# General Assembly Minutes

**Thursday, October 15, 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; BSA; Bridge; IPSA; SPA; Students for Criminal Justice Reform; PASA; WagnerTech; WCG; WEFA; WEP SA; WFP A; WHN; WISS; WMLO; Wagner Review; WSAFA; WWC; WagVets; WIIN

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<td>Bakar Ali, <em>WSA President</em></td>
<td>Overview of Meeting</td>
<td>• WSA General Meeting Agenda is presented with the Call to Order.</td>
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| Hannah Peterson, *WSA Treasurer* | Calendar Day and Budget Updates | • Appropriations deadline is November 20, 2015.  
• Calendar Day will be 2-3 weeks prior to that deadline on a Thursday. Purpose is to begin planning events between student groups.  
• The instructions and deadlines will be sent out to all leaders.  
  - *Suggestion:* To create a shared Google Drive document to for student groups to post ideas and collaborate before the Calendar Day. |
| Diana Rosenthal, *WSA Senator* | NYU Student Government Visit | • Overview: Diana represents Wagner students on the senators council and university committee, which focuses on student life and how student life organizations are organized. A presentation on the University structure is shared with the students.  
• Chief of Staff of University Committee (UCSL) representative, Rijul Asri, discusses:  
  - Outward facing branch of university life.  
  - To provide an accurate rep to board of trustees.  
  - Students are encouraged to serve on any of the 18 committees  
    - UCSL is once a month, all students welcomed to share input  
    - Undergrad (Rijul is chair) and Graduate Affairs (Bakar is chair) are representatives focused on bringing together all presidents of all school levels.  
    - Student Senators Council (SSC) |
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<th>Pam Campos (VP of Student Groups – IDPS); Ruhi Momin Bengali (VP of Student Groups - Professional/Interest); and Carlos Quirola (Ombudsman)</th>
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| • There are many NYU services available to graduate students, including access to print at the residence halls across campus.  
• For more information, please visit https://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/university-senate.html |
| • Based on student feedback in surveys, the E-board has identified several priorities, as the purpose of this Assembly is to share what the E-board wishes to accomplish in 2015-16:  
  o *Strengthen community:* Incorporate more students into programs and events.  
  o *Identity, Diversity, and Inclusion:*  
    ▪ Institutionalizing mechanisms to have dialogues with faculty and administration.  
    ▪ Encourage faculty to contribute in mentoring and creating informal spaces for open discussions.  
    ▪ NYU at large has created a diversity advisory group, and Wagner is at that table. But still need the contributions of all students.  
    ▪ WSA is beginning dialogues on diversity at Wagner, as many students have things to share about their experiences. Important to have outlets to discuss these issues.  
    ▪ OCS hosts career panel series in Fall with professional interests groups. Planning to hopefully have a panel based on diversity with professionals of different backgrounds. Important to incorporate these issues in all that we do.  
    ▪ Student Groups should also integrate and partner across the Identity and Diversity groups to collaborate events.  
    o Even students who are not a part of student groups, still have a voice. So feedback is critical; please feel free to share ideas and issues. |
| Open Discussion | Small Group Discussion |
| • Discussion today will be small group discussions based on Calendar Day and Appropriations process.  
  o WSA’s goals is to make all processes smoother for students and leaders.  
  o Five groups with WSA appropriations representative to discuss in small groups and then return to share with others.  
  o Important to create a safe space for all discussions. |