

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2015-2016 SENATE MEETING

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2015  
MADISON UNION 256  
BEGINNING 5:15 PM



## Call to Order at 5:15MPM.

## Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Attendance: Alex Pate conducted roll call.

## Guest Speaker: President Alger

- Thank you for a very successful Homecoming Weekend
- Halloween Party
- Thank you for the work that we all do – knowing we work hard and take these responsibilities seriously
- Rutgers University
  - Culture at JMU is unique
  - Don't take it for granted
- Challenges
  - How to articulate what makes JMU special?
  - Identifying a few areas where we can improve, and how do we measure this?
  - Content of courses taken is important, but what is more important is the story of the learner that takes place in and outside of the classroom EX: SGA is just as important as classes – thinking beyond ourselves
  - Challenges at JMU:
    - Access, diversity, and inclusion
      - Our world is changing
      - How do we make sure our doors are always open?
      - EX: SGA Ad Hoc Committee and Valley Scholars
    - Civic Engagement
      - Continue encouraging other students to register, vote, etc. and explain why it is important to do so
    - Creating a culture of integrity and respect
      - Thinking about how we treat one another, use social media, and create a welcoming climate
      - Everyone needs to feel valued and respected
      - Help administrative make the case for why a healthy fostering environment matters

## Business:

- Contingency
  - Association of Women in Sports Media
    - Finance Report: 10-0-1
    - Read aloud and debated.
    - Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University that the Student Government Association allocate \$2,150 in

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- contingency funds to assist with supplies to allow to allow AWSM to participate and represent JMU at the AWSM National Convention.
  - The student Senate called this resolution to a vote and passes.
- Chabad
  - Finance Report: 10-0-1
  - Read aloud and debated.
  - Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University that the Student Government Association allocate \$2,150 in contingency funds to assist with supplies to allow to allow Chabad to host the Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Event and Reception.
  - The student Senate called this resolution to a vote and passes.
  - Clicker:
    - Yes: 38
    - No: 9
    - Abstentions: 4
- Intersivity
  - Finance Report: 10-0-1
  - Read aloud and debated.
  - Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University that the Student Government Association allocate \$2,150 in contingency funds to assist with supplies to allow to allow Intersivity to participate and represent JMU at the conference.
  - The student Senate called this resolution to a vote and passes.
  - Clicker:
    - Yes: 43
    - No: 5
    - Abstentions: 3

### Program Grants

- JMU Flute Club
  - Amount Approved for: \$5,000
  - Finance Report: 9-0-1
  - Debated.
  - The student Senate called this resolution to a vote and passes.
  - Clicker:
    - Yes: 41
    - No: 3
    - Abstentions: 5
- Chabad Jewish Student Group
  - Amount Approved for: \$5,000
  - Finance Report: 9-0-1

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- Debated.
- The student Senate called this resolution to a vote and passes with unanimous consent.
- ASO/Alpha Phi Alpha
  - Amount Approved for: \$6,475
  - Finance Report: 9-0-1
  - Debated.
  - The student Senate called this resolution to a vote and passes.
- Active Minds
  - Amount Approved for: \$5,000
  - Finance Report: 9-0-1
  - Debated.
  - The student Senate called this resolution to a vote and passes with unanimous consent.
- All Program Grants were voted on as a whole
  - Clicker:
    - Yes: 49
    - No: 0
    - Abstentions: 0

## Senate Reports

- Speaker Joe Demski
  - Climate survey will go live later this week
  - **Using your phones during Senate is extremely disrespectful**
- Academic Affairs: Micah Smith
  - Hot Cider with the Administrators
  - Tuesday Nov. 10, 11Am-2PM on Commons
  - Report on resolution for The Madison Collaborative
  - Madison Vision Teaching Award
    - Faculty Senate passed an award that is strictly student drive
    - Three \$3,000 awards
- Community Engagement: Brooke Price
  - Pen Pals! (Due Thursday)
    - Include photo
  - Harrisonburg High School Panel and College Application Assistance
    - Sign up on the master calendar
  - Relay For Life Registration Competition for Campus Cookies
- Membership: Alex Pate
  - Thanksgiving Potluck – November 15<sup>th</sup>

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- Everyone need to bring a live turkey and side dish
- Mentor/Mentee date of the week
  - KLINEs!
- Senator and Representative of the Week
  - Senator: Sarah Knarzer
  - Rep: Sean Button
- Intramurals: Dodge ball
- Legislative Action: Matt Mueller
  - Today is Election Day
    - That means you all should have voted by now
  - Tracking the President Race
    - Look for upcoming graphics
  - Lobbying in February
- University Services: Kiersten Schierenbeck
  - Drink It Your Way Update
    - Water in the office is not for drinking
  - Safety Week
    - Still need help for tomorrow in Ehall and Dhall (especially dinner times)
    - REALLY need help with Friday on the commons
  - Flu Pledge
    - Get a flu shot and also sign this pledge:  
<http://www.ihl.org/.../IHIO.../ICAN/Pages/ICANimprovehealth.aspx>
- Communications Director: Conner Lewis
  - “Dues” shirts coming at you

### Class Council Presidents

- Senior Class President: Kathy Corena
  - Next Wednesday there is going to be an event live
  - Next Week we are going to be selling class of 2016 shirts
- Junior Class President: Tori Atkins
  - Tree Lighting has commenced!
- Sophomore Class President: Seemran Patel
  - Application for Ring Committee and information session
    - Interviews next week
    - Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: committee will be finalized
- Freshmen Class President: Julianna Boettger



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- Working on class t-shirt design contest

## Advisor Report: Kristin Muncy

- Thank you for your questions to Mr. Alger – encourage you to go out and engage with the community
  - Harrisonburg is one of the most diverse cities in the country
- DUX Center looking for Leadership Facilitators Staff for the upcoming year
- MYMOM Leadership Councilor Applications are live after Thanksgiving

## Executive Council Reports

- Student Body President: Ryan Windels
  - November 15<sup>th</sup> with President Alger
  - Ideas need to be brought out into committee – practicing what we preach
  - 5 weeks left in the semester
- Executive Vice President: Meredith Parker
  - Parking Service Committee Chair needed
- Executive Treasurer: Casey Donnelly
  - Thank you for approving program grants
    - 6+ contingency groups next week
  - Drafting a Letter to Dr. Warner
  - Cash For Clubbers (Round 2)
    - Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Meeting with Daniels on Thursday to plan a SGA Spirit Pack
    - Spirit Pack will include a puppy per purchase
  - How to apply for Contingency
    - Presented and Prepared by: David Vaughn

## Executive Staff Reports

- Executive Assistant: Niti Jadh
  - n/a
- Administrative Officer: Heidi Jenkins
  - And the winner is..... JULIA KOCZOT!!!!
- Parliamentarian: Haley Aldridge
  - n/a

Motion to Adjourn at 7:19.