Student Government Association

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Peter T. Mazza Student Government Association Room

Ely Campus Center

A livestream of the meeting for public viewing took place on YouTube.

Members Present: Justin Wald, Travis Mcloughlin, Zeke Tamarkin, Tyler King, Jacob Constant, Barney Garcia, Jakob Traynor, Luke Stehley, Matthew Crusha, Christopher Lannan, Zara Rivett, Megan Fran, Grant Wenhart, Alyssa Hanafin, Fabian Morales, Ethan Haynes, Maria Renta-Marrero, Angelina Cassella, Celia Rocino, Raymond Croteau, Adian Gomez, Karlie Beamenderfer, Will Onorato, Cole Dos Santos, Brenna Guliani, Kayliegh Afonso

Members Excused: Dianyeliz Ozuna Sandoval, Aviannah-Leigh Saulters, Lorraine Fernández, Melissa Kuzmeski

Members Absent: Ali Sutherland

Also present and participating was SGA Advisor Matthew Dellea and guess speakers Dean of Students Maggie Balch, Chief of Police Tony Cassiano and Associate Director of Residential Life John Zocco.

Call to Order: President Justin Wald called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. It was announced that the meeting was being live streamed and recorded. Members were asked to review the meeting agenda, and a roll call was taken of members present (listed above).

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the October 28th, 2025, meeting was approved.

President's Report: Justin Wald began his report by introducing the guest speaker, Dean of Students Maggie Balch, who was there to present on the Student Threat Assessment Team. He then provided updates on the two ongoing Vice President search committees, noting that the Administration and Finance search is awaiting name suggestions, while the Institutional Advancement search is in the planning phase. He shared exciting news regarding the BRIGHT Act, announcing that President Thompson is scheduled to testify at a bond hearing for the bill next Thursday and that Attorney Phelps is confident it will pass this committee. He concluded by encouraging senators to attend the Veteran and Military Services Center event this Thursday, November 6th, in the University Hall MPR, and by reminding everyone that there will be no SGA meeting next Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day.

- Travis McLoughlin asked to explain the Bright ACT
    - Justin Wald went into detail about what it is about and how it will befit the campus and sister universities and community colleges to help with projects and maintenance.

Guest Speaker: The presentation outlined the function of the Student Threat Assessment Team (STAT) , a multi-disciplinary group chaired by the Dean of Students that is responsible for reviewing reports of potentially

threatening or alarming behaviors by any student. The team's core purpose is to coordinate interventions for students in distress and to train the campus community on how to recognize and report warning signs. The presentation repeatedly emphasized that any imminent danger should be reported immediately to University Police ; however, for other concerns like explicit threats or suicide risk , community members are encouraged to use the online "STAT (Student Threat Assessment) Report Form". After a report is received, the team gathers information, evaluates the threat, and develops an appropriate intervention plan. The presentation also highlighted related campus safety resources, including the RAVE Emergency Notification System and the 24/7 anonymous TalkCampus app for student mental well-being.

Vice President of Student Life Report: Travis McLoughlin gave a final reminder about the Coffee Crawl, instructing participants to arrive at their assigned building's front desk early to greet faculty. He then promoted the Skyfactor Survey for residential students, noting that completing it sooner enters students into more weekly drawings for Owl Bucks. He concluded with a major announcement that shuttle tracking is now available, a long-requested feature, and he passed around a flyer containing a QR code and a link to the app.

Announcements: The following announcements were made:

- Tyler King talked about the Turkey Drive, included that you can table for it. Talked about the Turkey Trot and how we need more volenteers. Then finally gave a big shoutout to Alyssa Hanafin and asked for the people who are Tabeling tomorrow to see him after the meeting.
- Justin Wald corrected himself that the Veteran and Military Services event will be on Thursday the 6th.
- Travis McLoughlin asked for his team huddle to see him after the meeting.
- Raul Rosario mentioned that there is 192 days till commencement!

Adjournment: There being no further business, Justin Wald adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.

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 November 4, 2025.

Executive Secretary Jacob Constant