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**Minutes of the 110th Student Senate**

AUGUST 27TH, 2024 | WARREN HALL 256

CONVENED AT 6:18 PM | ADJOURNED AT 7:19 PM BY MASON HOEY

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**ATTENDANCE HAS REACHED QUORUM**

**BUSINESS**

- The motion for approval of the last Student Senate's minutes has been approved.
- Suspension of house rules (passed): adding annual Elections Policy update to the agenda
- Suspension of house rules (passed): adding Dr. King and Dr. Miller's words of welcome
- Speaker confirmation vote (passed with unanimous consent)
  - No debate
- Annual SGA Elections Policy update (adopted)
  - Added section 8 talking of amendments
  - Fixed grammar
  - Pro, Mason Hoey: makes it so election policy doesn't have to be approved every year, makes it easier to update for the future
  - Question, Zach Fleming: if we pass this, would it have to sit for two weeks?
    - Response, Mason Hoey: no, no procedure to pass it

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Dr. King and Dr. Miller's words of welcome



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- Dr. King spoke for the entire speech
- Came for opportunity to see interim president
- Retired 3 years
- CFO before he retired
- Athletics reporting to him
- Says he appreciates our jobs
- Had to seven speeches in eight days since being president
- Main plan is to “keep the trains on schedule”
- SGA is a train
- They are glad to listen and see if they can help
- Particularly wants to make Seniors not as impacted by interim president
- A year for teachers is growing and utilizing their resources
- Thanks us for being in the SGA
- Parliamentary Presentation from Riley Gilbert
  - Close to same as last time (Special Senate), but slight changes
  - Spoke of governing documents: our constitution, house rules, elections policy
  - Robert’s Rules refresher
  - If you have questions for her, hit her up!
  - New words this year:
    - LT = leadership team (SLT, ELT, staff, class presidents)
    - SLT = senior leadership team
    - ELT = executive leadership team
    - Staff
    - Class council
    - Statement, Mason Hoey
      - Mentioning contents of upcoming amendments for these revisions

| **AMENDMENTS**



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- Constitution: **CAGE** (Passed)
  - CAGE -> Community Outreach Liaison, staff position now instead of LT/SLT
  - Update hazing policy with new JMU policy
  - Pro, Mason Hoey
    - Really important
    - JMU requires new things every year
    - CAGE being a staff position would be more effective
      - So that committees have more members
- Constitution: **Clarification & Restoration** (Passed)
  - Archaic language being updated
  - Pro, Mason
    - Really important
    - Sections that were repeated are moved to a single location in procedures
    - Bringing back context from previous amendments lost
    - Rewrote slightly in the context of the current constitution
    - Established “Executive Leadership Team” properly
  - Question, Alex Schleyer
    - Page 19, communications director meets directly w/ SB Vice President
    - Response, Mason Hoey
      - No actual change to the content
    - Yield time to Brielle Lacroix
      - Communications director is actually overlooked by SB President
      - Friendly amendment to fix the language

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**REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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**BRIELLE LACROIX**



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**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

- Shoutout ELT, SLT, and LT for hard work in the start of the year!
- Two new advisors: Kara Dillard and Jen Grossman Leopard
- SLT and LT changes mentioned
  - Staff positions are leaders too, wanted them to be feel more included
  - Legislation isn't just something you want to change, it can be congratulatory or educational as well
  - Be creative with your legislation!
- Respond to your committee chair and direct supervisor y'all!
  - Don't leave on read
  - We will get over your GroupMe anxiety!
- She's in the office before Senate for 2 hours
- Rock the Lake this Saturday 5:30-8 PM
  - More niche student org night!
  - Sign up for service hours
- What's happening this week?
  - Stop the Haze, 8/29, 8/30, 9/2
  - Rock the Lake, 8/31
  - Bring a Friend Senate, 9/3
  - Late Night Breakfast, 8/29

**ABIGAIL HERBERT**

**STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT**

- She's in the back of the room
- Went to Germany this summer
- Working on Purple Out t-shirt design
  - Looking for people to design
  - Reach out to her to do so
- Idea for resolution: No stop signs in Convo B-C



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- SGA run club, you can join now!
- Join a university committee or commission!
  - If you want to, text her
  - Attendance issues last year
  - Not a large commitment

**KIERAN FENSTERWALD**

*SPEAKER OF THE STUDENT SENATE*

- Thanks for filling out committee preference form
- Helped work STORG night, Abby and Charlotte were there too
  - ~100 people filled out interest form
- Committees starting tomorrow!
- SLT office hours officially starting next week
- Anonymous suggestion forms will be back next Senate
- Cracking down on dress code, in the spirit of business professionalism
  - Career Closet is a location for finding business clothes
  - Shoutout polo wearers!
- Second-year FROG this year

**CARSON TIGHE**

*STUDENT BODY EXECUTIVE TREASURER*

- Contingency apps and program grant apps are open, got a LOT to give!
  - On the LinkTree
- Need people on Finance committee
- Will be meeting with Finance staff on Wednesday, reach out if you need anything on this
- Interned this summer

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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**MERCY BAGLEY**



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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON**

- Absent, Kieran says out this week, but will be in touch soon

**ALEX SCHLEYER**

**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

- This is the place to be!
- 2nd year in Comms
- Senior, advocacy communications major, dance minor
- Graphic requests, website updates
  - Reach out to her!
- Showing off her graphics on the second slide
- Busy start for her, so it took her a bit to get to the graphics
- Upcoming graphics, etc.
  - Committee overview, elections, requests

**ADRIANA GOINS**

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, JUSTICE, AND ACCESSIBILITY CHAIRPERSON**

- SRM Major, Concentration, Football
- Schedule a meeting with her for ideas, do not just drop in!
- Her goals for SGA: respectful, supportive, welcoming
- We should always strive to be someone, she strives to be her brother

**MASON HOEY**

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON**

- No photos
- Things that legislative affairs does:
  - Voter Reg Drives
  - Dukes Debate
  - Advocacy
- Voter registration tabling at late night breakfast, text him if interested



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- Do voter registration training first!

**JAHNAVI MUTHYALA**

*FINANCE CHAIRPERSON*

- Intelligence Analysis major, Econ major
- Talked about what Finance committee does
  - Applications for grants/contingency funds are run through the Finance committee before Senate
  - Committee members act as first approval process

**ELLA STOTZKY**

*MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON*

- Reviewing attendance policy
  - Senators get 2 absences, 4 w/ a proxy
  - Representatives only have to attend 4 Senates
- Requirements per semester
  - 4 service hours
    - Got rid of internal/external
  - 2 DEIJA points
  - Attend retreat
  - SGA members must attend Stop the Haze!
- Applications open until the third for membership
- No Senate shoutouts, will be back next week revised
- Similar calendar as Brielle, listing upcoming SGA events

**RILEY GILBERT**

*PARLIAMENTARIAN*

- Can't get rid of her yet!
- Nursing major
- Brother just got engaged, congrats!



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- Loves hanging out w/ new people
- Elections: ~9/10
- Rules & Elections stuff
  - Paint and legislate
  - Retreat activities
  - Questions about procedures ask her!
- Sergeant-at-arms apps are back open

**CHARLOTTE BRONAUGH**

*UNIVERSITY SERVICES CHAIRPERSON*

- Junior theater major
- Her role is working with the different offices, especially Student Life-adjacent
  - Advocates for students to them
- Parking & transit, she wants to come to committee for a speaking event
- Talking about events talked about by Brielle, Ella, etc.
- USERV trivia on 9/19
- She was an OPA this past summer

**AJAX PETERSON**

*CHIEF OF STAFF*

- Replacing Alivia Sheldrick as Chief of Staff due to issues with her circumstance
- Planning to revamp the Canvas
- Planning to enforce minutes collection from committees
- Forms to book rooms already up
  - He cannot book rooms yet due to EMS not approving him yet

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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**SAMANTHA CARBONE**

*ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER*





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- Elections on 9/10
- Check Instagram for info on interest meetings
- Join the elections commission!
- Political science major, sophomore
- Got in a boat crash :(

**JESSICA KAPLAN**

*COMMUNITY OUTREACH LIAISON*

- Political science and history major
- Get those 4 service hours done!!!
- Events coming up from her
  - Running a GamePigeon event
    - Membership committee will hear more about this event

**CLASS COUNCIL**

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**FAITH FORMAN**

*PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2025*

- She's not gone yet!
- Very active on her Instagram, please follow!
  - A lot of information for upcoming grads
  - Would love to feature seniors' pictures!
- Stuff your own Duke Dog event was a success!
- Planning to post about senior compass
  - General information about graduate
  - Student alumni association meetings
- Beginning of planning Senior Gala at the end of the semester
- Current goals:
  - Instagram growth
  - Setting up linktree



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**ALEXIS MOORE**

*PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2026*

- Ring premiere is almost here!
  - September 28th is reveal
  - September 29th is premiere
- Fill her council, contact her
- Revamping their instagram, give them a follow!

**KOHLE NASH**

*PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 2027*

- Went to Japan this summer
- Goals
  - Collab with other orgs and other classes for events, hit him up!
  - Increase instagram following
- Don't prank call him!

**ADVISERS**

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**DIRRON ALLEN**

*HEAD ADVISOR*

- His child spilt water on him!
- Works as Social Vice President of Student Affairs
- Second full year as SGA advisor
- Suite 420 Warren Hall is his location
- Looking forward to working with us and the advising team

**JEN GROSSMAN LEOPARD**

*EXTERNAL ADVISOR*

- Director of Student Life
  - Manages Union, Festival, SSC



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- Lean into the advising team for the work that we do!
- First year as an adviser
- Co-adviser of 4 SGAs at Penn State

**KARA DILLARD**

*INTERNAL ADVISOR*

- Congrats to all of us for winning our elections
- Thanks us for being the voice for students on campus
- Center for Civic Engagement Interim Executive Director
- Faculty member in communication studies school
- Leader and coordinator for civic leadership minor
- First year of advising experience with SGA
- President of graduate student body
- Works in conjunction with Kieran
  - Legislative talks are effective and functional

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ella Stotzky
  - D HALL!!!!!!!
  - Looking for another org, UPB, join!
    - They plan a bunch of fun events
    - Or another on-campus job....
- Sydney Stafford
  - Introduction of her
  - Who would SGA members like to see as the next president?
    - Contact her before the next BOV meetings
- Kenzie Crosby
  - SafeRides applications are open, go join!



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- Mason Hoey
  - Request absentee ballots and register to vote
- Charlotte Bronaugh
  - Color run this saturday, free shirts
- Brielle Lacroix
  - Office before D-Hall
  - Ask her for voting help!