



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2019-20 SENATE

September 24, 2019

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**Call To Order at 5:23 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

## 1) Guest speaker

**Key Notes: Ashley Stovall**

Madison Cares

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- A network promoting safety and well-being in the JMU community through concern, consultation, & care
- To promote safety and well being of the JMU community through early intervention strategies, educational initiatives, and on-going care.
- Be aware of the indicators and risk factors of a student struggling.
- Submit a care referral online or by clicking the Madison Care's graphic when needing to send out a referral
- Not to be confused with public safety

## **Business**

**Approval of the Minutes (9/17) - passed**

**Nomination/Confirmation of Sergeant at Arms - confirmed**

**Resolutions:** Voting Rates, Climate Strike - passed

**Governing Documents:** Diversity Committee, Elections Policy, House Rules



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### 2) Nominations

Senate Confirming	
Role	Person
Sergeant at Arms	John Maiorana

### 3) Resolutions

Senate voting on Resolutions		
Resolution Name	Reasoning	Passed or Failed
Voting Rates	To commend the efforts behind the remarkable increase in voting rates by JMU students in the Midterm elections, from 8.8% in 2014 to 32.8% in 2018.	Passed
Climate Strike	To recognize the success of the Harrisonburg Climate Strike, which brought together students and faculty from James Madison University as well as residents and businesses of the Harrisonburg community, to participate in the global movement demanding action be taken to address climate change.	Passed



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### 3) Governing Documents

Senate Introducing and Voting on Governing Documents		
Name	Reasoning	Passed or Failed
Diversity Committee	To change the name to "Diversity and Inclusion"	Sits for 2 weeks before voting
Elections Policy	Alterations needed to be made due to the new presence of the rules and elections committee and to promote inclusivity by changing language.	Passed with the exception of: <b>Amendment 6</b> under "Campaigning"
Elections Policy continued - <b>Amendment 6</b> under "Campaigning"	<b>Amendment 6:</b> "Casting a vote online while logged into another student's beinvolved.org account or otherwise personally assisting other students in the voting process"	Failed
House Rules -	Alterations needed to be made due to the new presence of the rules and elections committee.	<b>Tabled with the exception of:</b> <b>Amendment 1</b> under "Excuses", <b>Amendment 2 and 3</b> under "Excused Absences" <b>Amendment 1 and 2</b> under "Unexcused Absences"
House Rules continued - <b>Amendment 1</b> under "Excuses", <b>Amendment 2 and 3</b> under "Excused Absences" <b>Amendment 1 and 2</b> under "Unexcused Absences"	<b>Amendment 1:</b> "Excuses for absences, late arrivals and/or early departures are to be submitted to the Membership Rules and Elections Chairperson's e-mail before the following Sunday at 5 p.m. Excuses not received before the above time will not be accepted".  <b>Amendment 2 &amp; 3:</b> "Extenuating circumstances will be determined at the discretion of the	Failed



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	<p>Membership Rules and Elections Committee". " In the case of an extenuating circumstances and if the Membership Rules and Elections Committee receives an excuse in time to review it prior to Senate and they deem it as excused, then that Senator won't be counted in quorum".</p> <p><b>Amendment 1 &amp; 2:</b> "If an excuse is not approved by the Membership Rules and Elections Committee, it will be considered an unexcused absence". "The Membership Rules and Elections Committee shall inform the member within one week of receiving the excuse whether it is excused or not excused".</p>	
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Senate Reports	
<p><b>Matthew Hershberger, Speaker</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brandon will be speaker of the senate next week</li> <li>- LT meetings are open, come visit Thursday 5:15pm in MU 303</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brandon Stanley, Parliamentarian</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Election Day: October 3rd 7am-7pm</li> <li>- Applications Due: October 4th @ 5pm</li> <li>- Shoutout to Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the new name change!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Heidi Deger, Academic Affairs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Happy to be back!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meghan Carey, Communications Committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tabling will be on the 30th at Warner commons</li> <li>- Keep sharing posts</li> <li>- Flyer handouts</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Justin Maranon,</b> <b>Community Engagement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign up for day of caring event tomorrow 1-3:30 at EMU</li> <li>- Get all of your SGA hours</li> <li>- RMH's "Care-A-Thon" is Thursday, October 1st and 3rd from 6-9pm with free pizza</li> <li>- Waterman Fun Run- October 4th from 3:30-7PM</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jason Starr,</b> <b>Diversity Committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cool events around campus - Sep 28: Asian Culture Festival, Sep 25: Global Engagement Student Event</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ethan Gardner,</b> <b>Legislative Action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Happy national voter registration day!</li> <li>- Dukes vote is well underway</li> <li>- Dukes Debate happening later in October</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sophie LeFew,</b> <b>Membership Committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retreat - 10/19 - 10am-4pm (EMU) 10/20 - 10am-3pm (MU Ballroom)</li> <li>- Excuses: <a href="mailto:jmusgamembership@gmail.com">jmusgamembership@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Lindsey Parker,</b> <b>USERVE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reminder to take care of yourselves (physically and mentally) as the semester ramps up and things start getting more stressful, practice self care and utilize JMU Health facilities if you need them.</li> <li>- Keep filling out the University Services form</li> </ul>
<p><b>Aaliyah McLean,</b> <b>President</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic Needs Advisory Board</li> <li>- Representation and Relationships Matter</li> <li>- Monthly tabling poll will be going out</li> <li>- Fall activities with Dr. Miller</li> <li>- Reception with senior leadership</li> <li>- The state council of Higher Education for Virginia - meeting Friday</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mikayla Dukes,</b> <b>Vice President</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purple Out - October 23 (need volunteers)</li> <li>- Madison Royal Court, inviting FEB groups</li> <li>- UCAC - need one resident for parking advisory and one resident for parking appeals</li> </ul>



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<b>Gabriela Rudnick, Treasurer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SGA funding informational event October 14th from 6-7:30pm</li> <li>- Tell interested organizations to email the NEW Finance email if they are interested in contingency: SGAFinance@jmu.edu</li> <li>- Financial Amendments Proposal coming for you next Tuesday!</li> </ul>
<b>Ben Goodson, Election Commissioner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign up for polling stations</li> <li>- Keep an eye out for campaign violations</li> <li>- 9 days until elections</li> </ul>
<b>Mary Morgan, Executive Assistant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Come to the office! New additions are still in the works</li> </ul>
<b>Class of 2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tabling this Monday 9-11am</li> <li>- Seniors! Sign up for your Senior portrait for the Yearbook!</li> <li>- Shirts still available</li> </ul>
<b>Class of 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ring ceremony on October 13th from 11-1am* in Festival Ballroom</li> </ul>
<b>Class of 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ring committee applications are out now - contact <a href="mailto:jmusga2022@gmail.com">jmusga2022@gmail.com</a> with any issues or for the link that is also available on the Class of 2022 Facebook Page.</li> </ul>

<b><u>Important Dates</u></b>	
<b>September</b>	<p><b>September 24</b> - Day Of Caring 1-3:30pm at EMU</p> <p><b>September 24</b> - VA Complete Count Commission meeting in Richmond, Tent talk on immigration</p> <p><b>September 25</b> - United Way Day of Caring from 1-3:30pm</p> <p><b>September 25:</b> Global Engagement Student Event</p> <p><b>September 28-</b> Asian Culture Festival</p> <p><b>September 30</b> - Class of 2020 Tabling from 9am-11am</p>

**Motion to Adjourn at: 7:27**