

**Executive Board Meeting
January 19, 2020**



Members Present: Pres. Nagy, EVP Yohn, CoS Hicks, VPPA Koehler, VPCom Fujiy
Vieira (via. call), VPCS Msallem, VPM Bloch, VP Vafa, VPDI Al-Amin, Dir. Kahn, Dir.
Geogry, Dir. Sorrell, Dir. Wasserman, Rep. McNiel, Rep. Goldstein

1. Community Service Updates

a. Vice President of Community Service - Amanda Msallem

- i. VP Msallem reminded the Executive Board about logistics and timing regarding the Martin Luther King Day of Service Project.
- ii. VP Msallem informed the Executive Board of the January 30 blanket making event, which will be the final iteration of the project.
- iii. VP Msallem informed the Executive Board that she is developing plans for the rest of the semester, including fundraising for the Planned Parenthood Gala

2. Executive Team Updates

a. President - Keith Nagy

- i. President Nagy informed the Executive Board of his upcoming meeting with the GW College Democrats Staff Advisor, Natalie Hershberger on Jan 21 at 1:30pm

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- ii. President Nagy informed the Executive Board of communication between himself and Isabella Marchese and Ben Greenberger from No Labels GW to discuss potential future debate topics
- iii. President Nagy informed the Executive Board that John Olds from CRs is interested in a joint bake sale to benefit the victims of Australian Wildfires
- iv. President Nagy asked that Members of the Executive Board refrain from excessive talking or phone usage while participating in co-sponsored events
- v. President Nagy asked that Members of the Executive Board share online promotional material for GW College Democrats Events to maximize turnout from membership

b. Executive Vice President - Nathan Yohn

- i. EVP Yohn had no updates

c. Chief of Staff - John Hicks

- i. CoS Hicks apologized for the delay in meeting minute completion, but informed the Executive Board that the previous meetings minutes would be up for approval at the following one.
- ii. CoS Hicks brought the Roll Call Constitutional Amendment up for discussion. Members of the Executive Board questioned the CoS on the powers of the Amendment, and a vote was held. The Amendment passed by a vote of 11 - 2 (See Amendment Below)

3. Communications Updates

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a. Vice President of Communications - Carolina Vieira

- i. VP Fujjiy Vieira submitted for consideration by the Executive Board, the developed Climate Statement and Agenda as requested at the Executive Board Meeting on 12/08/19. Votes were to be held at the end of the meeting (See GWCD Climate Agenda, and GWCD Climate Statement below)
- ii. VP Fujjiy Vieira informed the Executive Board that she will be instituting a weekly submission deadline of Sunday at 8pm to have announcements and information included in the newsletter
- iii. VP Fujjiy Vieira asked that all committee heads send in applications for their respective committees to be included in the next newsletter
- iv. VP Fujjiy Vieira asked to ensure the GW College Democrats Calendar is updated with all weekly events

4. Political Affairs Department Updates

a. Vice President of Political Affairs - Nick Koehler

- i. VP Koehler informed the Executive Board that the SMPA will be hosting a debate watch party on Feb 19, featuring the former Communications Director of Beto for America. A vote on co-sponsorship was unanimous
- ii. VP Koehler informed the Executive Board that on March 5, there will be an event with Steve Scully from CSpan focusing on the developments of Super Tuesday Primaries. A vote on co-sponsorship of “Super Tuesday; What Just Happened?” passed unanimously

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- iii. VP Koehler asked that Members of the Executive Board inform him of any political events GW College Democrats may have an interest in participating in
- iv. VP Koehler asked the Executive Board if it would be possible to link the “Divest GW” campaign letter to an instagram story, or publish it in the next newsletter
- v. VP Koehler informed the Executive Board that leadership of Sunrise GW was supportive of the GW College Democrats Climate Agenda and Statement language, and inquired about potential ways to assist GW College Democrats in the future

b. Programming Director - Emma Wasserman

- i. Dir. Wasserman asked the Executive Board to ensure the timely publication of applications for the programming committee
- ii. Dir. Wasserman informed the Executive Board that GW College Democrats Green Week would likely be pushed back to the end of the spring semester, and furthermore that she was looking for speakers
- iii. Dir. Wasserman asked the Executive Board for any input on speakers for the “Only at GW” debate

c. Campaigns Director - Louie Kahn

- i. Dir. Kahn informed the Executive Board that there would be a phonebank for Dr. Eliz Markowitz (TX-HD-28) on Thursday 6:30-8:30pm

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- ii. Dir. Kahn updated the Executive Board on developments for the GW College Democrats Mock Caucus on January 29.
- iii. Mock Caucus January 29th

5. Membership Department Updates

a. Vice President of Membership - Taylor Bloch

- i. VP Bloch reminded the Executive Board that the Mentorship reveal party will be thursday, and attendance is required unless class or work overlaps the time
- ii. VP Bloch reminded the Executive Board that the GW Org Fair is Saturday from 1-3pm
- iii. VP Bloch announced the nomination of Frank Milbourn as the new SDD of Policy. Approval was unanimous
- iv. VP Bloch informed the Executive Board that committee applications will be sent out after the GW Org Fair, however due to loss of a master list of committee members, there will be technical difficulties. It was suggested by various Members of the Executive Board that a new master list be created

b. Events and Social Director - Sarah Gregory

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- i. Dir. Gregory officially announced her resignation as Events and Social Director. Dir. Gregory informed VP Fujjiy Vieira that she would be sending an application for publication imminently

c. Freshmen Representatives - Maddie & Jovawn

- i. Rep. McNeil informed the Executive Board that he is in the final steps of planning the Diversity Mixer and will send out co-sponsorships of final detail confirmation

6. Diversity and Inclusion Updates

a. Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion - Amira Al-amin

- i. VP Al-amin informed the Executive Board that the Martin Luther King movie night would likely be cancelled due to movie copyright concerns
- ii. VP Al-amin informed the Executive Board that some members of the general body felt that the Executive Board isolated itself during the recent GBM
- iii. VP Al-amin informed the Executive Board that REJ committee interviews were complete, and the committee should officially form imminently
- iv. VP Al-amin encouraged the Executive Board to consider diverse speakers for events

7. Development Updates

a. Vice President of Development - Mia Vafa

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- i. VP Vafa asked the Executive Board for input regarding speakers for the Planned Parenthood Gala, and suggested moving the event to an on-campus location
- ii. VP Vafa suggested to the Executive Board the use of social media polls for final determination of GW College Democrats merchandise

b. Finance Director - Blake Sorrell

- i. Dir. Sorrell asked the Diversity and Inclusion, and Political Affairs Departments for timely submission of rough budgets
- ii. Dir. Sorrell informed the Executive Board that GW College Democrats may be eligible to operate an ActBlue account to streamline income and allow for greater spending flexibility

c. Climate Agenda

- i. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the GWCD Climate Agenda (See below)
- ii. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the GWCD Climate Statement (See Below)

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START: Proposed Constitutional Amendment to allow Roll Call Voting, original form

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Article IV Section 12

~~All Board votes are to be hand held except when a majority of the Board votes for secret ballot. The margin of victory or defeat for a secret ballot vote will be read at the discretion of the Executive.~~

Executive Board votes are to be hand held. A majority of the board can vote in favor of holding a roll call vote.. A majority of the board can vote for a secret ballot, with the results to be read at the discretion of the Executive.

END: Proposed Constitutional Amendment to allow Roll Call Voting, original form

START: GWCD Climate Agenda, original form

GWCD Climate Agenda
December 2019

1. The GW College Democrats fully and publicly endorses a Green New Deal.
2. The GW College Democrats support Sunrise GW in their demonstrations, climate strikes, fossil fuel divestment demonstrations, and mission to stop climate change.
3. The GW College Democrats are committed to promoting Sunrise GW's events in order to further educate our own members and encourage attendance and participation.
4. The GW College Democrats condemn the George Washington University for its investments in the fossil fuel industry.
5. The GW College Democrats call on the George Washington University to fully divest from fossil fuels in all forms.
6. The GW College Democrats support Sunrise GW's campaign to abolish the GWU Regulatory Studies Center.

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7. The GW College Democrats will prioritize working with candidates and speakers which do not accept money from the fossil fuel or oil industry.
8. The Activism and Advocacy Committees will take a larger focus on climate-based issues.

END: GWCD Climate Agenda, original form

START: GWCD Climate Statement, original form

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: *Climate Action*
January 20, 2020
Executive Board, GWCD

As we begin a new year and a new chapter here at the George Washington University College Democrats, we acknowledge the ever-growing, imminent climate emergency and the need to combat this crisis. Thus, the GW College Democrats endorse a Green New Deal, and acknowledge it as the foremost and most compelling solution to the climate crisis. Furthermore, GWCD condemns the George Washington University for investments in the fossil fuel industry and call on the university to fully divest from fossil fuels in all forms. In terms of internal improvements, GWCD will prioritize working with candidates and speakers which do not accept money from the fossil fuel or oil industry. Additionally, our Activism and Advocacy Committees and Political Affairs Department will take a larger focus on climate-based issues through a variety of actions, such as mobilization at climate protests and strikes, as well as implementing policies and structural advancement towards a climate solution.

In order to become more active in the climate crisis here on campus and DC, we will be working in partnership with Sunrise GW. As previously released, GWCD endorses Divest GW and namely call on GWU to abolish the GWU Regulatory Studies

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Center. We believe this partnership will be fruitful for both organizations as GWCD grows to prioritize activist voices and uplift them.

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