

**The Student Government Association
General Board Meeting Minutes
April 22nd, 2025 ♦ 7:15pm ♦ Held in Business and Public Management Center,
50 Sharpless Street, West Chester, PA 19382, Room 323**



Call to Order: 7:16pm

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:

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

Public Comment:

- Dining services presented to the senate regarding meal plans for the 2025-2026 year.

Forming Clubs and Organizations:

- WCUPA LIFE presented to the senate for ten minutes.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Chair of Outreach Committee: Lukas Williamson

- Outreach Committee's Year-End Report:
 - Voter Drive
 - Student & Community Leaders' Roundtable
 - Wingo: Free Wings & Bingo
 - Committee's Operation
 - Thank you to Dr. Jazz, Kimmy, Dr. Dietrich, the Exec Board, and the Committee members
- Outreach Committee Social: **Tomorrow @ 7:30PM** in BPMC 311
 - Attendance will not be taken, but you should totally come.
- Congratulations on completing the senate year!

Parliamentarian and Chair of Bylaw Review Committee: Caleb Winters

- - No report

Public Relations Officer and Chair of PR Committee: Emma Holston

- SGA office t-shirt order form for \$12 ish (second QR code)
- Food drive
- Senator of the Week

- Check SGA Instagram
- Pet March Madness awards!

Secretary and Chair of Elections Committee: Aliza Greenfield

- - No report

Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee: Rachel Treiffesen

- Thank you to our finance committee for a fantastic year and annual budget season!!
- Annual Budget to introduce in new business
 - Voting for Annual Budget will need to be done by April

Vice President: Claire Shutack

- - Reminder to submit your reports/events

Student Trustee: Chris

- No report

President: McKenna Nugent

- Spoke to Barrett McGee about expanding SGA's input for future campus events & traditions.
- Transition dinner – 7:15pm
- Graduating seniors – check your email.

Senator Reports

- ***_Diversity and Multicultural Affairs: Jen Harter***
 - Met with Asian Culture Clubs to help plan their Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month (APIDAHM) event this year.
 - Discussed the event being held on May 3rd. Since the event was such a hit last year we really worked on building on top of that success for this year in hopes of it being a success again this year. We really want to work on showcasing that this event is not just for those who identify as Asian but as an event that shares the culture with everyone who is interested.
- ***_First Generation: Kayden McCabe***
 - Met with the Tri-Chairs of West Chester First, Ron McColl, Amanda Thomas, and Yessica Gutierrez, on April 22nd.
 - Discussed the accomplishments we've achieved and plan to continue working for years to come. Including but not limited to partnering with the Academic Libraries to find a networking space for students and dig up archives of First-Gen student voices, building a mentoring program for First-Generation Students, the new orientation initiatives for next year, held internship prep sessions for first generation students of color, held information sessions for

low-income first-generation students adapting to college life, being able to work with different colleges to partner and collaborate on events, networked with outside colleges to exchange program initiatives, and partnering with families of first gen college students. We also touched on how effective we thought the new first-gen spotlight on the West Chester First Instagram was. Last but not least, I have an announcement for any First Gen Students who are graduating this semester. Thursday, May 1st from 1:00 pm-3:30 pm, and Wednesday, May 7th from 10:00 am-1:00 pm, West Chester First will be taking FREE professionally taken graduation photos for first-generation students who sign up. Sign up while spots last!

■ ***_On Campus Housing: Nathan Shallack***

- Met with NAME, POSITION, on DATE.
 - Discussed how over the past year West Chester University has collaborated with planning experts at Ewing Cole to develop a long-term Campus Master Plan (CMP). This vision outlines WCU's development over the next decade, with major investments aimed at improving student life, housing, and infrastructure. Key Housing Initiatives Short-Term Projects from 2025 to 2030 include Matlack Courts which is a temporary housing solution set to open Fall 2025 and remain active until Spring 2030 to help address housing shortages. Lawrence Hall Redevelopment is scheduled for demolition in Summer 2027. It will be transformed into a modern housing facility. Existing services housed here including the Counseling Center, Career Center, Residence Life Office will be relocated. South Campus Renovations include full renovations and a vertical expansion of South Campus housing, along with potential development of a new South Campus Commons. Mid-Range Projects from 2030 to 2034 include Tyson & Goshen Halls which will both undergo full renovations with new additions. Tyson's improvements will begin Summer 2030 and finish by Fall 2032. Goshen's will follow and be completed by Fall 2034. The South Campus Gateway will include new pedestrian and transit connections linking South Campus to the rest of campus. Long-Term Projects from 2034 to 2039 include Killinger Hall that will be demolished in Summer 2034 and rebuilt by Summer 2037 with a brand-new facility. Schmidt Hall will have a Full renovation and new student entrance from Summer 2037 to Summer 2039. There will be a Sykes Student Union Parking Deck that will support housing growth and student accessibility. There is a Land Acquisition for Housing Superblock for a potential development site at the intersection of Sharpless and South High Street. These projects directly respond to ongoing student concerns regarding housing shortages, accessibility, and the modernization of living facilities.

■ ***_IFC: Luke Jackson***

- Met with the IFC Board and a member from the fraternity Pi Lambda Phi's nationals, on 4/3/2025.
 - Discussed their chapter's introduction to our campus next semester of Fall 2025. Their fraternity's goal is finding men from all different backgrounds to

join their chapter, and their philanthropy goal is eliminating prejudice. They do so by supporting multiple different charities and organizations that help people through adversity. Those organizations include but are not limited to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics, and ACLU Civil Liberties across the country. IFC is excited to welcome Pi Lambda Phi into our Fraternity community and see what they accomplish at WCU.

- The Fraternities ATO, BETA, Pike, and TKE held events for their philanthropies which includes, the Travis Manion Foundation, Local Firehouse Fame Fire Company, and Relay For Life. On Monday April 14, 2025 IFC held a mental health workshop in Sykes and we had a great turnout. On Thursday April 17, 2025, we invited a career center employee to come talk to members from each chapter about resume building do's and don'ts. IFC has multiple different events we are working on and are excited about for next semester so I'm looking forward to sharing those with you guys in the Fall. Thanks for a great semester!.

■ ***_ Wells School of Music: Name***

- Met with Dean Hanning, Dean of the Wells School of Music.
 - Discussed end of the year events happening. The school is preparing to enter the new year and is working on support for students while they prepare for finals and jurys at the end of the year.
 - Met with MUSE an organization and talked about what he was hoping to bring to this org. Currently it stands with a couple of intrigued staff members discussing intersectionality in the WSOM. The hope is to make MUSE an official group but has not found someone to take over the project yet. They intend to connect me with the faculty involved so we can keep this org going.

■ ***_ Community Service: Julia Vogt***

- Met with Madelyn Rowan, the Women in Business Vice President.
 - Discussed that the club is participating in a 5K Walk for Paws on April 26th with the Brandywine SPCA if you'd like to join.
 - The office of sustainability is doing an Earth Week at WCU where they are hosting different events every day from today until the 26th!! Also, the career closet - located in the career development center - is taking donations until May 16th, so If you have anything you'd like to donate please let me know..

■ ***_ College of Science and Mathematics: Rainna Liddington***

- Met with Associate Dean of the CSM, on 4/16/25.
 - Discussed events within the college including the research poster fair next week. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and take a look at research done by WCU grad students and undergraduates. This semester, I have met with three different people in the dean's office which has made it difficult to work on goals such as student-faculty luncheons, but those plans are still a priority concern of the CSM.

■ ***_ Parking and Public Safety: Alan Asitimbay***

- Discussed the potential parking survey in more detail. To get it out there to the school, flyers would help as less people are willing to look at emails.

Ideas that could be brought up are how people get to campus (driving, walking, public transportation, etc), if people use the shuttle services, if people would carpool, and ideas that would incentivize students to use south campus parking as there's availability. In addition, we discussed how there will be less parking garage passes for sale in attempts to provide more spots overall. First year students will no longer have access to bring their cars, it should further help combat the parking crisis.

■ _ ***Dining Services: Derrick Addison***

- Met with Stacy Houck, Director of Dining Services.
 - Discussed new dining initiatives happening over the summer. Starbucks will be getting a full renovation and refresh with new availability in the Starbucks app.

■ _ ***College of Business and Public Management: Ant Forgacic***

- Met with Dean Leach.
 - Discussed a meeting with all of the presidents of clubs that run through the BPMC to be set up in the future.

■ _ ***Off Campus and Commuter Services: Marcella Tate***

- Met with Dr. Lexi McCarthy, POSITION, on April 16th.
 - Discussed the recent Off Campus and Commuter Think Group. They have been meeting on Friday's at 11 and have been doing weekly meetings regarding getting commuters and off-campus students to feel more connected with the campus. Some plans moving forward are a commuter crawl, where students would go to different lounge areas on campus to find what place would best work for them. The office is also working on a commuter lounge audit to improve the lounge. They also plan on having a wellbeing event on the 25 of this month to help ease students as finals are coming up.

■ _ ***Health and Wellness:***

- Met with Judd Strauss, Director of Student Health Services, on 4/18.
 - Discussed potentially doing a town hall collaboration with campus recreation but due to time constraints have decided against it. We brought up Take Back Day that is coming up on 4/26 for prescription drugs and preparing for that with social media telling locations, one of those being Public Safety on campus. We went more in depth about the vending machine project that will be official starting this upcoming fall, with the first location being in the library. He also brought up how many people within the student services realm are interested in creating a student services fair that happens every semester at the beginning of the semester, for both first year and returner students and he thought it would be a great opportunity for SGA as it is low effort on our ends except for initial planning and reaching out to student services. In the fall there should be online scheduling available for the student health services and that will allow students to not have to call ahead as much. We want to try to connect with more student groups on campus

through bringing back "Wellness Wednesday's" and I recommended looking into collaboration with the Residence Hall's in some way.

■ **_ OEA: Name**

- Met with Dr. Thomas, OEA Director and Gabriellia Hartz, Senior Accommodations Specialist Thursday April 19th.
 - Discussed the events that have happened so far in the spring semester: Over the past two weeks, the Office of Educational Accessibility hosted our annual Transition Day— an event I had the pleasure of planning as the Senior Accommodation Specialist. This event brings high school students with disabilities from surrounding districts to West Chester University to learn about using accommodations in college, advocating for themselves, and seeking out support. Transition Day is more than just an event—it's a powerful reminder of why I love what I do. I'm passionate about helping students with disabilities understand their rights and feel confident navigating higher education. As someone who had an IEP and faced challenges with comprehension and more, I didn't think college was in the cards for me. Now, I get to be part of something that shows students with disabilities higher education is possible—with the right support and self-advocacy. I am beyond grateful to be able to do this work and to have the opportunity to empower the next generation. Thank you to all who assisted in making this day happen!
 - Over the semester the OEA had had a study hall every Wednesday with a very strong outcome so far. It has had a consistent basis of student between 5-10 every time Interviewing for a new administration assistant, student proctors and GAs 3/6 Interviewing faculty members to see their experience in the classroom with accommodations and working together to find solutions to any possible obstacles along the way Conference calls with professors to inform them about proctor process and how we ensure 100% academic integrity Student Ambassador information video coming soon on social media Delta Alpha Pi Zine Initiative – Positive Disability Awareness Delta Alpha Pi, the international honor society for students with disabilities, is launching a creative and inclusive initiative to promote positive disability awareness across the West Chester University campus. The organization is developing a zine pamphlet—a small, visually engaging publication—that aims to educate the broader student body about disability in a way that is informative, welcoming, and non-pressuring. Rather than focusing on deficits or challenges, the zine will highlight the strengths, stories, and experiences of disabled students and community members, celebrating them as an essential part of our diverse campus culture. The purpose of the zine is to foster a sense of belonging, promote understanding, and encourage respectful dialogue without relying on traditional or overly academic approaches. This student-led project is rooted in creativity and accessibility, using art, storytelling, and brief educational blurbs to connect with a wide audience. Delta Alpha Pi hopes this effort will spark curiosity, empathy, and

community engagement, making disability awareness a natural and celebrated part of WCU's inclusive values. The zines will be when finished, and the team welcomes collaboration from other student organizations interested in amplifying diverse voices. The DAPI senator event went well - We had games, bracelet making, snacks, and great conversations.

■ ***—Athletics: Lucas Henke***

- Met with Kellianne Milliner, Associate Director, and the SAAC executive board on April 16th .
 - We finalized all our working documents and plans for the RAMMYs, our end of year athletics award ceremony. The ceremony will occur on April 27th, and we are hoping for a big turn out and are already in discussion with next year's SAAC board for carrying out the second annual RAMMYs. Kelli and I further discussed alumni efforts and have decided to use promotion for the RAMMYs event as newsletter engagement for student-athlete alumni in hopes of peaking interest in our proposed alumni mentorship program.

Unfinished Business:

- There was nothing for unfinished business.

New Business:

- Motion to open a vote on WCUPA Life.
 - Seconded, Approved, WCUPA Life is approved.
- Motion to introduce the annual budget.
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is opened.
- Motion to table the annual budget topic.
 - Seconded, Approved, annual budget is tabled.

Discussion:

- Open discussion regarding accomplishments of senate

Announcements:

- - ***Community Service:*** There is a food drive happening so drop your food outside of the SGA office.
 - - ***Recreation:*** There is a student recreation town hall sign up form.
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Call to Adjourn: 8:33PM

