



General Assembly Minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, Rudin Conference Room, New York, NY

ATTENDEES:

- *WSA Executive Board:* Bakar Ali (President); Julliard Lin (VP of Student Groups - Program/Specialization); Ruhi Momin Bengali (VP of Student Groups - Professional/Interest); Pam Campos (VP of Student Groups – IDPS); Raquel C. Reynoso (Secretary); Hannah Peterson (Treasurer); Carlos Quirola (Ombudsman); and Diana Rosenthal (Senator).
- *Wagner Student Groups:* ACE; ALAS; Bridge; IPSA; SCJR; UPSA; WagnerTech; WCG; WEFA; WEPSA; WISS; WMLO; Wagner Philanthropy; WPA; WSAFA; WagVets.

Speaker/ Task:	Topic:	Notes:
Bakar Ali, <i>WSA President</i>	Overview of Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSA General Meeting Agenda is presented with the Call to Order.
Carlos Quirola, <i>WSA Ombudsman</i>	WSA Survey Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates regarding the Wagner Survey process presented.
Raquel Reynoso, <i>WSA Secretary</i>	WSA Constitutional Review Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Constitutional Review Committee regarding survey feedback and next steps.
Ruhi Momin Bengali, <i>WSA VP of Student Groups - Professional /Interest</i>	Capstone Selection Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for future semesters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obtain more information on the Career Expo set up ○ Collect information of clients not selected to see if other students are interested in those organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offer more options of client organizations. ▪ Evaluate fairness of student selection process. ▪ Create one consolidated list of all clients for students to review with short video pitches from each client. ▪ Begin presentation/interview process of clients early in the semester. ▪ In the Fall 2015 semester, client presentations occurred on two consecutive Mondays that were high holidays; need to consider and be inclusive of all students. ▪ Communications and expectations should be set clearly to be transparent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full process should be transparent, especially

		<p>the importance of team building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team building should be even earlier in the semester (although improvement seen as it used to be conducted in the Spring) • Perhaps can add fields in summer survey • Need to clarify in the beginning of study that your specialization will determine the types of clients are assigned to you at Capstone. ▪ Research program is very rigid. ▪ Evaluations/assessment are conducted at the end of the semester, although should be conducted more often. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on selection process- include narratives ▪ Important to work with the administration and faculty to create solutions for selection process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push for concrete actionable proposals • Administration and faculty are always open to feedback. • Should reach out to Prof. Foldy and Dean Schachter to clarify process and then identify areas for revision. • Next Steps/Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue obtaining feedback from students ○ Present feedback to Administration ○ Keep students update on process ○ Highly encourage students to share feedback with WSA E-board to share with Administration.
Open Discussion	End of Semester Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for submitting receipts for reimbursement WSA student groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesday, December 16 to receive funds this semester. Submit before the break to ensure funds. • Encourage more student groups to promote and present dry Happy Hour. Wagner Diversity Council is open to ideas for different types of events to expand inclusion of all students. • Carlos Quirola, representative of Wagner Cares, has extended the deadline for project leads Spring 2016 to April 16, 2016