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WSU Faculty Senate Advances Dean Searches and Academic Changes
Brendan Blankenship
October 22, 2021

Wright State University's (WSU) Faculty Senate discussed changes in the College of Liberal Arts (COLA) and other current academic plans during their meeting on Oct. 18.

COLA changes

The Senate is discussing transferring the Bachelor's Degree (BA) in Economics from the program in COLA entirely to the College of Business.

The search for a new COLA dean will begin once discussions for the reorganization are complete according to interim Provost Dr. Oliver Evans.

"We will wait on the search for the dean of that college [COLA] until the reorganization discussions have reached their conclusion," Evans said.

The COLA reorganization committee is set to conclude discussion Nov. 1, 2021.

Read more on COLA reorganization here: ['Staff and Faculty Discuss Reorganization Amidst Retrenchment.'](#)

Dean searches

The university is also searching for deans in the College of Health Education and Human Services (CHEHS) and the College of Science and Mathematics(COSM).

CHEHS is refining its candidate search while the search in COSM is still in the discussion process.

"I've had the opportunity to meet with [the search committee] and discuss the change to the committee. It has since been meeting, and is now reviewing candidates, and is very close to selecting candidates for WebEx interviews at this point," Evans said.

COVID campus guidelines

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The Senate also covered COVID-19 campus policies including overall compliance with mask mandates from students and faculty.

Faculty President Brian Boyd expressed that some areas of campus could include more mask messaging outside of the classroom.

“There were some questions and suggestions around some updated messaging not just in classrooms but more so in hallways and tunnels,” Boyd said.

Boyd did not specify what mask messaging would be put in the tunnels. He did recommend that hosts of large gatherings remind guests to wear masks when not actively eating or drinking anything at the start of an event.

Pres. Boyd’s reasoning for this updated mask messaging is due to students violating mask mandates in areas like the tunnels; students are overall complying despite these few violations.

According to Senator Dawn Wooley, self-reporting of COVID cases remains an issue at WSU. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) is currently addressing the issue.

The Faculty Senate will meet again on Nov. 15, 2021.

Weekly Horoscopes

Kaylee Raines

October 25, 2021

Are you feeling a lack of motivation or passion? Mars is in retrograde for the fall season of 2021 and can result in many challenges.

ARIES

Aries, your sign is ruled by Mars so this retrograde will be more intense for you. You might feel like feelings and frustrations are bottling up and that you are not able to be yourself right now. Don't let yourself explode, Aries. You must find an outlet for your anger or things could get ugly.

TAURUS

Taurus, Mars retrograde makes you feel tired and off. The vibes are not there right now, Taurus. Take things slow and give yourself the rest that you need at this time. Don't overbook yourself or take on too many responsibilities this autumn.

GEMINI

Gemini, you are finding yourself in the middle of many disagreements in your social life. You find that you are consistently involved in conflict with those around you. This retrograde is bringing these issues to light and forcing you to analyze and take responsibility for the role that you play in these situations. It is time to stop blaming others and look inside to find why you are consistently in these situations.

CANCER

Cancer, you are feeling impatient at this time. Your emotions are running rampant and you feel like nothing is within your control. It is time to take a step back, embrace a slower pace and have some patience. Things will happen with time; rushing during this retrograde will do nothing but ruin your efforts, Cancer.

LEO

Leo, you are experiencing a lack of inspiration with this retrograde. What is your purpose? What keeps you going? These questions are coming to the surface and making it difficult for you to continue on your journey. Please don't give up, Leo. Rather, work on finding the beauty and meaning in the mundane. Smell the roses, dance in the rain and do all the cliché activities necessary to get out of this rut.

VIRGO

Virgo, be weary of those who may become energy vampires during this time. When things get tough, Virgo, you are seen as an example by others around you. While it is good to help others, this retrograde is setting the stage for you to be taken advantage of and for others to release their negative energy and anxieties upon you. Make sure to set (and stick to) boundaries this autumn.

LIBRA

Libra, this retrograde will hit you hard because Mars is in opposition to your placements. You are all about balance, harmony and keeping the peace. Sadly, this retrograde will be bringing negative emotions and sentiments into the air and there will be an ominous energy following you. Make sure that you are taking alone time and protecting your heart from these negative emotions. Don't take things too seriously right now, Libra.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, you are overdoing it right now. You are stretching yourself too thin and balancing too many activities. This retrograde is forcing you to let go of activities and obligations that are no longer serving you. Ditch responsibilities that are more effort than reward, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, you are experiencing a lack of creativity or imagination. Usually, you are ready to drop everything for an adventure or fun project. However, this retrograde will make you feel uninspired and bored. You may even begin to feel sad and tired as well. Reconnect with your inner self and spend time alone during this retrograde, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN

Unfortunately, this retrograde is bringing up childhood trauma and personal issues for you. Capricorn, stop trying to distract yourself and run away from your feelings. You need to slow down, meditate and tackle your past. This retrograde is not going to let you hide anymore, Capricorn.

AQUARIUS

While you usually are full of thoughts and unique ideas, this retrograde is making you feel numb and blank. Your rampant mind is now frozen in time, Aquarius. You might become forgetful or lose things as you essentially disassociate during this retrograde. Please slow down, take a deep breath and take things slow. Focus on yourself by making lists and writing plans in a planner so you do not forget important obligations.

PISCES

Pisces, money is a big theme for you during this retrograde. Don't overindulge or spend too much at this time. It's not a good time for investments, gambling or impulsive shopping tricks. Pisces, it is crucial that you put down your wallet and avoid overspending or you will feel the effects this winter and spring.

Events on Campus Week of Oct. 25

Alexis Wisler

October 25, 2021

Here is a list of events happening on campus this week.

Monday, Oct. 25

1:30 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 044

2 p.m. | University Center for International Education Convo Club | UCIE Office

3 p.m. | Delta Zeta Study Night | Starbucks Area in Dunbar Library

4 p.m. | Psi Chi International Honor Society of Psychology Induction Ceremony | 158

6 p.m. | Abilities Study Group | Rike 033

6:30 p.m. | Black Student Union Trap Jeopardy | Oelman 112

6:30 p.m. | Chinese Club Halloween Event | Millett Hall 301

7 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club Wright State Raid | Millett 033

Tuesday, Oct. 26

11 a.m. | UAB Halloween Bash Tabling | The Hangar

12 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | Student Union Upper Atrium

12 p.m. | Equip4Life Free Care Packages | Student Union Market

12 p.m. | University Center for International Education Popcorn Tuesday | UCIE Office

6 p.m. | Black Student Union Get A Clue: Campus Edition | WSU

6:30 p.m. | Association of Women Surgeons Breast Reduction Talk | Online

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7 p.m. | H2O Church Night Life Group | Oelman 109

8 p.m. | Commuter Student Association Taco Tuesday | El Toro Mexican Restaurant

Wednesday, Oct. 27

11 a.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | Student Union Upper Atrium

11:15 a.m. | Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity Lunchtime Recital | Creative Arts Center

6 p.m. | Campus Recreation Hiking Campus Trails | Alumni Tower

7 p.m. | Black Student Union Open Mic Night | Student Union Atrium

7 p.m. | Women's Soccer VS. Northern Kentucky | Alumni Field

Thursday, Oct. 28

2 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 044

3:30 p.m. | University Center for International Education Convo Club | UCIE Office

5 p.m. | Psi Chi International Honor Society of Psychology Halloween Movies and Trivia |
Medical Sciences 129

6 p.m. | Women's Volleyball VS. UIC | McLin Gym

6 p.m. | Korean Club Halloween Celebration | Medical Sciences 125

6 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Connexion | Student Success Center 009

6:30 p.m. | Black Student Union Debate | Rike 020

7 p.m. | H2O Church Night Life Group | Allyn 124

Friday, Oct. 29

9 a.m. | Division of Student Affairs Trick or Treat Trail | Student Union

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3 p.m. | University Center for International Education Pumpkin Carving | UCIE Office

5:15 p.m. | Indian Student Association Flash Mob | Student Union Atrium

6 p.m. | Women's Volleyball VS. Milwaukee

7 p.m. | Halloween Social | Creative Arts Center

8 p.m. | Residential Community Association Movie Night: Black Widow | Oelman 109

Saturday, Oct. 30

10 a.m. | Black Student Union Feed the Streets | Rike 163

5 p.m. | Men's Soccer VS. Cleveland State | Alumni Field

6 p.m. | Halloween Bash Events | Student Union

Sunday, Oct. 31

8 a.m. | H2O Church Sunday Service | Student Success Center 009

1 p.m. | Phi Rho Sigma – Alpha Upsilon Chapter Trunk or Treat | St. Vincent de Paul Women's Shelter

2 p.m. | Women's Volleyball VS. Green Bay | McLin Gym

WSU Golf Wins Its Fourth Straight Tournament

Noah Kindig

October 25, 2021

This season has been nothing short of dominant for Wright State University (WSU) Golf, as they recently won their fourth straight tournament title to close out the fall season.

Overall season

The team's results so far this year in their four tournaments is second out of 15, first out of 13, first out of 12, first out of 15 and first out of nine. The team beat 59 teams and only lost to one.

The future looks good for the team's future matches and the Horizon League Championships in the spring.

"The team right now is just loaded with talent," Head Coach Conner Lash said. "The sky's the limit for these guys, they're that good."

No individual in team

While golf is normally seen as more of an individual sport, the team aspect is just as important as any other sport for Lash.

"When you have a team atmosphere, you're constantly pushing one another," Lash said. "If you constantly have those guys that push each other to be the best they can be and not let each other down, I think the team atmosphere is really where that comes into play."

This strategy seems to work for the team as they have won nearly all their tournaments.

"We just go out, do our thing, take care of business and tear it up at the end," Tyler Goecke, a junior on the team, said. "And more times than not, we come out on top."

At Ball State, their first win, the team was up by over 30 strokes in the final nine holes. They kept going strong, finishing out the tournament 38 strokes ahead where the second and fourth place teams were only separated by two.

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“We knew we weren’t going to lose, but our guys were trying to beat each other,” Lash said. “They have that kind of killer mentality where they’re never satisfied.”

Consistently good

Staying consistently strong is where WSU differs from other teams.

Their first few tournaments took place within eight days of one another, but their recent win at Georgia State showed that the team was still on fire after a break from tournament play.

“Any golfer anywhere can get hot for 18 or 36 holes, but for us to all do it week in and week out for three rounds is just spectacular,” Goecke said.

In the spring season for golf, WSU will be the clear favorites as the team still has more room to grow.

“They’re just starting to know how good they are,” Lash said. “I’m just really proud of them right now and I hope we can keep it going.”

WSU recognizes Transfer Students With Transfer Student Week

Katie Jones

October 26, 2021

Transfer students make up 33% of Wright State University's (WSU) student population, making National Transfer Student Week, during the week of Oct. 18, important for the WSU community.

WSU transfer student events

WSU hosted events for prospective and current students, faculty and staff throughout the week. A full list of events can be found [here](#).

Some of the highlights included the Transfer Fair, Transfer T-shirt Swap and Learn about Lingo & Processes event.

At the Transfer Fair, current and prospective students could meet with different colleges to learn about the undergraduate programs. They could also connect with resources and organizations as well as take a guided tour of campus.

Another popular event was the Transfer T-Shirt Swap, where students could bring a t-shirt from their previous institution and swap it for a free WSU one.

"During transfer week, it was a lot of fun turning in my (NSCC) t-shirt for a Wright State t-shirt. I am happy to see WSU recognize transfer students, and I am proud to be an alumni of WSU as I will be graduating for the second time with my Masters in Social Work in Spring 2022," student Rebekah Wyse said.

National transfer student week

According to Director for Articulation, Transfer and Institutional Partnerships, Hideo Tsuchida, sometimes students are hesitant to say they're transfer students.

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“You know some students have kind of a little bit of a stigma about a student transferring from a community college. And then sometimes people think that community colleges are not as rigorous as a four-year institution but today it’s a little bit different,” Tsuchida said.

One such event was the Learn about Lingo & Processes for faculty and staff hosted by the University Center for International Education.

To better support international transfer students, faculty and staff could attend to learn lingo, processes and how to advise international transfer and study abroad students.

“We want them to feel seen, that they are a part of the Wright State community and that they realize that they’re not alone in it,” Wright Path Program Manager Rachel Fulton said.

Men's Soccer Holds Former NCAA Champions Marshall to 0-1 Loss

Noah Kindig

October 26, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) Men's Soccer hit the road to face off against Marshall (MRSB), the toughest match the Raiders have faced in years.

It seemed like the Thundering Herd, the NCAA Champions last season and the currently ranked third in the country, would easily sweep past WSU and take an easy win for their fifth in a row.

As the clock started to wind down to the 90th minute and the game remained scoreless, the Herd began to panic. They found a goal in the 77th minute to carry themselves over the Raiders, but WSU made it difficult for them.

Staying in it

While MRSB dominated the shooting, taking 14 to WSU's five, the Raider defense almost always was able to deflect the ball or make the shot less dangerous for Goalkeeper Sebastian Jimenez.

But, even when the shots were more dangerous from the third-best team in the country, Jimenez held his own against the Herd.

So far, Jimenez has totaled 46 saves for the Raiders this season, keeping WSU in games against tough opponents.

The entire defense was excellent on WSU's side throughout the match, keeping the MRSB offense to only one goal in 90 minutes.

To keep that in perspective, four top-25 opponents the Herd faced earlier in the season allowed two or more goals against the Herd's offense, showing just how well WSU played.

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In every game that they have lost in HL play, they have never lost by more than one goal, always making sure the Raiders had a chance coming into the final few minutes.

The finisher

Freshman Augustin lusem was the hero of the night for MRSH, hitting a volley into the bottom right corner in the 78th minute for a 0-1 Herd lead.

The score was lusem's first career goal, and in his first varsity game, but looked professional as he found a run into space in the six-yard box. With a defender on his back, he redirected a cross into the back of the net.

"He's been exceptional with [The JV Team], and he's deserved the call-up," Chris Grassie, Head Coach for MRSH, said. "He just did so well, it looked like he'd been doing that this whole season."

WSU Opens On-Campus COVID Testing and Vaccination Center
Jamie Naylor
October 26, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) partnered with Premier Health to open a \$300,000 COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Center on campus.

Center details

The center, operated by WSU and staffed by Premier Health, provides on-site rapid COVID testing, vaccination and at-home testing kits.

According to Chris Taylor, Dean of Students, the at-home kits as well as the Pfizer vaccine doses are provided by the state of Ohio. Premier Health provides staff members and equipment while WSU employees provide administrative support.

Costing the University \$300,000 for the fall semester, the center is being paid for via Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds, according to Director of Communications Seth Bauguess.

Center staffing

Premier Health is providing the main staff for the center. Athletic trainers from Fidelity, a branch of Premier, conduct COVID testing and staff from Premier's Department of Community Health and Community Benefits conduct COVID vaccinations.

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“Premier Health let us know that they were talking to Wright State and they employed CompuNet and Fidelity to put together the testing and vaccination clinics,” Katrina St.Clair, Sales Operations Director for CompuNet Clinical Laboratories, said.

The technicians and vaccine support staff are all paid members of Premier Health.

There is no extra cost to WSU for testing services through Premier, however, Premier does charge the university a fee to conduct vaccination services, according to Roopsi Naragan, director of Premier’s Department of Community Health and Community Benefits.

Naragan did not provide how much this fee is. *The Wright State Guardian* reached out to the university and received no response in regards to this cost.

Future Plans

The center is currently in operation for the remainder of the fall semester. According to Bauguess, WSU and Premiere are working on plans to continue the program into the spring semester.

St.Clair added that discussions are planned for December and that Premier Health is excited to continue its relationship with WSU.

“We [Premier Health] are committed to continuing to partner with Wright State,” St.Clair said.

Surveillance testing program

The opening of the center correlates with the start of a new COVID surveillance testing program on campus. The testing program is required for those who are randomly selected. According to Dean Taylor, about three percent of WSU’s population is selected to undergo a COVID test each week.

The COVID Testing and Vaccination Center is located in 023 Student Union and is open Tuesday through Thursday by appointment for on-site testing and vaccination. The center accepts walk-ins for those picking up an at-home testing kit.

Film Review: "The Last Duel"

Ellee Rogers

October 27, 2021

The new film "The Last Duel" has an incredible story and impressive writers

Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, actors/writers first known for their creation and parts in "Good Will Hunting" are now bringing a new film to theaters with a historic and dramatic story.

The two actors have teamed up with Nicole Holofcener to adapt a true story to the screen. "The Last Duel" is something completely different from what audiences are used to when they consider a Matt Damon and Ben Affleck film.

Story Behind the Film

The film follows a true story from 14th century France. The piece is centered around the deadly duel between a knight, Jean de Carrouges, and a squire, Jacques Le Gris. The duel occurs because de Carrouges' wife was brave enough to speak up about Le Gris attacking her.

The film is quite complex, intense and profound for a story in that time period. "The Last Duel" is directed by Ridley Scott and released in theaters on Oct. 15. Ridley Scott is known for directing other powerful films, such as "The Martian," "Exodus: Gods and Kings," "Body of Lies," "Blade Runner," "G.I. Jane," "Black Hawk Down" and "Alien."

Impeccable Cast

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This movie not only has a powerful story at its center but an impressive cast as well. The cast for “The Last Duel” includes Matt Damon, Jodie Comer, Ben Affleck, Adam Driver, Caoimhe O’Malley, Clare Dunne and more.

This epic historical drama has a \$100 million budget, so expect a high-quality rendition of this story. The movie was filmed in south-western France and Ireland in order to capture the medieval and scenic setting for the film.

Reviews on the Film

Though the movie was just recently released, it is already receiving shining reviews from audiences and currently has an 85% on Rotten Tomatoes. It is praised for its accuracy and powerful character development. Many are categorizing the film as a “historic Me Too drama.”

This film could be the perfect watch for any history major or anyone interested in historical dramas. “The Last Duel” might be the perfect film to watch when there is an upcoming history paper on the line! The film runs for two hours and 32 minutes, the perfect time to enjoy some popcorn and any other tasty movie snacks.

NPHC Plots and Past Mistakes Lead to Open Discussions About Policy Change

Alexis Wisler

October 27, 2021

The tunnel painting for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was painted over in 2019, leading to open conversations about underrepresented groups on campus and policy change.

Tunnel painting

Student organizations have the opportunity to paint a square in the tunnel leading into the Student Union through the SOAR program, a Student Government Association (SGA) initiative, which started in 2016. According to SGA Speaker of the House of Representatives Dai'Shanae Moore, SOAR is still active but undergoing updates.

“The SOAR Program is a 5-tiered challenge program that is designed to help student organizations achieve their goals while also earning different rewards,” the [SOAR webpage](#) said.

In 2019, the painting for the Alpha Beta Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was painted over which caused sorrow for the chapter and led to discussions regarding policies for underrepresented student organizations.

According to Student Activities Program Director Gina Keucher, tunnel paintings for inactive organizations were painted over in 2019.

“What happened with that was student government came in and asked for a list of student organizations that hadn't been registered in two or three years and didn't tell anybody why, didn't tell anybody what they were going to do,” Keucher said.

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Tyler Willis, a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., says that although they are working to repaint the mural, the loss of the chapter's original painting isn't something that can be fixed.

"That was painted by our original charter members for our fraternity on campus," Willis said.

Willis met with Keucher to discuss the significance of removing the mural and asked for changes to be made at WSU to protect NPHC and other underrepresented organizations.

Policy change

Willis says the heartfelt conversations he had with Keucher and Student Union and Campus Recreation Director Eric Corbitt were stepping stones to creating change that would protect underrepresented groups on campus.

According to Keucher, the minimum number of members for active student organizations is six. After conversations with Willis, the policy changed to only require three members for underrepresented organizations such as NPHC fraternities and sororities.

Keucher recognized the significance of the chapter's mural being painted over.

"It was not ideal, definitely really hard for the organization. And really, it was one of those mistakes that was really a blunder. It's more than just an 'oops' because you can't fix that," Keucher said.

According to Keucher, registered and active student organizations have access to funding and a space on campus along with a tunnel painting through the SOAR program.

In addition to lowering required membership to three members, NPHC organizations also have two semesters after they fall under the three-member minimum in which they will remain registered and active to allow them to do intake and bring in new members.

Dreams for the future

Willis recognizes the work Keucher and Corbitt did to protect underrepresented organizations but wants the WSU community to know that more change is needed to ensure equity among all organizations.

"I'm not going to say there's been no progress made, obviously the [NPHC] plots are a huge step forward, but there's always work that needs to be done," Willis said.

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Following the opening of the NPHC plots, Willis wants WSU to focus on policy change to serve and protect organizations like NPHC.

“I think the focus going forward really should be on policy. I’m talking about resources. I’m talking about funding. I’m talking about institutional support,” Willis said.

Willis wants the community to know that positive change is possible at WSU through open conversations.

Women’s Soccer Keeps Playoff Hopes Alive, Beats UIC 2-1

Noah Kindig

October 27, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) Women’s Soccer’s kept their playoff hopes alive during their game against the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC).

Head Coach Travis Sobers was able to rally his players during the break, as the Raiders found the back of the net twice against the Flames.

The team needs a sixth-place finish in order to qualify for the HL tournament and currently sits in seventh, with one game left to play.

Their final game is against third-place Northern Kentucky (NKU) Norse at home and is a must-win in order for the Raiders to have a chance to move on.

Staying alive

The Flames put pressure on the Raiders from the start, outshooting them in the first half 8-2. Erin Baker was able to stop every shot that came her way, until UIC’s Megan Bowman earned a penalty kick with 17 seconds left to play in the half.

Bowman found the back of the net, giving UIC a 1-0 lead entering the second half, and forcing the Raiders to score at least two to win the game.

WSU fought back with force from the whistle, dominating shooting in the half 14-4, with Baker not having to make a single save.

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Brittney Petrosky equalized the game in the 66th minute, and as the game clock counted up to the 90th minute, it looked like the game would be decided in overtime.

But, Michelle Rings had other ideas, saving WSU's season in the 89th minute, stunning UIC and bringing the crowd to life in Alumni Field.

What do they need?

In order to move on to the HL tournament, the Raiders first need a win against the NKU Norse, but also need a few other games with the correct result.

Four teams will battle for the fifth and sixth place spot, as IPFW, Cleveland State, IUPUI, and WSU will battle with one game left in the season a piece.

IPFW and Cleveland State currently sit in fifth and sixth, respectfully, and will play each other in the final game.

For their part, the IUPUI Jaguars will play the UIC Flames, and will most likely take a win off of the Flames similar to the Raiders.

With the first tiebreaker being head-to-head performance, WSU beat IUPUI, and Cleveland State earlier in the year, but lost to IPFW.

In the current league standings, IPFW has 14 points, Cleveland State has 13, and both WSU and IUPUI have 11.

Because of this, after WSU beats NKU, Cleveland State either needs to tie or lose against IPFW for WSU to secure a playoff spot.

SGA Cancels Next Week's Meeting, Encourages Students to Vote

Alexis Wisler

October 27, 2021

Student Government Association (SGA) met on Tuesday, Oct. 26 to discuss upcoming events, opportunities for students and election day next week.

Latino Day

Latino Day is this Friday, Oct. 29. According to Latino Center Intercultural Specialist Fermin Recarte, Latino high school students will be coming to campus to learn about college.

"The important thing about this is that some of these students never even dreamed to be part of a university and if you see them on campus come over and talk to them," Recarte said.

RA Selection

Woods Community Director Heath Marker provided information on how students can become an RA.

Students interested in becoming an RA can apply by Dec. 10. Students need two references on their applications which can be anyone in the WSU community. Those who become RAs must take SAA 4100, a seven-week course in the spring. Registration for the course ends on Jan. 9

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“RA’s are really beneficial to student success, especially those within our residential community. Making sure that student’s academics, their health, and all of that is taken care of and our students are getting what they need,” Marker said.

Students can get more information and apply here:

<https://www.wright.edu/residence-life-and-housing/resident-assistant>

Athletics survey

The last day for students to take the athletic survey was Friday, Oct. 22. According to SGA President Jonathan Ciero, 19% of the student population responded to the email.

Election Day

Election day is next Tuesday, Nov. 2. There will be no SGA meeting next week in observation of election day.

Cicero encourages students to go out and vote.

“Your voice is important no matter how small you might think it is,” Ciero said.

Dayton's Not Dead: Enchanted Candle Apothecary
Kaylee Raines
October 28, 2021

The Enchanted Candle Apothecary (ECA) offers custom tea blends, metaphysical products and spiritual guidance.

Products and services

Founded in 2019, ECA provides a safe space for curious people looking to enhance their spiritual knowledge. ECA sells crystals, tarot cards, custom teas and more.

Owner Misha K. comes from a long line of hereditary green witches and possesses immense knowledge of herbs. Growing up with this firsthand knowledge has assisted in her ability to help customers find products and blends directed at their specific spiritual needs.

Misha is open about not being a medical expert and solely seeks to educate people on the spiritual benefits of herbs.

“We have a couple different groups of people that visit the store: those that come primarily for tea, others who come for herbs for culinary or spiritual purposes, curious people that are interested in what the store offers and others who are members of the spiritual community,” Misha said.

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In addition, tarot readings and spiritual classes are coming in the near future. Updates on these services can be found on their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Customers weigh in

Wright State University (WSU) Lake Campus student Katie Trout is interested in paranormal investigation and visited ECA to learn more about witchcraft and spirituality.

“I got some items that will help me with protection and manifesting a happier lifestyle, like coffin nails and graveyard dirt,” Trout said.

Dayton residents Paula A. Rodeffer-Hoff and Nicole Marie Potts enjoy visiting ECA. Both Rodeffer-Hoff and Potts enjoy talking with Misha and the calming, positive vibes of the store.

Potts learned about ECA from her teenage daughter. Her family visits a few times a month and they like the selection of herbal blends and crystals.

“Visiting the shop has helped me open my mind and find helpful natural ways to address my many health issues,” Potts said.

Rodeffer-Hoff discovered ECE after visiting on a curious whim after driving by several times. The helpful and welcoming energy is what continues to draw her in as a patron of the shop.

“It’s so warm and inviting. It has an old-world charm that makes it seem like it’s been there for hundreds of years,” Rodeffer-Hoff said.

Students interested in visiting the shop are encouraged to visit the ECA Facebook page; closures and general announcements are posted there as well.

Local Organizations Offer Creative Outlets for Lake Students

Kristina Shue

October 28, 2021

In the absence of art courses at the Lake Campus, local organizations offer an opportunity for creative involvement to students.

ArtsPlace offers various courses and mediums

The Mercer/Auglaize ArtsPlace campus, located on East Spring Street in downtown St. Marys, offers one-time and month-long classes in a variety of artistic endeavors, as well as housing art exhibits and offering art items for sale.

The Mercer/Auglaize ArtsPlace opened in 2005 and is currently under the direction of Erin Weirrick, who oversees the center, marketing, exhibits, coordinates teachers and currently teaches needle felting.

Fall semester classes going on now include watercolors, needle felting, pen and wash, polymer clay, acrylic painting resin jewelry, and crochet. Classes are taught by local and nationally recognized artists.

Acrylic painting instruction has been done by well-respected artist Debby Gregory; watercolor painting has been taught by nationally recognized artist Pat Rayman.

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According to Weirrick, classes range in price from \$20 to \$75.

“I really want to keep the classes affordable because I think that arts education and access to the arts is really, really important and I want to make that as widespread and as available as possible for people in the community,” Weirrick said.

ArtsPlace is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and by appointment on Tuesday. According to Weirrick, demographics tend toward the older retired population who do not have schedule conflicts.

“The only reason we’re not open on weekends is because we don’t have the volunteer help. We have tons of volunteer opportunities available, whether it’s helping hang art, whether it’s helping with a class, handing out candy for special events or things like that. We would totally take volunteers and possibly internship opportunities,” Weirrick said.

Upcoming one-time classes this fall include alcohol ink coasters on Nov. 11, polymer clay creature creator on Nov. 18, needle felt ornaments on Nov. 19, and a variety of holiday crafts in December. Many of these classes are limited to 10 participants and require pre-registration.

In addition to holiday crafts, ArtsPlace sells art created by local and exhibiting artists, offering many unique holiday gift options. A holiday open house will be held in December.

More information about how to sign up for classes can be found on their website www.artsland.org and on their Facebook page, “Arts Place.”

Community band open to all local musicians

The St. Marys Area Community Band is under the direction of Dane Newlove, who retired from his position of 27 years as the St Marys Memorial High School band director. Newlove established the community band in the summer of 2013.

The band is open to anyone in the area of all ages and skill levels.

“Our normal season we only perform in the summer. Usually, it’s three times, this year we only did two. Usually in the park at St. Marys,” Newlove said.

The Community Band season normally starts at the end of April and runs through the summer, ending in August. There are no fees involved in participating, outside of purchasing a band polo shirt to wear for performances.

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This year, for the first time, the Community Band will be performing a Christmas concert on Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the commons at St. Marys Memorial High School.

“We’re going to use the concert sort of as a fundraiser for the theatre project here in St. Marys,” Newlove said.

The band is currently made of about 50 members and is accepting new members on any instrument, but is especially looking for musicians on trumpet and French horn.

To get involved or to get more information on upcoming concerts, follow the community band on Facebook at “St. Marys OH Community Band.”

Students receptiveness to arts involvement

Many students are unaware of the local organizations that offer arts involvement and their busy schedules pose an obstacle to participation.

Middle school education major Brooklyn Fiely, business supply chain major Abby Bruns, and nursing major Britney Klenke said that they had not previously heard of ArtsPlace or the Community Band, but that their college academic life takes precedence.

“I need to get through college first before I have time for hobbies,” joked Bruns.

Experiencing Burnout? You Are Not Alone

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As Fall 2021 midterms finally come to a close, many students are experiencing the dreaded feelings of academic burnout.

Dr. Sarah Peters, staff therapist at Counseling and Wellness Services (CWS), defines burnout as feeling like one is unable to make themselves care about something even though they know it is important.

“Out of the Gen Z adults who said they are in college, 87% said their education was a significant source of stress, and stress is often linked to burnout,” according to [The Hechinger Report](#).

WSU students are no exception to this trend.

Student experience

Alex Bunsold, a sophomore motion pictures major, has experienced burnout in both his high school days and at WSU.

“I would also compare it to being like a more exaggerated version of being bored,” Bunsold said.

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A common symptom of burnout is decreased satisfaction and sense of accomplishment as Bunsold describes. Bunsold also included that the environment of the pandemic as being a major contributing factor to his burnout.

Abigail Bond is a TESOL and International Studies double major that has also experienced academic burnout during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“My symptoms are that I lose motivation and always want to sleep instead of going to school or work,” Bond said.

Loss of motivation is a common symptom of burnout that Bond and many other students experience.

Midterms and finals season is often the most stressful time of year for college students, resulting in some of the highest rates of burnout.

“I think burnout is the worst half-way through [the semester] because you don’t see the end in sight yet, but the excitement from the new semester has also vanished,” Bond said.

Burn out can make students act differently towards others than they normally would.

“They may have a hard time feeling empathy for others and be more irritable than usual. In the context of academics specifically, we might see behaviors such as not completing assignments, turning in lower-quality work than you typically would, skipping class, etc.,” Dr. Peters said.

There are multiple ways to help minimize the symptoms of burnout.

Counseling and Wellness office

As a staff member of CWS, Dr. Peters recommends students try journaling, using a mood tracker app and talking with friends about how they are feeling.

CWS offers individual and group therapy, life coaching, helpful videos on various mental health topics and more to help students through burn out.

Raider Cares is a 24-hour crisis phone service staffed by off-site mental health professionals. Students are welcomed and encouraged to call at 937-775-4567.

Students can find more information about the CWS office at <http://www.wright.edu/cws>.

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“Remember that you are not alone, and asking for help is a sign of strength and determination,” Dr. Peters said.

Wright Through My Eyes: JeDawn Wilson
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Wright State University (WSU) student JeDawn Wilson strives to be culturally engaged on campus and is inspired by creative expression.

Campus involvement & cultural interests

Wilson grew up in the Dayton area and chose to attend WSU because of its convenient location and illustrious film program. Despite staying near home, she credits her campus involvement for promoting her college experience.

She is involved with many clubs at WSU including Advocates for Cultural Diversity and Excellence (ACE), Chinese Club, Spanish Club, Astronomy Club, Asian Students Association (ASA) and The CJ McGlin Scholars Association. She is also the Treasurer of the Korean Club.

Her passion for learning new languages, foods and traditions also shows in the organizations that she joins. In addition, she is gaining leadership experience through her participation as Treasurer for Korean Club and through advocacy work she does in ACE.

“When joining a club it’s important to me to make sure I choose a club that feels welcoming and is willing to accept people from different cultural backgrounds, and also that I can make long-lasting friendships,” Wilson said.

Inspired by creativity

As a film student, Wilson is inspired when she escapes into the fictional world of movies.

“My favorite genres are science fiction and fantasy because they take you out of our reality and they also place you in unlikely scenarios. Science fiction combines a bit of reality with fiction and usually seem to be scenarios that could happen, and fantasy brings you into a world of mythical creatures. It’s like your dream world has come to life,” Wilson said.

Wilson also cites writing as being a lifelong passion that began at a young age and continues as she pursues her degree. This drive for innovation and imaginative activities prompted Wilson to major in film at WSU so that she can become a screenwriter upon graduation.

“I originally started writing in the third grade. I remember when I was younger I used to write everywhere I went or type stories on an app named Jotterpad. When I was in middle school I would collaborate with a friend and we’d always come up with the most thrilling stories,” Wilson said.

Using her creative skills and passion for film, Wilson is curating a Korean Film activity for the Korean Club and assisting with a podcast for ACE.

Wilson’s artistic tendencies and innovative perspective sets her apart from other student leaders and makes a profound difference in student involvement at WSU.



Book Club: Importance and How to Join
Erika Jones
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Wright State University's (WSU) Book Club will meet virtually on Nov. 16 to discuss the novel "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

What is Book Club

Mandy Shannon, an interim associate for the library, believes that the Book Club is a great place where people meet. Shannon also thinks that book clubs are where people can make friends that enjoy books as much as the next person.

The Book Club has been going on and off at WSU for several years and is sponsored by Friends of the Libraries, WSU Alumni Association and WSU Retirees Association. The club has been operating virtually since the start of the pandemic.

"It's a really rewarding experience to have this conversation and community around a shared book," Shannon said.

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The picks for Book Club usually range from nonfiction, creative nonfiction and fiction which are chosen the previous spring. There will be an upcoming announcement for the May 10, 2022, Dayton Literary Peace Prize for Fiction book pick.

“Being in a book club showcases books a reader might not normally read or come across,”

Dr. Sarah Twill, a sociology professor, said.

Participating is easy

Anybody with an interest in reading and discussing books can join the Book Club. For this upcoming club meeting, registration is not required but recommended for anybody that wants to participate. There is no limit on how many people can join.

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the book during the hour and a half time limit. Shannon says that sometimes people will join the club meeting without having read the book just so they can get a feel of what to expect.

“Reading helps expose people to a world, culture, or situation they might never encounter in real life,” Twill said. “[I love] hearing from another reader who sees a novel very differently than I do.”

The ideal number of participants in book discussions is between eight and 12 so that everyone has a chance to share their opinion during the limited amount of time for the meeting, according to Dr. Donna Curry, a retired Nursing Professor and an associate running the book club.

What is the next Book Club pick?

For November’s pick, the creative nonfiction of WWII during the Blitz in London from the journals of Winston Churchill and other resources will be the entertainment of the night. Its title and author being “The Splendid and the Vile” by Erik Larson.

Curry states that the book itself is nonfiction but written like it is a novel. Something that Larson has done extensive research to make the book possible.

It is also not the first book that Larson has written. He has done several nonfiction books throughout the years and this one is his newest addition to the growing list.

Areas of Raider Country Still Seeing High COVID Transmission Rates
Brendan Blankenship
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Counties surrounding Wright State University's (WSU) Dayton and Lake campuses remain at high levels of transmission for COVID-19 despite daily cases decreasing.

Cases and vaccination rates

Dayton campus

According to The Ohio Department of Health's COVID Dashboard, Greene County, the county in which the Dayton Campus resides, has 4,986 cases. Clark, Montgomery and Warren Counties, or Raider Country, have 4,288, 14,849 and 5,759 cases respectively.

According to The Center for Disease Control (CDC), Greene County has a vaccination rate of 66% among the eligible population. Montgomery and Warren Counties both have rates below 60%. The CDC defines someone who is fully vaccinated as someone who is two weeks after their final dose.

Lake campus

The Department's COVID Dashboard states that Mercer County, the county that Lake Campus is in, has had a total of 932 cases since Aug. 23, 2021. The surrounding counties, Van Wert and Auglaize, have 869 and 1,288 cases respectively.

41.4% of the eligible Mercer County population is vaccinated according to the CDC. Van Wert and Auglaize Counties have similarly low vaccination rates at 44.9% and 41.7% respectively.

The counties surrounding the Lake Campus have fewer cases despite lower vaccination rates due to the differences in population sizes among the surrounding counties.

WSU's policy's

Dr. Timothy Crawford, Assistant Professor in the Department of Population and Public Health Sciences and Department of Family Medicine, said that wearing a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status will help reduce the spread of COVID.

"In the surrounding counties, we are still seeing low vaccination rates and high community transmission," Dr. Crawford said.

This is in line with what the CDC recommends about wearing a mask in areas of high transmission.

WSU reinstated its mask mandate on Aug. 5, 2021 in response to the CDC recommending that all individuals wear a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status.

"The university's decision to revise its campus mask policy is based on the latest guidance from the [CDC] and our state and local health partners," according to a campus-wide email.

The university is also conducting randomized testing of students, faculty and staff according to a recent campus communication.