Student Government Association

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Peter T. Mazza Student Government Association Room

Ely Campus Center

There was no Live Stream of the meeting taken due to Technical Issues.
Recording of the Meeting found Here

Members Present: Justin Wald, Travis Mcloughlin, Luke Stehley, Matthew Crusha, Christopher Lannan, Zara Rivett, Alyssa Hanafin, Celia Rocino, Adian Gomez, Karlie Beamenderfer, Cole Dos Santos, , Lorraine Fernández, Julian Auger, Fabian Morales, Raymond Croteau, Brenna Guiliani, Olivia Carney, Lucia Sadura, Barney Garcia, Melissa Kuzmeski, Maria Renta-Marrero

Members Absent: Sofia Rudenko, Will Onorato, Dianyeliz Ozuna Sandoval, Eli Baez

Members Excused: Angelina Cassella, Jacob Constant, Ali Sutherland

Call to Order: President Justin Wald called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. 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 the February 17th, 2026, meeting were approved.

President's Report: Justin Wald welcomed Giselle Frechette from the Career Center to conduct a professional development session on public speaking for the first meeting following a recent snow day. He reported that he and a group of students will travel to the State House this Thursday to advocate for the passage of the BRIGHT Act alongside other state universities. Wald also shared that the Ad Hoc committee to review finance bylaws held a successful initial meeting to brainstorm improvements for student fiscal mechanisms, with further updates to follow as the process continues.

- Christopher Lannan asked about the enrollment decline and if the board discussed anything regarding trying to increase enrollment?
    - Barney Garcia gave a short answer of Yes but cannot explain what specifics that the board is doing. However, he does give a broad overview of what the board is working on.

Guest Speaker: Giselle Frechette gave an interactive presentation/activity revolving around public speaking and presenting overall. The recording of the meeting can be found with the hyperlink above.

Vice President of Student Life Report: Travis McLoughlin reported that the Admissions office has completed its relocation from Horace Mann to Scanlon Hall, officially moving the department to the main part of campus. He announced that the new Director of Health Services, Georgie Shea, began her role today. Additionally, he shared several key athletics dates for the week, including the Women's Basketball Quarterfinals on February 25th, the

Men's Ice Hockey Quarterfinals on February 26th, and the Men's Basketball Semifinals on February 27th. Finally, he noted that his office hours have been updated to Tuesdays from 3:15 PM to 5:00 PM and Thursdays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Residential Life Report: Olivia Carney reported that the Residential Life Committee met on February 18th to discuss housing selection feedback and updates for the 2026-2027 academic year. She announced that all residence halls except for Lammers will be open for the upcoming year. The committee evaluated housing selection priorities, specifically whether students prefer the requirement of filling an entire suite versus having the flexibility to fill individual bedrooms. Additionally, discussions were held regarding the possibility of reconfiguring Conlin Hall into primarily four-person apartments and allowing underclassmen to be pulled into upperclassman housing, though these changes remain under review. Students are advised to monitor their emails as housing group formation is expected to begin within the next two weeks.

- John Zocco explained that the Housing Agreement went live around an hour ago.

University Curriculum Committee Report: Melissa Kuzmeski reported that the University Curriculum Committee met on February 20, 2026, to review a large volume of curriculum updates aimed at aligning programs with the new WISE requirements. The Environmental Science B.S. and Earth Science B.S. programs both received approval for description and lab updates to meet WISE standards. Several courses, including Documentary Film, Modern World History, Intro to Historical Analysis, and Discrete Mathematics, were approved for revisions to modernize content and student learning outcomes while maintaining WISE inclusivity. The committee also passed a 400-level course number change for Math Career Preparation and approved a senior capstone designation for Methods of Teaching History. Significant changes were made to the Business department, including the introduction of a new Business Applications Lab in Excel and a complete modernization of the Required Business Core to provide students with more flexibility. Finally, minor program updates were approved for the Spanish B.A., and Global Music received a title and description change to better reflect the student experience.

Announcements: The following announcements were made:

- Celia Rocino told everyone that the tickets for Owl ball is on sale now!
- Karlie Beamenderfer explained that Rules and Regulations Committee is looking for a softomore.
- Christopher Lannan thanked everyone who went to the 100 days till commencement, congratulations to everyone who made the Dean's List, then congradulated Zara Rivett on her one year anniversary for 1 year as a student leader and also reminded everyone that there is 79 days till commencement!
- Melissa Kuzmeski reminded everyone about the Open Forum tomorrow.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Justin Wald adjourned the meeting at 6:28 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 February 24, 2026.

Executive Secretary Jacob Constant