Student Government Association

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Peter T. Mazza Student Government Association Room

Ely Campus Center

Live Stream of the meeting was taken place on YouTube.

Members Present: Aidan Gomez, Zara Rivett, Raymond Croteau, Theodore Lucier, Cole Dos Santos, Karlie Beamenderfer, Alyssa Hanafin, Maria Renta-Marrero, Jakob Traynor, Alexa Martin, Jamie Beamenderfer, Matthew Crusha, Liv Carney, Celia Rocino, Zoë Desmarais, Julian Auger, Elijah Frederick, Tiffany Rivera, Davey Castegnaro, Maliah DaRosa, Bradley Jones, Lucia Sadura, Brianna Ellis, Kianna Hicks

Members Excused: Brenna Guliani

Members Absent: Luke Stehley, Fabian Morales

Call to Order: President Aidan Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded. Members were asked to review the meeting agenda, and a roll call was taken of members present (listed above). Also, participating was advisor Matthew Dellea.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from September 22nd, 2026, were approved unanimously by VOCAL VOTE.

President's Report: Aidan Gomez gave a warm welcome everyone to SGA 2026-2027 and before the meeting could fully begin, some matters had to be voted on, the votes were as follows;

Election certification vote:

Motion to appoint the 2026 Fall Election Winners into their appropriate senate positions

Moved By: Aidan Gomez

Seconded By: Lucia Sadura

Vote Outcome: Motion passed by unanimous clicker vote 23-0-0

Advisor Appointment Vote

Motion to appoint the Matthew Dellea as the advisor of SGA for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Moved By: Aidan Gomez

Seconded By: Matthew Crusha

Vote Outcome: Motion passed by unanimous clicker vote 23-0-0

Parliamentarian Vote

Julian Auger Class of 2029 President nominated Jakob Traynor to be elected as Parliamentarian (accepted)

Motion to appoint the Jakob Traynor as Parliamentarian for the 2026-2027 year

Moved By: Aidan Gomez

Vote Outcome: Motion passed by clicker vote 20-0-3

Once the voting was complete, Aidan Gomez also mentioned that interviews will be held for vacant positions on senate, and class and commuter councils later this week.

- Matt Dellea clarified that Class Council positions for the Classes of 2027, 2028, and 2029 should reach out to their president to schedule interviews, and everyone else will come to open interview days.

Matt Dellea (Guest Speaker): Matt welcomed the Senators to the 2026–2027 Student Government Association and congratulated them on taking on the responsibility of representing their fellow students. He emphasized that serving in SGA is about more than holding a position or attending meetings; it is truly about actively contributing to the Westfield State community and using their voices to create positive change.

Drawing on the Leadership Academy's theme, "The Last Lecture," Matt encouraged Senators to consider the purpose, impact, relationships, and legacy they will leave behind. He reminded them that being given a seat at the table comes with the responsibility to use it by listening to their peers, asking questions, respectfully challenging ideas, raising concerns, advocating for change, and recognizing what is working well.

Matt stressed that effective service requires consistency, preparation, and a willingness to have difficult conversations or speak up when necessary. He encouraged Senators to focus less on what SGA can do for them and more on what they can do through SGA for the students they represent. Matt challenged the Senators to make meaningful use of their positions and to be engaged, curious, courageous, and accountable. He emphasized that building a campus community that students deserve requires collective effort and investment. He concluded by encouraging Senators to lead with purpose, serve intentionally, and consider what will be different at Westfield State because they chose to serve.

Alyssa Hanafin (Guest Speaker): Alyssa Hanafin presented senator onboarding! :)

Vice President of Finance Report: Theodore established his office hours are now (RAHHH). And began the nomination process for the finance committee. The nominations were as follows;

- Class of 2027 –>Karlie Beamenderfer VP of Outreach nominated Maria Renta-Merrero Student Trustee (accepted)
    - The vote passed by clicker vote 21-0-1
- Class of 2028 –> Celia Rocino Class of 2028 Rep. To Senate nominated Olivia Carney Class of 2028 President (accepted)
    - The vote passed by clicker vote 22-0-0
- Class of 2029
    - Raymond Croteau VP of Academic Life nominated Julian Auger Class of 2029 President (accepted)
        - The vote passed by clicker vote 21-1-0

- Class of 2030 – Elijah Frederick Class of 2030 President nominated Jamie Beamenderfer Representative at Large (accepted)
    - The vote passed by clicker vote 22-0-0

Parliamentarian Report: Newly appointed Jakob Traynor introduced himself to the Senate and gave an overview into his position as Parliamentarian. He began the nomination process for the rules and regulations committee. The nominations were as follows;

- Class of 2027 –> Alyssa Hanafin Executive Secretary nominated Tiffany Rivera (accepted)
    - The vote passed by clicker vote 21-0-0
- Class of 2028 –> Olivia Carney Class of 2028 President nominated Celia Rocino Class of 2028 Rep. To Senate (accepted)
    - The vote passed by clicker vote 20-0-0
- Class of 2029
    - Celia Rocino Class of 2028 Rep. To Senate nominated Julian Auger Class of 2029 President (accepted)
    - Alyssa Hanafin Executive Secretary nominated Alexa Martin Representative at Large (accepted)
        - The vote passed by clicker vote, Alexa Martin was appointed onto the rules and regulations committee 8-12-2
- Class of 2030 – Kianna Hicks College of Arts and Sciences Rep. nominated Brianna Ellis Davis Hall Representative (accepted)
    - The vote passed by clicker vote 22-0-0

Student Trustee Report: Maria gave the Senate an overview of her position as Student Trustee.

Announcements: The following announcements were made:

- Karlie Beamenderfer reminded senators to hand in back their committee selection papers, so that the committee selection process may be completed
- Aidan Gomez let the senate know that all the Executive Council would be staying an extra 10 minutes after the meeting to answer any more questions
- Jakob Traynor asked all the senators that were accepted onto the rules and regulations committee to see him after the meeting to schedule a meeting time
- Theodore Lucier asked all the senators that were accepted onto the finance committee to see him after the meeting to schedule a meeting time
- Zara Rivett reminded the senate to check their emails for a counseling center email, and to reach out if there was any interest in becoming a peer ambassador
- Matthew Crusha excitedly announced that there are 227 days until commencement!

Adjournment: There being no further business, Aidan Gomez adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Student Government Association (SGA) general meeting held on Tuesday, September 29th, 2026.

Executive Secretary Alyssa Hanafin