on Lincoln Financial Field. We spoke about the upcoming Earth Week and some of the events that will be happening for that. Lastly, they informed me of a plan they have for a Learning Living community that they are hoping to host next year about Sustainability and Social Justice.

■ _ ***College of Education and Social Work: Lizzie Guidici***

- Took a trip to Harrisburg with social work majors from WCU's campuses, on March 25th.

- Advocated for two important bills that directly impact social work students. I was able to talk to Dr. Vasquez, a professor who has worked alongside various grassroots organizations, and our state government, to implement policies that address the needs of underserved populations. She explained House Bill 554 and House Bill 66, and why they are important for students in our college. House Bill 554 would allow PA social workers with an active license to practice in any participating states who also enact this bill. PA is the last state in the area to sign this bill. House Bill 66 would provide \$5,000 stipends to social work students during their internships. Other students and I had the opportunity to talk to Representative Chris Pielli, Representative Dan Williams, and speaker of the PA House Joanna McCClinton to explain why these bills mean so much to us as social work students, and encourage them to do what they can to get these bills passed into law.
- ***_CAP-C: Jasmine Stewart***
 - Attended the CAP-C General Body Meeting NAME, POSITION, on March 27th.
 - Discussed some changes including different courses being approved as an official General Education course: • PLN214 (Speaking Emp.) • HEA109 (Diversity) • DHM210 (Writing Emp.) • CSC365 (Speaking Emp.) They also modified some of the business courses to full Distance Education • ECO335 (Money and Banking) • FIN330 (Principles of Insurance) One of the biggest changes was to remove the ePortfolio requirement within the General Education Program from prior feedback.
 - Outside of the meeting, the WCU Catalog is officially updated, as I met with the Registrar's Office about it on April 10th. Some of the major changes had been in accordance with the switch to Ramportal, as well as approved CAPC changes to the Undergraduate Policies and Programs that were made as of March 2025.
- ***_College of Health Sciences: Julia D'Achille***
 - Met with Dean Heinerichs, Mckenna, and the co-advisor Megan Mraz on March 31st.
 - Discussed the by-laws for the IPP club and the next steps that need to be taken. We discussed who this would be open to and what the requirements are to start this club. We talked about the final details and what the logo would look like.
 - Yesterday, April 14th, I met with Carina Shandy, who is a graduate assistant for the SLI office. We talked about the club overall and the goals for the club. Since there are only a few weeks left of the semester, this club will not be put into play until next semester.
- ***_Alumni Engagement: Madeline Barbella***
 - Met with Brigid Gallagher the Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement, on April 3rd.
 - Discussed what the organization has been up to recently including throwing the Gala for the inauguration as well as some of the big events they have coming up including Alumni weekend and one of their big Alumni board meetings happening later this April which I have been invited to attend.

- Discussed how I could best help when it came to the Alumni Engagements initiative of “Rams for Life” including keeping up with what the students really want to see from Alumni Engagement events wise and what events on campus would be best for them to become involved in.
- ***_ Community Service: Julia Vogt .***
 - On Tuesday, April 1st I filled out an application and was approved to run an SGA Food Drive for the Chester County Food Bank. Then, Karen Mudgett the senior manager in volunteer services at the Chester County Food Bank reached out to me about logistics and times. We decided the food drive would begin April 9th and go on until Thursday, May 1st. The food donations could be dropped off in the boxes outside of the SGA Office. I listed the most needed items on the flyer which I shared with everyone and if you could, please donate and spread the word! I also reached out to the WCU gardens on April 2nd about planning an SGA Earth Day group volunteer event. They directed me to Jessalyn Ringstaff about specifics. She would love for us to help on the day after Earth day, which is Wednesday, April 23rd, at the North Campus garden located behind the Science Complex anytime from 10am-1pm. This will count as a senator event so please attend!.

Unfinished Business:

- Congratulations to all of the candidates who ran for a great election season!
 - We had the highest voter turnout in SGA HISTORY! (almost doubled last year)
- 2025-2026 Elected Executive Officers:
 - President – Derrick Addison
 - Vice President – Caleb Winters
 - Director of Organizational Relations – Emma Holston
 - Director of Communications – Raina Wall-Williams
- Applied SGA Positions close TONIGHT at 11:59pm
 - Executive Director
 - Director of Allocations

New Business:

- Motion to open a discussion on proposed clubs.
 - Motion to open a 10 minute vote on proposed clubs.
 - Motion to extend the discussion by 5 minutes.
 - Seconded, Approved, P.E.A.C.E, IfYoureReadingThis, C.A.R.E, and Diabetes Awareness is approved.
- Motion to open a vote on New Organization Requests.

- Seconded, Approved, Boxing Team for \$500, Breast Cancer Meal Care for \$499.10, and Sports Analytics for \$395 is approved.
- Motion to open a vote on Auxiliary Requests.
 - Seconded, Approved, D1 Hockey's request of \$10,000 is approved for \$2000 from Auxiliary and \$1,000 from Championships is approved.
 - Seconded, Approved, D3 Hockey's request of \$10,000 is approved for \$1000 from Auxiliary and \$1,000 from Championships is approved.
 - Seconded, Approved, Women in Business requested \$567.64 is approved for \$200.
 - Seconded, Approved, Esports requested \$500 and \$432 from the Public Safety is approved.

Discussion:

- Open discussion regarding bylaw revision proposals including summer break powers.

Announcements:

- - **Legislative Affairs:** Wingo on Wednesday April 16th from 5-7PM in the CSI. Come get wings and play Bingo.
- - **Community Service:** Gardening Volunteer Event at the North Campus Gardens on Wednesday April 23rd anytime from 10am-1pm!
- - **Community Service:** Food drive for Chester County Food Drive from April 9th-May 1st. Drop off in front of the SGA office.
- - **University Libraries:** The library is exploring options for combining the help desks and are looking for feedback to improve the library experience.
- - **OEA:** Delta Alpha Pi is having a De-Stress night that is open to all on Thursday, April 17th from 5:00-7:00 Pm in Wayne 107.
- - **Sustainability:** 2025 earth week events are happening all throughout the week of April 22nd including a zero waste summit, tree planting in the Gordon Natural Area, and a Teaching and Learning Sustainability.
- - **Sustainability:** On April 24th from 6-7:30 PM in Mitchell Hall room 102, Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim will be speaking about the Theology at the Intersection of Climate and Justice.

Call to Adjourn: 9:20 PM

