



**Student Government Association
Executive**

**10/12/17
Minutes**

- I. Call to Order- 5:06pm**
- II. Roll Call:**

Maylene Angeles, Isabel Galindo, Jackeline Reyes, Elie Jean Pierre, Nahshon Bolton, Brianna Egers, Nejesea Brown

Also In Attendance:
Donna Minnich-Spuhler
- III. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was amended to remove #2 under Brianna's report. Nejesea motioned to approve the amended agenda; 1st by Jackeline, 2nd by Elie. Approval unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were amended to change Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority Incorporated Founder's Day to Alpha Kappa Psi Founder's Day. Nejesea motioned to approve the amended minutes; 1st by Jackeline, 2nd by Isabel. Approval unanimous
- V. Nejesea Brown, Executive Vice President of SGA**
 - 1. Retreat Itinerary**

Nejesea distributed the itinerary and stated that it is almost finalized. She mentioned that she needed to contact the camp to see if she could add 2 additional sessions. Additional sessions to be held on Friday night and one on Sunday morning before the Yarn session. **Donna** stated that the camp shouldn't have any issues with additional sessions being held as long as they don't conflict with meal times. Nejesea stated that 4 sessions will definitely take place. She discussed who would present workshops (Donna, Francisco, Brianna, Maylene, Isabel, Adrianna and Elie). Sessions are scheduled to be 1 hour in length. Nejesea stated that they will do energizers to break up the sessions. Concluding her report she asked VPs to contact a few members on their committee to see if they are attending the retreat.
- VI. Brianna Egers, President of SGA**
 - 1. Review of Monthly Reports**

Brianna mentioned that she had reviewed everyone's report. She stated that all reports were done well except Ariel Tolome. Donna suggested to Maylene that she speak with Ariel to find out what his purpose for being a member of SGA is and what she can do to get him more active. She distributed a sheet that listed task that were completed for the month of September. She included on that list task that need to be completed. Brianna mentioned that Matt Mullins met with her about ordering a

corkboard or dry erase board for the computer room to display task sheets for senators of things that need to be done. She asked members their thoughts about having a cork board or dry erase board. Maylene stated that Matt mentioned to her about committees having colored sheets of task and then once the task are done to place in a binder. Jackeline stated that she thinks that the binder is better than the white board so that it will have some type of privacy for SGA. Brianna stated that she will have a goals list for October for the next senate meeting. Donna stated that the initiative that Brianna took in creating the list was really great.

VII. Nahshon Bolton, Vice President of Student Life

1. Advisor Search

Nahshon mentioned that his committee has agreed on Donna, Francisco and Maribel as advisors of Student Life.

2. Meeting Scheduled

Nahshon mentioned that he will meet with Joseph Castro on Monday in reference to Student Life's Safety Forum. Members asked where the forum will be held. Nahshon stated that he will decide on location and date after his meeting on Monday. Jackeline suggested that going forward that he reserve a location as rooms fill quickly. Maylene stated that when booking a room for the 1st forum he should be booking the room for the 2nd forum as well.

3. Forum

Nahshon mentioned that his first forum will be about safety and the second forum will be with Resident Life which will also include tabling. He stated that he is scheduled to have a meeting with Res. Life on Tuesday. Nahshon mentioned that his surveys will be split between food, safety and residence life. He will have 2 senators conducting tabling for each survey. Nahshon stated that he wanted to contact the IT department to see if they can supply a t.v. or laptops so that the surveys can be interactive. He concluded by stating that he will have all info at the next meeting.

VIII. Elie Jean Pierre, Vice President of JRB

1. Black History Month

Elie mentioned that he attended some of the meetings that were held with the Black Student Organizations so that he can gain an understanding of what the issue is. He also mentioned that he is a member of BFA. Elie stated that he heard the financial side from Jaime at a previous e-board meeting. He stated that the students feel as though they were not represented (i.e. clubs) and that representation from the Black organizations should have been there. He asked for clarification regarding the timeframe that the celebration is scheduled to be held.

Donna stated the memo of understanding was created by SGA before she was employed at WPU. She mentioned that \$8,000.00 was allocated for each theme celebration month. Donna stated that this summer she created a theme celebration steering committee and invited all of the staff chairs to discuss what the parameters

were going to be for celebrations. After discussion they decided to get back to what SGA originally intended for theme celebrations. She mentioned that the steering committee which included staff and students (SGA, Greek Senate, SAPB) felt that after 2 weeks, attendance at events declined, events were cancelled and rooms were on hold and couldn't be used by other organizations and funds were being lost because they were past timelines to receive a refund. It was agreed that 2 weeks was sufficient and that every celebration have a significant opening and have a civic engagement opportunity. Donna stated that they realized students weren't going to support other celebrations. They were only supporting their own celebrations. That is how the theme "Uniting Our Collective Voice" was created by Ugo and Myranda. She also stated that in April they will have a collective celebration that CASL will probably pay for. Donna mentioned that it was misinformation that AHC was the only month to have 2 weeks when actually all the previous celebrations only had 2 weeks (10 days).

Brianna mentioned that the people that came from OLAS and the Latin group were actually members of SAPB. Brianna stated that during those meetings Latin X theme celebration was planned because it would take place once the semester started. They didn't pick and choose who would attend based on clubs.

Nahshon stated that he went to the new Presidential search committee that turned into a student life situation. He stated that a student brought up the issue with the AHC. He mentioned that he addressed it and informed the student that they are there searching for a new President.

Maylene stated that she gets were the miscommunication happened. But from the other side it looks shady because nobody informed them that it would only be 2 weeks. With the clubs not being there for the summer it does look like it was for Latin X. However, she understands that was the main focus. She gets that it wasn't the intention.

Donna stated that it was an observation of hers that no other club said anything about the 2 weeks (Asian, Women's, Latin or LGBTQ). She also stated that she wished that someone would have come to her office to ask what was going on. She mentioned that Maribel stated that it was OLs that they worked with during the summer who sent out the email to rile everybody up and it worked. Donna further stated that they are spending time trying to justify something that was already in existence and it's frustrating.

Elie added that the flag that was chosen looks like something they picked from Google. He mentioned that the students that were at the meeting felt offended. He stated that he feels someone from one of the clubs should have present at the committee meeting when selecting a flag. Donna stated that she had nothing to do with the flag, Ugo was the one who chose the flag. She also stated that the committee

still meets. However, they haven't set-up another meeting date. Also, there is no problem with having people as club representation at the meeting.

Brianna expressed how frustrated she was about the situation and that since there is such a big issue she better see these people at every committee meeting that is held. She is tired of these people complaining about how they are not represented properly and then there are only 3 people putting in the work instead of 50.

Jackeline stated that she definitely agrees with Brianna and she also understands what Maylene said. She further stated that she totally understands everyone's side and she can see why they would get mad and why OLAS was the only club at this meeting, being that their celebration was taking place the third week of school. She mentioned that everything has to be put in, in a timely fashion for everything to go through. Jackeline stated that as the VP of Allocations she can see when things need to go through and if things aren't put in they cannot happen. This is something that we don't want to happen. Last, Jackeline stated that new e-boards are new and they don't know and this goes back to communication. The transition period does not happen properly in clubs and SGA falls into that as well.

At the conclusion of Elie's report he stated that he agreed with what Jackeline stated.

He mentioned that students also brought up that CASL said DJ Nix can only play certain music. Donna clarified the misunderstanding and stated that they asked Nix not to play music with foul language out on the green. She stated that there are children and faculty walking around and that is not the place for that. She mentioned that Nix has played all types of music in the arcade and it was totally fine, they had a great time.

Donna concluded with stating that she understands and she gets why the students feel this way especially with the things that are going on in the world and she doesn't blame them at all. However, before assumptions are made sometimes it's best to get the facts first instead of just putting it out there. Donna stated that unfortunately in our world today people react instead of getting the facts first. Donna mentioned that on 10/13/17 there will be an AHC meeting @ 10:00 am and she would really like to see SGA representation. Lastly, Donna stated that there is nothing to preclude students from having events outside of these 2 weeks.

IX. Isabel Galindo, Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. Committee Meeting

Isabel thanked everyone for helping her recruit members. She mentioned that during her meeting they discussed hosting a study session with SGA. She stated that she has 3 upcoming open forums planned. On 11/28 her committee will be having a SGA study session. She asked members their opinions on that event. Nejesa stated that she could make the event at 7:00pm.

X. Advisor's Comments

Donna mentioned that Nejesea did a good job planning the retreat. She thanked the other VPs for all of their support. She really appreciates it.

XI. Old Business

Brianna mentioned that the e-board needs to discuss the order of succession. She stated that it could be discussed at the next meeting.

XII. New Business

Jackeline stated that she won't be able to attend the AHC meeting tomorrow. She would be more than happy to meet with clubs to discuss the process of requesting funds from SGA for events.

Maylene asked a question regarding meetings times. Nejesea stated that senate meetings can go until 7:00pm and e-board meetings could go until 6:30 pm, unless someone motions to extend.

Brianna stated that she needs to know the open spots for each committee. VPs stated the open spots as follows:

Isabel (Academic Affairs) - 2 senators & 1 at-large (Humanities & Social Science)
1 senator & 1 at-large (Education)

Jackeline (Allocations) – 2 at-large

Maylene (Public Relations) – 2 at-large

Elie (JRB) – 1 senator and 4 at-large

Nahshon (Student Life) – 4 at-large

Nejesea asked that any senators that are being appointed please send their emails to her so that she can contact them in regards to the retreat.

Brianna stated that on 10/31 there will be a Halloween Senate Meeting. She mentioned that she would like members to dress up. Jackeline mentioned that she thinks it would be a good idea to have a theme for senate on 10/31.

XIII. Announcements

Maylene mentioned that after discussing with her committee her meetings will now take place after senate meetings on Tuesday. She stated that all her committee members agreed with the time change. This change was done due to a very active senator who was unable to attend the previous P.R. meeting times.

XIV. Adjournment- 6:24pm