



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Senate meeting
2023-2024

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Business

Attendance/Approval of the minutes:

Quorum Reached

- **Approval of the minutes:**
 - Zach F. motions for unanimous consent
 - Motion passes
- Zach motions to suspend house rules:
 - Exit 245 Contingency
- Marlena motions to suspend house rules:
 - Dining Presentation
- Alex motions to suspend house rules:
 - Add statement amendment

Resolutions/Bills/Amendments:

- **House Rules Dress Code Reading** - taking a vote when we get back

Contingency:

- **Unaccompanied:** \$3,000 for winter concert
 - Latest upper voices acapella group (2010); service and community, created positive atmosphere
 - Building relationships, love for music & spreading music
 - 16 members: \$30 for continuing \$35 for new members
 - Performances, collaborations, out-of-school events
 - Concert: Grafton Stovall Theatre - music from newest EP and new repertoire - open to 500 people with no admission fee
 - Fundraising Grilled Cheese Mania: \$53, Instagram Bingo: \$367, Qdoba Fundraiser \$215
 - Total expense of \$3,650 have \$635, looking for \$3,000
 - Alex: What is the plan if this funding doesn't go through: we could make it work but it would be difficult?
 - Marcus: quote for lighting, is that from JMU or an outside vendor? This is an estimate
 - Mason: You're renting the lights and sound systems? Yes
- **DEBATE:**
 - Zach: pro: they need the money now, the event is open to everyone, and they've followed the procedure
- **VOTE:**
 - No nays, no abstentions: resolution passes!



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- **Word is Born Writers' Society:** Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference \$2,400 (AWP)
 - Dues: optional, \$40 (keeps the club accessible)
 - Average of 30 members per semester
 - Open mic nights, writing workshops, author talks
 - Sponsored by the furious flower poetry center
 - Chapbook publication
 - AWP: largest annual literary conference in North America
 - Professional and academic development - workshops, panels, publication options, grad program fair
 - FFPC is a main panelist
 - 10 members are planning to attend
 - Fundraising: poetry sale: \$41; Merch sale: \$40; Kendra Scott?; Concessions?
 - Those fundraisers covered current expenses
 - Context: they haven't gone to a conference in a while because of COVID and thus are not up-to-date with their fundraising
 - Alumni outreach program - reaching out to alumni that have attended programs to ask for money
 - Some members are applying for scholarships through the WAP but they won't know of their status until closer to the event
 - \$5,250 in total for the conference, can't request travel or hotel costs, thus requesting \$2,400
 - Marcus: What percentage of your group is attending? Officially $\frac{1}{3}$ but over half of attending body
 - Mason: How many members pay the optional dues? About half, accessibility is more important to them than increased funds
- **DEBATE:**
 - Zach: pro, they've exhausted all other funding and it's a great org
 - Marcus: unique opportunity to promote a subculture on campus
- **VOTE:**
 - No nays, no abstentions
 - Motion passes
- **EXIT 245: reunion, banquet dinner and concert - \$2,360**
 - Founded in 1998: No dues; 17 members; concerts and performances; also do philanthropy
 - Fundraising: \$2,090 total across different fundraisers
 - Total Expenses: \$5,360 (\$2,360 without food) requesting \$2,360
- **DEBATE:**
 - Zach: pro - alot of alumni have RSVP'd and it is important to bring alumni back to JMU
- **VOTE:**
 - No nays, no abstentions, motion passes



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- **Amendment Reading: Statements**

- *Communications director in collaboration with the communications team have the power to release statements that are considered "time sensitive"*
 - **READ THE AMENDMENT AND LOOK IT OVER**

Announcements

Presentations:

- JMU Dining:
 - Updated hours: starbucks truck is no longer out in the morning on cold days
 - Not able to be used when it is below freezing due to water lines - everything will be on social media
 - Winter break hours will be posted later this week - you're only paying for your meal plan when school is in session (so no meal swipes during break)
 - 12 nights of Ehall is going on right now!
 - Winter Farmers Market NEXT WEDNESDAY - 10-4
 - Cram cart (dining will be providing free snacks on the 11th and 12th between 12 and 3)
 - Spring: Hollywood, Chili Cookoff, Night in Paris & Farm to Table
 - **TESTING:** donating punches whenever at Market 64 & Festival Food Court (4th - 15th)
 - All punches go to the on campus food pantry
 - Nate: What will marketing look like? Flyer will be at the register
 - Meal Plans: fall dining dollars roll over to spring; get dining gold for dining dollars that roll over.
 - Spring Meal Plans: meal plans auto-renewal
 - You can make changes Jan. 22nd - Feb. 2nd via card services (\$15 service fee will be charged)
 - Faith: what is the incentive for dining gold over flex? You save on sales tax with dining gold
 - You can donate extra punches to food banks at Mr. Chips
- Town Hall Recap:
 - Helping students eat healthy: meal calculator and icons
 - Icons are on each of the markers at the resident dining hall and tell you about the various foods
 - Meal calculator: find the nutritional information of each item so you can track your calories and nutrition
 - Eating Disorder Resources
 - Dietician on staff to help students recover
 - Collaborating with the health center and the counseling center to create new programs



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- Reusable Container Program:
 - Trainings and huddles are being utilized to communicate with the team
 - Having difficulties teaching to speakers of other languages
- Good Uncle:
 - Price point is concerning - they are chef prepared meals, you make decisions based on your budget - retail grab and go reheat options are going away but they will be increasing the products from current vendors
 - Competitive pricing is done every year - try to aim each year for under "street price"
- Block 25 meal plan were not working on kiosks
 - Working alongside card services and "next step" IT tea, switched students over to the Grace Street plan to get students the punches they paid for
- LET DINING KNOW WHEN YOU NEED SOMETHING

QUESTIONS:

- Charlotte: is the video about the meal calculator sent out to students? It is available on the website but there is a new health and wellness coordinator starting in January
- Daniel G: Is there competitive pricing in retail? Dining compares pricing with comparative businesses, we can't compare a POD market to Walmart pricing it needs to be compared to another convenience store
- Kenzie: Are there any longer hours being considered for food on east campus specifically for vegetarian students? They don't currently have any plans but they will talk about and consider it
- Charlotte: Will there be a barbeque Wednesday shirt? Yes, in the spring

Presentation:

Reports

Executive Leadership Team

Nate Hazen, President	Quad lighting! Return of the Electric Zoo - throwing streamers at basketball games Campus Outreach Club presentation form
Faith Forman, Vice President	Faith was 10 when she learned how to ride a bike Quad lighting Connect with Faith (717)537-7753



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Carlin Bumgarner, Speaker	Good luck on finals!
Matt Haynicz, Treasurer	Planning Contingency for next semester Many waiting to come to committee to present Over break Matt will be crunching numbers on what we've used and what we have left!
Leadership Team	
Zachary Fleming, Academic Affairs Chair	Ac Affairs and USERV finals giveaway! Last Academic Council Meeting TOMORROW 4-5 MU 303 Complete course evaluations
Alex Schleyer, Communications Director	First SGA Newsletter coming soon
Abby Johnson, CAGE Chair	External hour opportunities: fall food drive, Red Cross blood drive All CAGE hours due by December 8th at 11:59pm
Takiyah Monrose, DEIJA+ Chair	Returning members need 2 DEIJA+ points a semester! Not for new members Next semester a podcast recording is coming, new Committee time, enforcing points, more events hosted by DEIJA+ committee
Marcus Rand, Legislative Affairs Chair	Richmond Advocacy is in full swing! Interest forms for non-leg affairs members coming soon Scan the QR code on the slide which will allow leg affairs to get meetings in D.C.
James Love Jr., Membership Chair	Attendance requirements: senators can miss two senates, reps must attend four senates Congrats to Brandon Market! Our December grad Finals Study Hall hours: Dec 5, 6, 7 from 6-9pm
Elena Finelli, Parliamentarian	Reach out to Elena (845)664-1224
Marlena Kozlowski, USERV Chair	Free Dining T-shirt form! Will be passed out next semester
Brielle Lacroix,	Reach out to Brielle if you need anything! (609)256-1322



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Executive Assistant	
Riley Gilbert, Elections Commissioner	
Josh Clemmer, Class of 2024 President	Finalizing plans for graduation!
John Petchel, Class of 2025 President	Quad lighting is on December 6, 6-7pm
Reagan Polarek, Class of 2026 President	Ring Premiere Planning
Kohle Nash, Class of 2027 President	Instagram is up and running! Go give it a follow @jmusga_2027
Rebeca Barge and Dirron Allen, Advisors	

**Marcus motions to
Adjourned at: 7:46**