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WKU SGA Senate Meeting

January 26, 2021

I. Called to Order at 5:00pm

II. Roll call




Secretary conducted roll call. 32 Senators were present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Executive Cabinet Reports


- **President Garrett Edmonds:**
 - Looking to create committees to review the SGA Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution are the rules regarding the entire SGA body, including the Executive Council and Judicial Council, and Bylaws govern the legislative body. Looking to make certain processes easier to accomplish as needed (i.e., impeachment of officers).
 - Also has been working alongside the administration to reduce fees for students at WKU.
- **Executive Vice President Abbey Norvell**
 - Has been working on the Student COVID Taskforce to ensure the successful completion of the semester and any preparation needed for Fall 2021.
- **Administrative Vice President Isaac Keller**
 - Spoke with Caboni and has heard that with the new COVID relief act, there is a possibility that Higher Ed Institutions will be able to offer stimulus packages to students, so keep your eye out for an email from WKU.
 - The SGA body has spent about 1/3 of the budget with less than half of the year to go. Please continue to advertise our signature services such as scholarships, Organizational Aid, and begin legislation to spend discretionary money.




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- **Chief of Staff Matt Barr**
 - T-Shirt designs are in! Will be placing the order this week.
- **Public Relations Ashlynn Evans**
 - Social Media posts will be out for our spring semester scholarships soon, there is also a LinkTree in the IG and Twitter bio for our Senator Applications.
 - Please let her know when you would like to table this semester so she can gather PR supplies.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs Kody Okert**
 - Earn-A-Computer program is due February 5th
 - Summer Scholarships will be live January 29th and due on February 25th At this time, we are offering a Study Abroad Scholarship, but do realize that students may not be allowed to participate due to the global pandemic.
- **Director of IT Service Jamison Moorehead**
 - Will be updating the website throughout the week!
- **Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson**
 - Nominated Brenna Mathews to serve as the new Secretary of the Senate. Brenna has served in this role beforehand and is committed to ensuring that our legislative body is organized. Unanimously passed.
 - Ask for more student speakers and organizations! Will be working with the Outreach Committee to create a google form for requests.
- **Secretary of the Senate Brenna Mathews**
 - Come to meetings either in person or via Zoom!

V. Committee Reports

- **Academic and Student Affairs Tess Welch**



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- Pushing to include Advisor Evaluations alongside Course Evaluations.
 - Will continue to do walk-throughs of campus for safety and accessibility measure through February.
 - **Campus Improvements Eric Barry**
 - An All-Student email with a survey regarding campus safety and accessibility will be released sometime this semester.
 - **Legislative Research Committee Dawson McCoun**
 - The WKU SGA website has a template to use for writing bills and legislation. Utilize this resource as well as Dawson for any help with formatting!
 - Let's spend some money!
 - **Public Relations Destinee Daughtery**
 - Please grab a mask and hand sanitizer!
 - Send Destinee any kind of accomplishments or cool things throughout the semester to post on our social media.
 - Tabling Thursday at 3pm.
 - **Diversity and Inclusion Fatim Yaro**
 - Planning events for Black History Month. Working on a bill to pass through for funding the event.
 - **Sustainability Matthew Winger**
 - Meetings Thursdays at 4:45 to discuss ideas for legislation this semester.
 - **SAVES Committee Kat Howard**
 - Finding out a meeting time.
 - **Outreach Me'Lon Craighead**
 - Working on a form for guest and student speakers!
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VI. University Committee Reports

VII. Judicial Council Report

VIII. Guest and Student Speakers

IX. New Business


- Bill 1-21-S: Funding for the Intercultural Student Engagement Center Black Magic Masquerade Ball
- Bill 2-21-S: Funding for the College of Health and Human Services' Diversity Equity and Inclusion Student Group.
 - Motion made by Senator Kyle Phillips to move Bill 2-21-S to old business to expedite funding. Second by Senator Roderick Maul.




X. Old Business

- Bill 2-21-S: Funding for the College of Health and Human Services' Diversity Equity and Inclusion Student Group.
 - Senator Maul spoke in favor of the bill as author. The CHHS DEI group is looking for funding for polos to wear as they visit local schools to encourage minority students to attend a higher education institution and be part of the College of Health and Human Services. This groups speaks to students from elementary, middle, and high schools. They are looking to fund polos for current members, as well as future members. Currently have 6 members in the group.
 - Senator Tess Welch asked why the funding was coming from Legislative Discretionary rather than Organizational Aid. Senator Maul explained that this group is not a Registered Student Organization and therefore ineligible for Org Aid funding.
 - Senator Welch asked to friendly amend the bill from \$300 to \$500. Second by Senator Me'Lon Craighead. Senator Maul accepted as friendly.

Discussion of Bill 2-21-S concluded. Passed in a 30-0-0 vote by the Senate.

XI. Announcements



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- Stay updated for information about the meeting next week – we may be switching rooms, or returning to Zoom, based on DSU availability. Any time we are meeting in-person, please wear masks and practice physical distancing – if you feel uncomfortable meeting in person or need to quarantine please join us via Zoom.
- Send excuses from meetings directly to Justice Erika Puhaka.
- President Edmonds wants everyone to know that he is available to answer any questions and really encourages Senators to begin writing legislation and start spending money.

XII. Adjournment

Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Brenna Mathews.

