

SGA's Board of Visitors Report

September 18th

President - William Goodman

- Class of 2027
- History & Middle Eastern Studies
- Joined SGA in 2024
- President of the International Relations Organization
- Interned w/ Senator Kaine this summer
- Helped start the Narcan Initiative & implement the Feminine Hygiene initiative



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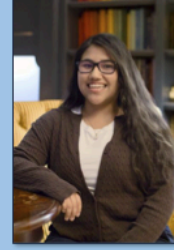
Sustainability
Ad-hoc-
Cara
Landsberg

Diversity &
Unity
Coordinator-
Téa Scott



Ethics, &
Appointments
- Remi
Newhart

University &
Community
Relations -
Brenna Pope



Academic
Affairs -
Stef Alvarado

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Parliamentarian – Noah Haller

Senators

2027 – Brenna Pope
 2027 – Eyaya Fletcher
 2027 – Remi Newhart
 2027 – Stef Alvarado
 2027 – Téa Scott
 2028 – Abi Robinson
 2028 – Braderick Hatch
 2028 – Carys Gohlman

2028 – Leilani Braden
 2028 - Namya Jefferson
 2029 - Addyson Murphey
 2029 – Cara Landsberg
 2029 – Connor Kraemer
 2029 – Micah Peters
 2029 – Sophia Kosmicki

Fall Report

Student Engagement – The Class of 2030 has put wind in our sails; they are the most engaged in campus life since the pre-COVID era. This is likely because none of their high school experience was impacted by the virus, allowing for four years of standard socialization.

Bookstore Growing Pains – The shift to virtual-only textbook acquisition has been a primary concern among students since classes began. Returning students were surprised by the change, and many remain without required materials going into the second and third weeks of classes. Since Canvas courses – and thus syllabi – are often released only days before classes start, students do not know which textbooks they need until classes begin, forcing them to order afterward. One solution would be requiring textbook lists to be published to students one to two weeks before classes commence.

Bi-Weekly Student Concern Collections – In previous years, I felt the Student Government Association had not been deliberate enough in its search for students' concerns. I have

implemented bi-weekly tabling near the University Center (CRUC) where we provide refreshments and talk directly to students about their concerns; we no longer rely solely on a digital feedback link.

Fall Election Results – We are experiencing a strong surge of interest in Student Government. We had one spot open in each class (2027, 2028, and 2029) and six positions open to freshmen. We received names from over 60 interested students at Club Carnival. At the time of writing, the ballot has not been announced. The election results will be released at 5:00 PM on September 19th.

Summer Retreat & Move-in – We successfully coordinated early move-in for 20 SGA-affiliated students, held a successful retreat, and assisted with freshman move-in. This allowed us to make personal connections with incoming students. Returning students were also eager to help; we had no shortage of volunteers.

Diversity and Unity Coordinating Chair (DUCC) & Sustainability SGA Committees – Both chair spots have now been filled after being vacant last year. The senate has experienced significant turnover since these were last filled, but we are committed to re-establishing these initiatives effectively.

Advisory Board Reassembled – After a year of inactivity, I have gathered student leaders from across campus to convene monthly and discuss campus life improvements. The Honor Council, Off-Campus Student Association, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Inter Club Association, Campus Programming Board, and the Representative for Inclusion and Civic Engagement have all sent delegates. The Student Conduct Review Board and Residence Hall Association (now defunct) have not responded.

Year-Long Goals

December Grads – Hundreds of students in each graduating class finish their degrees after the fall semester. Many go on to opportunities outside of Virginia and are unable to return in May. By holding a ceremony for them and their families during the reading period (Saturday, Dec. 5 & Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026), we communicate that we value each graduate – not just those on the traditional four-year path.

Comprehensive, Student-Focused Calendar – A pre-existing calendar covers public UMW events (athletics, theater/arts, Gari Melchers Home), but student engagement would rise significantly with an accessible, visible calendar that also includes club, Class Council, James Farmer Multicultural Center (JFMC), and CPB events. I have already begun a dialogue with Amy Jessee to establish this with ASPIRE week as a tester.

Partnering with the Strategic Action Plan – SGA is adamant about providing student feedback for all strategic priorities and helping shape the future of Mary Wash. We are particularly enthusiastic about priorities three and four and look forward to collaborating on tangible outcomes for future Eagles.

Utilizing our Resources – Many campus resources go unused simply because students do not know they exist. Connecting students to these resources is a major priority this year, and we are working with relevant offices to improve visibility.

Expanding Dining Hours (S) – The 4th floor of the CRUC is currently open from 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM. This leaves students with 8:00 AM classes unable to eat before class and prevents

student-athletes from eating after morning practices. A very common request we receive is to open the dining hall at 7:00 AM.

Campus Food Desert (\$) – Students on the eastern side of campus (Westmoreland, Mason, Randolph, Bushnell, Jefferson, and the Apartments) have vehemently requested an additional dining option on their side of campus.

Consolidate Community – This ties into Priority 3 of the Strategic Action Plan. "Consolidate community" here means linking student-athletes with the rest of campus. We acknowledge that their student experiences differ significantly from those of non-athletes—irregular practice hours and team commitments can limit their engagement beyond athletics. To address this, we must provide incentives for the broader campus to attend athletic events and create intentional spaces for intermingling between groups.

Semester-Long Parking – We propose switching our current parking payment system to a semester-based model rather than one based on the month of purchase. This would give students more flexibility when studying abroad, graduating early, or transferring mid-year.

Paving Gravel Paths (\$) – The Baseball and Softball teams have requested that the gravel roads and paths on the Battlefield be paved, as the current surface is difficult or inaccessible for injured players.

Spring Event Planning – Students enjoy major game-day experiences, and fall sports teams have expressed interest in a spring event that captures similar energy without overlapping with reunion week. This would serve as a fun middle ground between a standard game day and a full homecoming, boosting campus spirit as the weather warms up.