# Student Government Association

General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 20, 2026**

**Meeting Minutes**

Peter T. Mazza Student Government Association Room

Ely Campus Center

Live Stream of the meeting was taken place on YouTube.

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Members Present: Aidan Gomez, Zara Rivett, Raymond Croteau, Cole Dos Santos, Karlie Beamenderfer, Alyssa Hanafin, Maria Renta-Marrero, Jakob Traynor, Luke Stehley, Fabian Morales, Alexa Martin, Jamie Beamenderfer, Matthew Crusha, Liv Carney, Celia Rocino, Zoë Desmarais, Seth Durant, Schellandie Cherrison, Tiffany Rivera, Raul Rosario, Davey Castegnaro, Maliah DaRosa, Bradley Jones, Lucia Sadura, Brianna Ellis, Kianna Hicks, Sybille Laguerre, Annie Rosa-Rodriguez

Members Excused: Theodore Lucier, Brenna Guliani, Elijah Frederick

Members Absent: Theodore Lucier, Julian Auger, Carlee Yap, Jay Touissant

Call to Order: President Aidan Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. 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 and guest speaker Matt Russo.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from Tuesday, October 13th, 2026, were approved unanimously by VOCAL VOTE.

Adjustments to the agenda;

- Maria Renta-Marrero motioned to remove the VP of Finance and University Curriculum Committee reports from the agenda
    - Seconded by Zara Rivett

President's Report: Aidan Gomez gave a report on...

- Welcomed the guest speaker, Matt Russo, and thanked him for coming today
- Announced that sensitive topics were being discussed today, and if any point during the meeting, if anyone felt the need to excuse themself, they may do so
    - Then, Matt Russo presented
- Homecoming table
    - Went smoothly with snacks, drinks, and facepainting
    - Thanked senators that worked the booth, and anyone who showed up to homecoming
- Apartment Complex survey
    - Survey is finished and a flyer is going out
    - October 26th-RECORDING

    - More information to come
- Linda Adress
    - November 3rd is a fancy meeting
    - The president is holding a reception in 4-5:30 in the owl's nest before the meeting
        - Let Aidan know if you're interested

Matt Russo:

- Title IX has been in the news lately due to some pressing issues
    - Some concerns have come up around campus, and he is thankful that he was invited to provide some information and answer questions, and provide confidence for how things are handled in the Title IX office
- Presented a slide show
    - Asked people to ask questions as he goes along
- Questions:
    - Zoë Desmarais asked what happens if the respondent is called in, and they do not come to the hearing
        - Matt explained that they will have a stand in representative in the room, but will only have
    - Celia asked what an ____ advisor would be
        - Matt clarified that an advisor is anyone who can be with the respondent, or provide support, and to be with them, but they are not allowed to speak for them, they can only ask questions during ____ hearing
            - It can be a faculty member you trust, a family friend, an attorney
            - Should not be another student, a witness, or a ___
            - If someone cannot produce their own advisor, then the Title IX office will try to match them with someone who would be a good fit
    - Zara Rivett asked Matt to clarify what a Maxiant report is
        - Matt clarified that it's a method of reporting that creates a trail, it's an online reporting portal on the university website, and it only goes to the specific office it's meant for, and there are more than just Title IX reports on there
    - Celia Rocino asked what steps are being taken to help people understand the ___, especially now with the incidents happening in the world, and a bunch of students may not be in groups that see the presentation aside from just freshmen year
        - Matt said that alongside doing more presentations in more places, they plan to do more event, like open mic nights, and work with students to push out larger and more informed events, and ask students to do the same
    - Luke Stehley thanked Matt for coming, and mentioned that there is a lack of resources for the respondents of the Title IX investigations, and asked if there are ways to fix this
        - Matt responded by...COME BACK TO RECORDING BC IDEK
    - Aidan Gomez asked a question that was submitted by a person who wished to remain anonymous, "QUESTION"
        - Matt said that most people do know their offenders GO BACK TO RECORDING
    - Annie asked if there is anything that students should be aware of to safeguard themselves...
        - Matt said that we luckily have a very safe campus... RAHHHHH
        - Maggie Balch plugged the Student Affairs Committee... RECORDING

MOTION FOR 5 MINTES RECESS

- Motioned by Karlie Beamenderfer at 6:28pm
- Seconded by Zara Rivett

- Jakob Traynor reminded everyone to be back in their chairs by 6:33pm and that the livestream will remain on

Vice President of Outreach Report:

- Karlie Beamenderfer reported
- Family fright night
  - Explained what it is
  - SGA is running the arts and crafts room this year
    - We need volunteers
      - Bracelet making
      - Monster making
      - Slime making
      - Facepainting
      - Something else
  - Wednesday October 28th 4pm-8pm volunteers needed
    - Sent around a sign-up sheet
    - Come dress up in a costume!
- Halloween Meeting
  - Next week is a Halloween dress up meeting, and remember that there is a costume competition
- Question:
  - Annie asked if their team members can be brought in from outside
    - Karlie said yes, the more the merrier!
  - Tiffany asked if volunteers could come for partial time
    - Karlie said yes, volunteer for whatever time works for you, anytime you have to offer is helpful!
  - Jaden Aubin asked if he could volunteer even though he is not part of the senate
    - Karlie said anyone is welcome to help out!

All University Committee:

- Davey Castegnaro reported
- Had their meeting last Friday
- ...recording

Academic Policies Committee:

- Raymond Croteau reported
- Met last Friday
- Explained what the New Leaf Policy is

Commuter Council:

- Tiffany Rivera reported
- Alzheimer's walk
  - Sunday October 25th, starting at 8:30am
- Food drive tabling
  - Let her know if you want to volunteer for tabling
- Toy Drive/Stuff a Cruiser collaboration with public safety for the holidays

    - Other potential commuter council events like a hot chocolate bar and sugar cookies
- New meeting time
    - Right after SGA in the SGA conference room

Announcements: The following announcements were made:

- Raymond Croteau said he needs one volunteer to join the Academic Policies Committee
- Zara Rivett told anyone who responded to her case manager email should see her after the meeting
- Aidan Gomez announced that the Political Science department is doing an event this Thursday
- Luke Stehley 206 days until commencement

Adjournment: There being no further business, Aidan Gomez adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm.

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## 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, October 20th, 2026.

**Executive Secretary Alyssa Hanafin**