

WKU Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:00 pm on December 1st via Zoom by Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson.

Present

24 Senators were present when the Senate was called to order.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Officer Reports

President Garrett Edmonds:

- Fill out the officer evaluation survey.
- Keep writing legislation through the break.

Executive Vice President Abbey Norvell:

- Will be attending a University Life Committee meeting, encouraged senators to send their concerns.

Administrative Vice President Issac Keller:

Chief of Staff Matt Barr:

- Over winter break, t-shirt designs should be finished and shirts should be ordered.
- Computers were installed in the office the week before Thanksgiving break.
- New signs are supposed to come into the office this week, and the area behind the front desk should be repaired and repainted over the break.
- New stainless steel dispensers for the Go With the Flow initiative will be installed in five academic buildings on campus, should cost around \$2,500.

Public Relations Ashlynn Evans:

- Currently working on making a PDF graphic.
- Working with Outreach Committee on making a graphic advising students to reach out if they have an issue with something on campus.
- Masks and hand sanitizer have been delivered to the office, will be distributed after the break.
- Continuing to work on making buttons.
- Encouraged senators to work with PR at tabling events.

DAC Kody Okert:

- All the scholarships were graded, recipient list should be approved by Thursday afternoon.

Director of IT Paul Brosky:

Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson:

- Would like to see more guest speakers next semester.
- Encouraged senators to continue working on legislation over the break.

Secretary of the Senate Jamison Moorehead:

- Continue sending excuses to Erika if you cannot attend a meeting.

Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Head Tess Welch:

- Encouraged senators to reach out to faculty members about PDF.
- Faculty praised SGA for the initiative shown in order to make PDF a reality.
- Focusing on getting advisors to be included on end-of-course evaluations.

Campus Improvements Committee Head Eric Berry:

LRC Committee Head Dawson McCoun:

- Working on getting bylaw committees finalized by next semester, reach out to Shelby if interested on serving on these committees.
- Members from all three branches will begin going over different inconsistencies in the constitution and bylaws.

Public Relations Committee Head Destinee Daughtery:

- Received a new tablecloth for tabling.
- Working on new tabling times with committee to ensure they work for next semester.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Head Fatin Yaro:

- Wants to make sure committee coincides with other DEI committees on campus.
- Provided roles within the committee, a legislation group, a social media group, and an outreach group.
- Discussed new scholarships that can be proposed in the spring.

Sustainability Committee Head Matthew Winiger:

- Considering looking into starting a clothing drive for students on campus.
- Wants each committee member to contribute two ideas over the break.

SAVES Committee Head Kat Howard:

Special Reports

University Committee Reports:

- Continuing to move forward in Provost Search Committee, email Garrett with ideas for who senators would like to see in that role.

Judicial Council Reports:

- If you have missed a meeting in the past two weeks or tonight, expect an absence request email.

Guest/Student Speakers:

Unfinished Business

- Bill 5-20-F Drive safe Hilltopper
 - Wants to use SGA's social media to publish safe driving tips and general on-campus driving guidelines.
 - Wants to work with PR to make graphics to promote safe driving.
 - In the future, would like to update signage with the new logo.
 - Senator Welch asked if this was a current initiative.
 - The resolution would start the Drive Safe Hilltoppers campaign.

- Senator Daugherty spoke in favor of the PR aspect of this resolution.
 - **Resolution passes unanimously.**
- Bill 6-20-F Org. Aid
 - Honors Toppers would like more aid for updated apparel and stationary.
 - College Republicans needs a new banner, branded face masks, and a canopy which can be used by all political science organizations.
 - Zeta Phi Beta needs aid for a recruitment video and to reimburse two scholarships.
 - Sociology and Criminology Club needs aid for fundraising and recruitment.
 - Senator Phillips spoke in favor saying the allocation decisions were all made consciously within the committee.
 - **Bill passes.**

New Business

Announcements

- Chief Justice Puhakka will be emailing absent senators about excuse requests.
- Wants to work to create COVID guidelines so in-person meetings may be a possibility.
- A COVID survey was sent out by the university, and student suggestions are very important in order to adapt the Healthy on the Hill initiative.
- Senator Brosky and IT Director Brosky will both be graduating this semester.
- Senator Craighead asked senators to reach out to her about serving on the ad hoc committee.
- It is Senator Maul and Big Red's birthday!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm by Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson.