

**The Student Government Association
General Board Meeting Minutes
February 25th, 2025 ♦ 7:15pm ♦ Held in Business and Public Management Center,
50 Sharpless Street, West Chester, PA 19382, Room 10A**



Call to Order: 7:20 pm

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:

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

Public Comment:

- There was no one for public comment

Forming Clubs and Organizations:

- Breast Cancer Meal Care presented to the senate for ten minutes.
- Joyful Journal presented to the senate for ten minutes.

Officer Reports:

Parliamentarian: Caleb Winters

- - Constitution review and discussion later.

Public Relations Officer: Emma Holston

- - Moving photo with University Radio show
- -Looking for Ramtastic senate days.

Secretary: Aliza Greenfield

- - You should have completed your first senator report by now!

Treasurer: Rachel Treiffesen

- Leadershape Conference
 - New Braunfels, TX (San Antonio area) from May 20th-23rd
 - We can swing sending two people (1st-3rd years)

- Please email Kimmy (KFarrer@wcupa.edu) if you're interested and why!
- Reminder about financial information

Vice President: Claire Shutack

- The committee list is in teams
- Absence and dress code reminder

Student Trustee: Chris

- No report

President: McKenna Nugent

- Student impact by AI PASSHE survey
- LinkedIn – FOLLOW US!!
 - We will be posting your accomplishments and work throughout the semester.
 - Senators who joined this semester (or at the last meeting last semester), please hang back so we can take a picture for the LinkedIn 🌟
- Governor Shapiro supports Interim Chancellor Fiorentino's request for a 6.5 percent funding increase for 2025-26
- Will get a date for transition dinner hopefully by the end of the week.
- SGA representatives will emcee Convocation with Dr. Jazz

Committee Reports:

Bylaw Review Committee: Chaired Caleb Winters

- Meetings will be Mondays at 6pm in Anderson 217.
- Passed CLUB on DATE

Finance Committee: Chaired Rachel Treiffesen

- The next deadline for clubs requesting \$1,000-\$9,999 on February 28th
- This week, we saw:
 - Colleges Against Cancer
 - Institute of Management Accountants
 - RamTHON
 - Poesis
 - Hillel
 - Cru
 - Black Student Union
 - The Quad
 - Criminal Justice Student Association
 - NCTE
 - Colleges against Cancer
 - Sports Club Council
- Next Meeting is tomorrow at 3:30pm in Sykes 218 and \$10k decision night next Wednesday from 7-10pm

Outreach Committee: Chaired Lukas Williamson

- SGA Roundtable – led by Lukas
 - Will reorder catering as date approaches – Wegmans and Yori's both refunded
 - Date: April 10th, 11:00AM-12:15PM in Phillips Autograph Library
 - Please tell your friends!
- Wingo – led by Anamarie
 - Going to order from Amore's
 - Date: April 16th, 5:00-7:00PM in the CSI
- Next committee meeting: Tomorrow @ 7:00 PM in BPMC 320
 - Slight change in committee meeting time: if you have a class that lets out at 7:10PM, we are flexible
 - Senators not on a committee yet should apply for Outreach!

Public Relations Committee: Chaired by Emma Holston

- Discussing a potential theme for transition dinner
- Content tonight:
 - Nonchalant elevator – introduce your senate seat
 - Count one: guilty; count two: guilty
 - Postponed: Digital Camera

Advisor Report

Kimmy Farrer and Dr. Jazz

- No report

Senator Reports

- ***_ On Campus Housing: Nathan Schallack***
 - Met with Dr. Leah Tobin, Director of Residence Life and Housing and Stacy Houck, Director of Dining and Operations, Chantel Detreville, Residence Hall Coordinator, and Derrick Addison, Dining Services Senator, on February 24th.
 - Discussed the upcoming National Benchmark Survey, focusing on strategies to maximize student participation to ensure we gather accurate and representative data for future improvements.
 - The survey will be posted on March 17th, 2025 and remain open for three weeks. It is currently still being constructed but is estimated to take 15-20 minutes to complete. We aim to utilize RAs in promoting the survey, but participation will be voluntary rather than required.
 - Key Discussion Points & Initiatives: Maximizing Survey Participation: Organizing tabling events at high-traffic locations such as the Rec Center, SECC, and residence halls. Attending staff meetings for all residence halls to inform RAs about the initiative and encourage them to promote participation among their residents. Introducing an incentive program for residence hall staff—whichever building's residents achieve the highest survey completion rate, that building's STAFF will receive an exclusive reward. One proposed incentive is a private "Supper Club" event for the winning staff.

- Dining Services Collaboration: Since food plays a significant role in the on-campus student experience, we explored possible dining-related incentives to encourage survey completion. Ideas included a “Free Fry Night” at Chickie’s and Pete’s or other food-based incentives.
- Potential SGA Support: RLH has limited budget availability to provide incentives such as a raffle prize. I would like to open the idea that SGA consider sponsoring a raffle prize—potentially an item such as AirPods or a speaker—to further incentivize student participation. I am also very open to additional ideas from the Senate on how we can encourage engagement with this survey..

■ _ ***CAP-C: Jass Stewart***

- Reviewed the notes of the General assembly CAP-C Meeting on 12/12/24.
- Discussed general education requirements. The most important thing from this part of the meeting was the proposed changes in Attributes Abbreviations and changes being made when facilitating the process of approving General Education courses. Here is the new proposed formatting of General Education Requirements as well as the abbreviations. Academic Foundations Mathematics (MAT) Interdisciplinary (INT) Diverse Communities (DIV) Ethics (ETH) Distributed Disciplinary Requirements Arts (ART) Behavioral And Social Science (BSS) Humanities (HUM) Science (SCI) Additional Baccalaureate Requirements Speaking Emphasis (SPE) Writing Emphasis (WRT) Capstone (CAP) The Diversity Requirements Goals have been revised to the following: DIVERSE COMMUNITIES GOAL (GEN ED GOAL 5): Examine the workings of power, oppression, and resistance in a diverse society. DIVERSE COMMUNITIES SLOs. Address all of the following: a) Analyze the role that social structures have historically played or continue to play in maintaining disparities within and/or across diverse groups. b) Discuss the varied ways peoples from marginalized groups resist oppression and wield agency despite structural exclusion and discrimination. c) Identify relevant tools or strategies to challenge oppression and help create a more just and equitable world. As of Fall 2024, all proposals for departments requesting to have their course satisfy the “I” - Interdisciplinary General Education Requirement have been suspended. Motion was made to approve the addition of a prerequisite to HEA 478 (Respiratory Therapy Seminar I), as well as to approve the Capstone assignment and revalidate it as a Writing Emphasis course Motion was made to get rid of the Writing Emphasis satisfaction of General Education Requirements, effective in Fall 2025 CLS 201, CLS 261, CLS 362, CLS 367, CLS 368, CLS 369, CLS 371, ENG 215, ENG 304, ENG 295, ENG 345, LIT 213, LIT 230, LIT 231, LIT 272, LIT 340, LIT 342, LIT 370, WRH 205 Motion was made to approve the revisions of FYE, including the course description, effective Fall 2025 PROGRAM CHANGES Changes were made to the following majors: B.S. in Economics, B.S. in Mathematics - Applied and Computational Concentration, B.S. in Mathematics, Pure Mathematics Concentration, B.S. in Nutrition - Dietetics Concentration, B.S. in Nutrition - Nutrition Lifestyle Concentration, and B.A. in Philosophy. To approve the following changes to the B.S. in Economics: Removal of footnotes identifying course alternatives for MAT 113 (Algebra and Functions) and MAT

143 (Brief Calculus) Identification of MGT 313 (Business and Society) as a directed Ethics Gen Ed course Transition of SPK 208 (Public Speaking) or SPK 230 (Business and Professional Speech Communication) from directed to recommended Speaking Emphasis course Transition of ECO 400 (Research Methods – Business & Economics) as the Capstone course to a major core course Transition of MGT 499 (Business Policy and Strategy) from business core course to the Capstone course To approve the following changes to the B.S in Nutrition – Dietetics Concentration and the B.S. in Nutrition – Nutrition Lifestyle Concentration: i. Both programs Edits to NTD 409 (Professional Skills in Dietetics) Title change to “Nutrition Communication and Counseling” Course description change Prerequisite change Approval of the Capstone assignment ii. Dietetics Concentration Edits to NTD 203 (The Dietetic Profession) Number change to 314 Increase in credits from 1 to 3 Course description change Addition of a prerequisite Prerequisite change for NTD 320 (Strategies in Dietetics Education) Change in admission requirements for the accelerated programs iii. Lifestyle Nutrition Concentration Addition of BIO 110 (General Biology I) as an alternative for BIO 100 (Basic Biological Science) to fulfill a directed science gen ed Replacement of NTD 444 (Lifestyle Nutrition Practicum) with NTD 409 as the Capstone course To approve the following changes to the B.S. in Mathematics – Applied and Computational Mathematics Concentration and the B.S. in Mathematics – Mathematics Concentration: i. Program no longer leads to the M.S. in Applied and Computational Mathematics but instead can lead to the M.S. in Mathematics, the M.S. in Mathematics – Applied and Computational Concentration, or the M.S. in Mathematics – Mathematics Education Concentration ii. Addition of MAT 552 (Operations Research), MAT 553 (Stochastic Modeling), and MAT 554 (Scientific Computing) as additional graduate elective options to replace specific undergraduate courses. To approve the following changes to the B.A. in Mathematics and the B.S. in Mathematics – Mathematics Concentration: i. Changes in accelerated options Programs no longer lead to the M.A. in Mathematics but instead can lead to the M.S. in Mathematics, the M.S. in Mathematics – Applied and Computational Concentration, or the M.S. in Mathematics – Mathematics Education Concentration ii. Transition of MAT 543 (Theory of Differential Equations) from a graduate analysis elective to a graduate applied mathematics elective iii. Removal of inactivated MAT 549 (Industrial Mathematics – Discrete Models) and MAT 555 (Industrial Practicum – Continuous Models) as graduate applied mathematics electives iv. Addition of MAT 536 (Algebraic Topology) as a graduate mathematics elective v. Addition of admission requirements To approve the following changes to the B.A. in Philosophy: i. Regular program Reduction of 18 credits of required courses into 4 separate categories of required courses, each consisting of 3 credits taken from course options Fundamentals PHI 100 (Creating Meaning) PHI 101 (World Philosophies) PHI 102 (Introduction to Religious Studies) PHI 180 (Introduction to Ethics) PAX 200 (Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies) Argumentation PHI 150 (Critical Thinking and Problem Solving) PHI 190 (Logic) Roots and Traditions PHI 202 (Philosophy of Race) PHI 203 (Introduction to Indigenous Philosophy) PHI 204 (Yoga, Karma, and Buddha) PHI 205 (Yin-Yang, Dao, and Zen) PHI 270 (History of Ancient Philosophy) PHI 272 (History of Modern Philosophy) Values and Critiques PHI 405 (Feminist Theory) PHI 407 (Queer Theory) PHI 430

(African American Philosophy) PHI 434 (Contemporary Indigenous Thought) Removal of PHI 355 (Political Philosophy) and PHI 412 (Ethical Theories) as required course options Increase in philosophy electives from 9 to 18 credits, along with adjustments to the restrictions applied to this requirement Edits to PHI 499 Component change to seminar Addition of the option to repeat for credit Prerequisite change Approval of the Capstone assignment ii. Accelerated program Changes to the admission requirements for the accelerated program Transition of PHI 599 (Philosophical Concepts and Systems) from an alternative to PHI 499 (Philosophical Concepts and Systems) to a graduate elective option.

■ ***_Diversity and Multicultural Affairs: Jen Harter***

- Met with the Council of Diversity Inclusion and Academic Excellence, on February 18th, 2025.
- Discussed ways to keep on building the momentum for student success. We also discussed ways to increase the marketing of Ethnic Studies (these include Latino Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Native American Studies, Multi-Ethnic Studies, Jewish American Studies) as well as minors in African American Literature and African American History here on campus to keep promoting these programs since they foster belonging here on campus

■ ***_Wells School of Music: Miles Cressley***

- Met with Dean Hanning, on February 25th, 2025.
- Discussed the idea of reinstatement of the Wells School of Music Advisory Board. This board would consist of members elected as per the bylaws to represent the different majors presented by the school of music. The goal being a group as such is to strengthen student relations between all different majors and to meet with the dean at points during the semester. The bylaws are currently being looked over by both me and Dean Hanning to best suit this project. The advisory board used to meet previously to covid, but disbanded shortly after the shut down.

■ ***_College of Education and Social Work: Lizzie Guidici***

- Met with Associate Dean Dr. Setter, on 2/25/25.
- Discussed the panel about executive orders. Dr. Stetter said that the social work faculty is looking to split this up into two "parts." Part 1 would act more as a refresher of the branches of government, and reflecting on what the different branches can or can not do. The second part would be an advocacy piece, where students and faculty can find ways to help communities being impacted by what is going on. Bouncing off of that, she did give me "Know Your Rights" cards that are in both English and Spanish, so if you or anyone you know might find this information useful, let me know. Dean Williams, the CESW Dean, has been elected to be on the Political Action Committee of AACTE. She is pushing for students and staff to share concerns or any questions they might have so that she can bring them to the elected representatives in June. Dr. Stetter also emphasized the importance of using the resources we have on campus (such as the counseling center) if any students are having a hard time.
- Discussed my concerns about Social Work being more underrepresented in the college, and maybe hosting an event that bridges Social Work and Education

students together, so that we can form better bonds and know what is happening on both sides of the college.

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

- Met with Dr. Lexie McCarthy, on February 2nd.
- Discussed the results from the Off Campus Student Survey. In the survey, 70% of students explicitly stated that parking is barring them from success. This led Dr. Lexi and I try to brainstorm what we could possibly do to help this population of students.
- On the 31st of Jan, I met with Off Campus Renter's Collective and was informed of the partnership where through grants OCRC and the Off Campus Assistants are going to be partnering more. I have prepared a survey to gauge information about shuttles and I am working on completing a survey to understand students' landlord issues. I am also working on preparing graphics detailing information about commuting from certain areas like from Philadelphia to help long commuters.

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

- Met with parking service manager Ashley, on 2/24/25.
- Discussed solving the parking crisis our campus continues to face. One way we have made efforts into improving the situation is starting in the Fall of 2025, Freshmen will no longer be able to purchase any garage parking pass. They can still apply for commuter passes if they're commuters and apply for a hardship pass (R Lot only). We've also seen students being less prompted to use South Campus parking due to shuttle wait times and we hope they start to use those spaces more. Lastly, 204 Carter Drive opened up considerably recently providing around 36 additional spots.

■ ***_ Legislative Affairs: Lukas Williamson***

- Met with Dr. Julie Dietrich, Executive Director for External Affairs.
- Discussed the confirmation that all nine featured invitees for the Student & Community Leaders Roundtable will be able to make the rescheduled date of April 10th @ 11:00AM.

■ ***_ College Of Health Sciences: Julia D'Achille***

- Met with Dr. Heinerichs the Dean of the College of Health Sciences on February 24th.
- Discussed the departments as a whole, such as facilities and students. We also discussed IPE and IPP and how we can possibly create a new organization to connect all the majors together. He gave the example that Slippery Rock University has a similar organization. Different majors would come together to volunteer at a pro-bono facility where people can come in for counseling. More details will be sorted out.
- Discussed connecting all specified major clubs to have them present to Barclay Friends Assisted Living in West Chester. For example, Communication Sciences and Disorders can talk about how to improve hearing, nursing can talk about fall prevention, and nutrition can talk about how to prevent osteoporosis, kinesiology or sports medicine can talk about physical therapies to enhance strength. This might be happening in April, there will be more information to come.
- Discussed possibly hiring students for the Duey Immersive Learning Center to act as patients. You would receive a \$25 Amazon gift card. If you want more information

about it, contact me. Lastly, we talked about how advisors have started to adapt more to RamPortal and a lot of the bugs have been sorted out from last semester..

Unfinished Business:

- The constitution was presented in unfinished business.
 - Motion to open a vote on the new constitution
 - Seconded, Approved, the new constitution is approved.

New Business:

- Motion to open a five minute discussion on Budget Appeals.
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is opened.
- Motion to open a vote on the Institute of Management Accountants request of \$300.
 - Seconded, Approved, the Institute of Management Accountants request of \$300 is approved.
- Motion to open a vote on Colleges Against Cancer donation request of \$1,000
 - Seconded, Approved, Colleges Against Cancer donation request of \$1,000 is approved.
- The proposed 2025-2026 University fees were presented to the senate
- Motion to open a vote on 2025-2026 University fees
 - Seconded, Approved, 2025-2026 University fees is approved.
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- Motion to open a five minute discussion on the proposed clubs.
 - Seconded, Approved, discussion is opened.
- Motion to open a vote on Breast Cancer Meal Care Club.
 - Seconded, Approved, Breast Cancer Meal Care Club is approved. .
- Motion to open a vote on Joyful Journal Club.
 - Seconded, Approved, Joyful Journal Club is approved.

Discussion:

- Open discussion regarding the new Rammy cookies provided by the WCU dining services.
- Open discussion regarding RamPortal

Announcements:

- **Gender Equity:** Queer Sexy Bingo will take place on February 27th from 7-9PM in the SECC Ballrooms.
- **Student Leadership and Involvement:** The Student and Community Leaders Roundtable will take place on Thursday, April 10th at 11AM in Phillips Autograph Library.

Closing Role Call

- ***In Attendance:***

- *President, McKenna Nugent*
- *Vice President, Claire Shutack*
- *Parliamentarian, Caleb Winters*
- *Secretary, Aliza Greenfield*
- *Treasurer, Rachel Treffeisen*
- *Public Relations Chair, Emma Holston*
- *Student Trustee, Chris Needham*
- *College of Business and Public Management Senator, Ant Forgacic*
- *College of Education and Social Work Senator, Lizzie Guidici*
- *College of Health Sciences Senator, Julia D'Achille*
- *College of the Sciences and Mathematics Senator, Rainna Liddington*
- *Wells School of Music, Miles Cressley*
- *Honor's College Senator, Olivia McClain*
- *Curriculum and Academic Policies (CAPC) Senator, Jasmine Stewart*
- *Facilities Senator, Leo Bignault*
- *Faculty Relations Senator, Avery McKnight*
- *Sustainability Senator, Alix Brewer*
- *Athletics Senator, Lucas Henke*
- *Campus health and wellness, Abby Hart*
- *Career Development Senator, Sophia Klotz*
- *Community Service Senator, Julia Vogt*
- *Dining Services Senator, Derrick Addison*
- *Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Jen Harter*
- *First Generation, Kayden McCabe*
- *Gender Equity Senator, Lauren Marsh*
- *Interfraternal Council (IFC) Senator, Luke Jackson*
- *International Affairs Senator, Nina Liddington*
- *Legislative Affairs, Lukas Williamson*
- *New Student and Admissions Senator, Sarah Zeuke*

- *Off Campus and Commuter Senator, Marcella Tate*
- *On Campus Housing Senator, Nathan Schallack*
- *Parking and Public Safety, Alan Astimbay*
- *Recreation Senator, Liam Mautner*
- *Student Leadership and Involvement Senator, Noah Smith*
- *University Libraries, Annie Wineka*
- *West Chester Community Senator, Anamarie Toussaint*

Call to Adjourn: 8:25 PM

