



General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, Rudin Conference Room, New York, NY

ATTENDEES:

- *WSA Executive Board:* Erin Connell (President); Shirley Duong (VP of Events and Operations); Yunong (Stefanie) Zheng (VP of Student Groups - Professional/Interest); Imtiaz Hossain (VP of Student Groups – IDPS); Therese Russo (Secretary); Chai Jindasurat (Treasurer); and Christian Adams (Ombudsperson).
- *Student Groups:* ALAS; BSA; Bridge; ISPA; SPA; PASA; UPSA; WagnerTech; WEFA; WHN; WMLO; WPA; WWC; WagVets; SCJR; Wagner Philanthropy EPN

ABSENT:

- *Student Groups:* ACE; WCG; WFPA; WISS; WSAFA; WIIN

I. Introduction

- a. The WSA President, Erin Connell, welcomed the student groups, and reviewed the WSA mission to foster community and promote leadership and professional development opportunities to the NYU Wagner student body.
- b. The new 2016-2017 WSA Executive Board members, the Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs, David Schacter, and the Assistant Director of Student Activities, Jamie O'Regan, were introduced to the Assembly.
- c. WSA President Erin Connell reviewed the four Student Group Pillars: Community Building, Professional Development, Visibility, and Feedback/Communication.
- d. New WSA First-Year Representative, Max Zeiger, was introduced to the Assembly. Max will attend all WSA meetings, aid the WSA Executive Board with projects and initiatives through the year, and foster a link between first-year students and the WSA.

II. Graduate Student Union Announcement

- a. NYU Wagner student and Wagner Graduate Student Worker Union Representative Lauren Bernstein and colleague Sam Dinger presented the history of NYU student union activity, and shared contract wins and arbitration wins that the newly enhanced Graduate Student Worker Union secured for this year.
- b. To get involved in Graduate Student Worker Union activities and/or to learn your rights as a graduate student worker at NYU, contact Lauren Bernstein at Lauren.Bernstein@nyu.edu.

III. WSA Priorities and Goals

- a. The WSA President Erin Connell shared the WSA's four priorities for the 2016-2017 year: Transparency; Community Engagement; Accountability; Diversity and Inclusion. An email will go out to the student body in the coming week, stipulating the measurable goals for meeting each named priority.

IV. WSA Committees: Open Leadership Positions

- a. The WSA VP of Events and Operations Shirley Duong announced open positions on the following WSA committees: Variety Show Committee; Appropriations Committee; University Games Committee, Wagner Gala Committee; and Alternate Senator position. Applications are due Friday, September 30th. The application link is available in every Wagnerds Weekly Digest, and by emailing Shirley Duong at shirley.duong@nyu.edu.

V. Question & Answer Time with WSA Board

- a. The WSA Assembly participants conversated more about upcoming events this coming fall, and Capstone process concerns.

VI. Appropriations Update

- a. The WSA Treasurer Chai Jindasurat provided the Assembly with a review of the Appropriations process and related updates. Last Spring, the Appropriations Committee scheduled 89 student group events to take place this Fall, for a total of \$9,530.
- b. The Appropriations Committee in partnership with other WSA officers will be meeting this Fall to debrief Spring 2016's appropriations process and create a new, streamlined process for this year. Student Group leaders can expect to

submit next year's proposals in early November and receive notification in December.

- c. The WSA Treasurer Chai Jindasurat noted that the Appropriations Committee membership is a great leadership opportunity for those interested in a career in financial or grants management.
- d. The Assistant Director of Student Activities, Jamie O'Regan, reminded all student leaders that if they wish to purchase alcohol for their events, they must order in through NYU Wagner Student Activities Office.

VII. NYU WagnerCares Announcements

- a. The WSA Ombudsperson Christian Adams announced that the WagnerCares Committee is still look for a Communications Chair for its Fall and Spring events. If interested, please contact Christian Adams at cba287@nyu.edu.
- b. There will be two WagnerCares Fall Days of Service. The first will take place Saturday, October 15th at the Bowery Mission Soup Kitchen. Opportunities to get involved in this event will be advertised through the Wagners Weekly Digest and social media.
- c. Christian Adams will be reaching out to student groups in the early Fall to begin preparing for the Spring Day of Service event.

VIII. Assembly Closure.

- a. The WSA hopes to see everyone at the next WSA meeting on Thursday, October 20th, 2016.