



**72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate**  
**Internal Affairs Committee**  
**11/19/2019 in Thagard 401**

**Call to Order: 8:05pm**

**Members Present: Blackthorne, Kill, Donnelly, Adams, Acanda, Parker**

**Members Tardy: None**

**Members Absent: Villacorta, Lafontant, Toussaint**

**Guests: Elizabeth Chabot**

**Announcements: None**

**Committee Business: IA Rules and Procedure**

Senator Donnelly moved to amend rule 7 to delete “six (6) minutes with forty (40) seconds of speaking time” to “the committee shall deliberate until a motion is made to call the question and is seconded with no objections.”

And add “A. If the motion is objected to, the senator who made the objection will have two (2) minutes to present their reason for objecting, followed by a round of pro/con debate. The committee will then vote on the objection.”

Call to question

Yes - 6

No – 0

Abs – 0

Senator Acanda moved to adopt the rules and procedures

Senator Donnelly seconded

Senator Donnelly moved to adopt the Commonly Asked Questions

Senator Adams seconded

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Interview One- Rawan Abhari

- Opening Statement- Started leadership in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, student government in college, saw power SGA had, didn't know how to start, read about the position, as a Freshman you could jump into senate but the biggest thing relative to the position is character and going through the process can be very honoring. Take on service role in the future. As a Freshman, get better connected to my peers. This position adds to make your position heard, in a non-partisan way.
- Technical, Non-Debatable Questions-
  - Senator Donnelly – did you participate in any of the recent elections? No
  - Are you affiliated with any political parties on campus? No
- Questions Related to Position-
  - Senator Acanda- How did your positions in high school prepare you for roles in college? Role as IB Ambassador helped implement behind the scenes success, and Representative in a Minority Mentoring Program
  - Senator Donnelly – Can you go over your basic knowledge of chapter 700 of statutes?
    - Yes, specific amounts of spending, goal is making it more acceptable, so many roles for supervisor, I want to help in any capacity I can
  - Senator Donnelly – In upcoming elections how are you going to work to improve voter turnout?
    - Looking at the violations of the previous election, and reading statutes, enforcing through school emails, non-partisan, and establish how impactful the election is to students
- Questions of Character-
  - Senator Kill – In the past how have you taken a situation in the past that was out of your control and how did you work through it?
    - In high school I worked with the IB coordinator and the main event was out of my control but it took me breathing out and thinking through the stress and taking control of what you can and what you couldn't, like we couldn't host the event at school so we planned out how to plan it outside of school
  - Senator Adams- How has your internal and external identities impacted your leadership to this point?
    - As a Palestinian and a woman, I have learned that as a minority I feel like I have to always fight a little harder
- Other Questions- None
  - Closing- Thank you for your questions, getting more people to vote in any way and making the elections more accessible to students would be the best gift ever and if given the role this is what I would want to accomplish
  - Deliberations

## Roundtable

Senator Acanda – getting more voters is standard for every goal, she seems very excited and I feel like she is non-partisan which is great.

Senator Adams – I was in FLI with her and I think she is very intelligent when it comes to politics and I think her definition of service is great

Senator Kill – I appreciate that she is a Women and as a woman myself, I appreciate that she represents the minority

Senator Donnelly – I think she is very knowledgeable about chapter 700 and the elections including the election commission, I think she would be good

- **Call to Question**
  - **Senator Acanda motions**
  - **Senator Blackthorne seconds**
- **Voting Results**
  - **Yes- 6**
  - **No- 0**
  - **Abs.- 0**

Interview Two- Samiah Bansal

- Opening statement- I am currently the Assistant Director of WSU, I am a CARE 17' student, I joined the committee Freshman year, I hosted an event today with WSU "Gals going Global" based on my experiences studying abroad.
- Technical non-debatable-

Senator Donnelly – Did the last director step down?

I am not sure the circumstances, but yes, she has stepped down

Questions related to position-

Senator Acanda – What are your concrete plans for the role?

I want to create a Women's health week along with our Women's History month and other events, more programming and expanding our planned events

Senator Kill- You said you initially met with the previous director of WSU, how do you plan on reaching out to students, similarly?

I think depending on the event, talking to people who have more experience and can assist beyond my network with their knowledge and experience because I wouldn't want WSU to only get what I believe when others might know more.

Senator Donnelly – What is something that the previous director did that you would like to continue or change?

Our previous director did a lot with engagement as far as social media, and I would love to continue.

Senator Donnelly- So how would the position relate to what you might want to do in the future?

I am a first-generation minority women, and I am studying criminology and I want to go to Law school and represent women in a male dominated career field and other capacities, I love WSU and its more of a hobby and I have loved it over the years.

- Questions related to character-

Senator Kill – What are something in your research that you would like to see shared to the public?

I got to interview a lot of women who have been incarcerated and compiled interviews to implement programs for women while incarcerated to them implement those action. We were actually able to interact and ask women what affected them and how we could help, and then directly could affect the community of women.

Senator Donnelly – Can you define service and how that definition will relate to your position as director?

I think service should be actual fixes instead of band-aid fixes but hearing how you can fix problems people face and how we can fix them instead of work towards something that the community wasn't included on.

- Other Questions- None
- Closing Statement-

I have been involved with WSU for three years, I would really love the opportunity to work with WSU again for my senior year, I am really excited to work with the e-board.

Roundtable

Senator Donnelly – I think she is very qualified for the position, she is very passionate, she always comes to senate to represent WSU and I think she would be great for director

Senator Acanda moves to call to question

Senator Kill seconds

Yes – 6

No – 0

Abs – 0

- **Unfinished Business- None**
- **Final Announcements- One-word check-ins**
- **Date and Time of Next Meeting- TBD**
- **Adjourned- 9:24 PM**