

WKU SGA Senate Meeting

February 9, 2021

I. Called to Order at 5:03pm due to changing DSU rooms to fit everyone.

II. Roll call


Secretary conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: 29.




III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

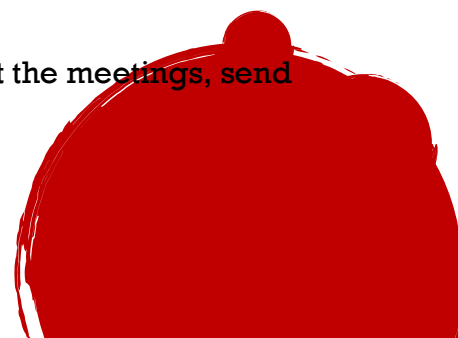
Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Executive Cabinet Reports

- President Garrett Edmonds
 - Inclement weather is supposed to coming to Bowling Green. Please be safe, and check WKU Announcements throughout the week.
 - We have 12 responses to the Executive Evaluations, please continue to fill them out!
 - Took Coming Home King nominations. Garrett Edmonds was the sole nominee, and we will represent SGA in the Coming Home King Court. Go Garrett!
 - Looking to fill our last Senator vacancy by next meeting.
 - Elections for the Spring will take place the last week of March and first week of April. Think about running for and Executive position! Ask Garrett if you have any questions.
- Executive Vice President Abbey Norvell
 - Will be filming for the DiscoverFest so SGA can participate!
 - WKU has reported that they are on track for their enrollment goal for Fall 2021.
- Administrative Vice President Isaac Keller
 - Looking to send out a mass email to RSOs about Organizational Aid so we can spend our money!






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- Taking interest for the end of year banquet! Many seem interested so it looks like we will be able to make it happen after elections to swear in our new officers.
 - **Chief of Staff Matt Barr**
 - Ask Matt about his role as Chief of Staff if you're interested in this position!
 - At the end of year banquet, SGA awards members for many different recognitions, please read over these awards and think about some nominations!
 - **Public Relations Ashlynn Evans**
 - Her phone number is 270-313-5397 – send her ideas about our social media!
 - Ashlynn and Destinee were sent some really great ideas about our social media, she took more during the meeting! PR is a group effort, so be sure to share graphics that are made and reach out with more ideas. Great job Ashlynn!
 - **Director of Academic and Student Affairs Kody Okert**
 - Deadline for all scholarships is March 1st! Encourage people to apply, we have about \$14,000 to disperse to students!
 - **Director of IT Service Jamison Moorehead**
 - Fill out the evaluation form for any changes you wish to see on the SGA website!
 - **Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson**
 - Agendas are looking great! Thanks so much for writing legislation!
 - Be sure to send bills to Shelby and LRC by Sunday 11:59pm.
 - **Secretary of the Senate Brenna Mathews**
 - Stay warm! Come to meetings!
 - If you have any materials you want on the projector throughout the meetings, send them over so I can add them to the PowerPoint!
 - Brenna.mathews889@topper.wku.edu
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V. Committee Reports

- **Academic and Student Affairs Tess Welch**
 - The accessibility report has been placed on SGA letterhead and dispersed to administration.
 - Has made contact with the University ADA officer, still trying to contact the head of SARC (Student Accessibility Resource Center).
 - Scholarship grading! Will be writing legislation to fund some pizza for the grading event, please come and help out!
 - Advisor Evaluations will likely not happen before the end of the semester. SGA will pass a resolution which will be taken to Faculty Senate and then hopefully passed over to administration for future semesters.
- **Campus Improvements Eric Barry**
 - Panel is coming up on February 18th! Send any questions you would like for administration answer to Eric beforehand. This is in DSU Auditorium from 7-9, there will be plenty of room for people to come and be socially distant, so be sure to attend!
 - The safety survey has about 711 responses so far, will possibly close at the end of the week to get responses together and disperse to administration.
- **Legislative Research Committee Dawson McCoun**
 - Bills to Shelby and Dawson by Sunday 11:59 – earlier if you would like them to help with formatting!
- **Public Relations Destinee Daughtery**
 - Keep an eye out for PR Committee members to be taking photos during our meetings and events!
 - Looking into a mass photo album for everyone to contribute photos for our social media.

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- Looking into getting headshots for all SGA members to use. Also, for name tags, so let Destinee know if you have any preferred name you would like!
- Destinee.daughtery368@topper.wku.edu
- Diversity and Inclusion Fatim Yaro
 - The Black History Month event will now take place February 25th. Look out for legislation to help fund this event in the coming weeks.
 - @WKUSGADEI – follow them and help them reach more students!
- Sustainability Matthew Winger
 - Bills and resolutions on the floor for first read tonight!
 - Meets Thursdays at 4:45pm.
- SAVES Committee Kat Howard
 - Working on getting the ZOOM Room spaces for students to hold meetings with the counseling center.
- Outreach Me'Lon Craighead
 - Bill on the floor tonight.
 - Working alongside SAVES for the ZOOM Rooms, will likely need to make the DSU Reservation in SGA's name in order to keep students' privacy.
 - Join this committee!

VI. University Committee Reports

- Student Travel Committee – Dawson will represent SGA's input on this committee.
- The head of Student Conduct is looking to create a DEI Student Committee with many RSOs. Not much has been planned so far, but let Garrett know if you're interested!

VII. Judicial Council Report

- Constitution meeting after SGA. Zoom option available!

- ZOOM link was sent out during the meeting, it will be a recurring ZOOM meeting so that will be the link for future meetings.

VIII. Guest and Student Speakers

- Dr. Ethan Logan, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Experience kicked off this meeting! Dr. Logan spoke about his responsibilities as we continue to navigate through COVID-19 and Healthy on the Hill precautions. Noted that with our contact tracing from last semester, there were no situations where a student had gone to class while feeling ill – great job Hilltoppers!


IX. New Business




- Bill 5-21-S: Funding for the International Student Book Scholarship.
- Bill 6-21-S: Funding for SGA Outreach Committee Concerns Form Lamination.
 - Motion made by Senator Me’Lon Craighead to move Bill 6-21-S to old business in order to expediate the process and get the forms out as soon as possible. Second by Senator Destinee Daughtery.
- Resolution 2-21-S: To Support the “Bottom of the Hill Greenspace Revitalization” Initiative

X. Old Business

- Bill 4-21-S: Funding for the “Drive safely Hilltoppers” Sign Initiative.
 - Senator Matthew Thomas spoke in favor of the bill as the author.
 - The graphic for the sign was included in tonight’s PowerPoint. The sign will reflect SGA’s funding and initiative for the project. Senator Matthew Thomas explained that the bill had been amended to reflect that the Executive Cabinet would be giving \$500 so the Legislative Branch only needed to give \$500.
 - WKU PTS has agreed to place the signs at no cost! We will be using the back of each parking lot post so students and faculty can see the sign at any exit of campus’s major parking lots. (PS1, PS2, Creason, University Blvd, etc.). This will reduce clutter and cost for these signs.

- Senator Me'Lon Craighead spoke in favor of Bill 4-21-S.
- Senator Tess Welch spoke in favor of Bill 4-21-S.
- Moved into voting. Passed unanimously.
- Congratulations Senator Matthew Thomas!
- Bill 6-21-S: Funding for SGA Outreach Committee Concerns Form Lamination.
 - Senator Me'Lon Craighead spoke in favor of the bill as the author.
 - Senator Tess Welch asked of any specific plan of where the forms would be posted. Senator Me'Lon Craighead responded that the forms will initially be placed in academic buildings, and possibly residence halls.
 - Senator Troy Davis spoke in favor of Bill 6-21-S.
 - Senator Reed Breunig asked what the cost projection would be to print 50 forms rather than 25. Senator Destinee stated the projected cost about be about \$150 for 50 forms.
 - Senator Reed Breunig asked to friendly amend Bill 6-21-S to cover the cost to produce 50 posters. Second by Senator Destinee Daughtery. Accepted as friendly by Me'Lon Craighead as the author.
 - Senator Kat Howard argued that she is unaware of 50 bulletin boards on WKU's campus.
 - AVP Isaac Keller stated that the Legislative Discretionary budget is about \$5,000 and we should support the outreach committee as the difference between 25 and 50 posters is only about \$60.
 - Moved into voting. Bill was passed.
 - Congratulations Senator Me'Lon Craighead!
- Resolution 1-21-S: To Support the University's Naming and Symbols Task Force
 - Secretary Brenna Mathews spoke in favor of the resolution as author.



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- Senator Garrett Baum asked if the Naming and Symbols Task Force has an idea of how to honor the donor families for their contribution to WKU rather than their history of racism. Secretary Brenna Mathews explained that the Naming and Symbols Task Force has not released a decision to the situation at hand, but their website is taking student input.
- Senator Tess Welch asked if the resolution could be friendly amended to state that SGA supports the decision to change the names. Secretary Brenna Mathews pulled Resolution 1-21-S until next meeting due to time and to make revisions.
- Since the meeting on Tuesday, Secretary Brenna Mathews has pulled Resolution 1-21-S from future agendas.

XI. Announcements

- Resident Hall Association will be hosting a townhall for students to bring any concerns about our residence halls. This will take place over ZOOM Thursday at 6:30pm. ZOOM Code: 945 2879 4256.

XII. Adjournment

Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Brenna Mathews.

