

**Executive Board Meeting
November 17, 2019**



Members Present: EVP Yohn, CoS Hicks, VPCS Msallem, VPC Vieira, VPM Bloc, VPD I Alamin, VPD Vafa, Dir. Kahn, Dir. Wasserman, Dir. Sorrell

1. Executive Team Updates

a. Executive Vice President - Nathan Yohn

- i. The meeting was called to order by EVP Yohn. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the Executive Board meeting on Nov. 10, 2019. The minutes were approved without opposition.
- ii. Due to the appointments of new members of the Executive Board, all members of the board introduced themselves.
- iii. EVP Yohn updated the Executive Board on the formation of the Election Commission, the timeline moving forward to the election, and the guidelines moving forward to ensure impartiality by the Executive Board
- iv. EVP Yohn reminded the Executive Board of rules regarding office hours and availability of the Board. Yohn also reiterated that members of the Executive Board are expected to attend all College Democrats events at GW, however exceptions can be granted as circumstances require.

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- v. EVP Yohn brought a co-sponsorship on an impeachment panel with the Roosevelt institute. The co-sponsorship was voted down because of time constraints.

b. Chief of Staff - John Hicks

- i. CoS Hicks informed the Executive Board on a potential speaker event featuring Rep. Kennedy (D-MA) and asked for the approval of the Board to contact the office about scheduling an event next semester.
- ii. CoS Hicks asked the Executive Board to utilize the event form in the GW Dems Drive to schedule events for addition to the calendar.
- iii. CoS Hicks informed the Executive Board on the system by which minutes will be taken, their depth and composition, and his work with VP Vieira to publish minutes for public availability.

2. Communications Updates

a. Interim Vice President of Communications - Carolina Vieira

- i. VP Vieira asked members of the Executive Board to inform her if co-sponsorships are coming up or approved in order to simplify messaging. EVP Yohn reminded the Board that all co-sponsorships must be voted on by the Board.
- ii. VP Vieira informed the Executive Board on the upcoming GW Dems v. College Republicans Basketball Game, and promotions that will be taken to inform the public on the event.

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- iii. VP Vieira informed the Executive Board that office hours will be published within the week, and requested finalization of hours from the new members.
- iv. VP Vieira informed the Executive Board that a timeline of the upcoming Executive Board Elections will be published soon along with the information of the Election Commission.
- v. VP Vieira asked that members of the Executive Board message her if they need a Graphic created.

3. Political Affairs Department Updates

a. Vice President of Political Affairs - Nick Koehler

- i. Not Present

b. Interim Programming Director - Emma Wasserman

- i. Dir. Wasserman informed the Executive Board on an upcoming Impeachment Discussion to be held on December 4. Wasserman expressed interest in working on the Discussion with the Events Department and finance, and suggested provided food items be peach-themed.

c. Campaigns Director - Louie Kahn

- i. Dir. Kahn explained to the Executive Board the process by which he signed off on the letter condemning anti-semitism written by GWI, and asked if any members of the Board had recieved backlash as a result.
- ii. CoS Hicks asked if it letters and endorsements should be voted on by the Executive Board. Yohn and Kahn informed the Board that standard

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procedure is for a full vote, however due to extenuating circumstances, the process was not completed in this instance.

- iii. Dir. Kahn updated the Executive Board on the planned Mock Caucus, all campus organizations supporting candidates will be able to send a speaker following which a caucus will be performed under Iowa rules.
- iv. Dir. Kahn updated the Executive Board on the upcoming party for members of the Campaign Corps who attended at least four events prior to the most recent election. A date has yet to be determined.
- v. Dir. Kahn suggested to the Executive Board that future Debate Watch Parties take place in cooperation with organizations supporting presidential candidates, following structures in place at other universities, and in an effort to drive turnout and engagement.
- vi. Dir. Kahn informed the Executive Board on the request for a co-sponsorship for the March for Our Lives Gala. Kahn explained MFOL desires help in promotion for the event taking place next Saturday from 7 to 9.
- vii. Dir. Kahn informed the Executive Board on the re-election of the democratic Governor of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards

4. Membership Department Updates

a. Interim Vice President of Membership - Taylor Bloch

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- i. VP Bloch informed the Executive Board that an “Engage” form was released in Slack to the General Body and asked that it go out in a newsletter.
- ii. VP Bloch informed the Executive Board on her desire and impending work to rebrand the mentorship program. VP Msallem offered to use service events as mentorship bonding .
- iii. VP Bloch informed the Executive Board on her desire to bridge the gap between the Executive Board, Senior Deputy Board, and General Body Members in the future.
- iv. VP Bloch informed the Executive Board of her desire to host linkedin and cover letter workshops.
- v. VP Bloch asked the Executive Board for possibilities on conducting surveys throughout the year to collect feedback on College Democrats
- vi. VP Vieira encouraged the Executive Board to find ways to allow general body members to propose event ideas.

b. Events and Social Director - Sarah Gregory

- i. Not Present

a. Freshmen Representatives - Maddie Goldstein & Jovawn McNeil

- ii. Not Present

5. Diversity and Inclusion Updates

a. Interim Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion - Amira Alamin

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- i. VP Alamin informed the Executive Board of her ideas on events to promote diversity, including a potential open mic political event with black student organizations.

6. Development Updates

a. Interim Vice President of Development - Mia Vafa

- i. VP Vafa informed the Executive Board of merchandise ideas discussed by her committee members, including sweatshirts, tee shirts, and phone wallets. The final designs for these items are still in discussion.
- ii. VP Vafa informed the Executive Board of her plans to revamp the upcoming College Democrats Gala. The price for potential venues depends on the date, and the event will likely be open to alumni.

b. Interim Finance Director - Blake Sorrell

- i. Dir. Sorrell reminded the Executive Board that due to the time period associated with reimbursements, other methods of purchasing items for College Dems events are suggested.

7. Community Service Updates

a. Vice President of Community Service - Amanda Msallem

- i. VP Msallem reminded members of the Executive Board to sign up for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.
- ii. VP Msallem asked VP Vieira to update the graphic for the next Project Linus Service Event

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- iii. VP Msallem informed the Executive Board of ongoing discussions with College Republicans to come up with opportunities for joint philanthropy.