Senate Meeting Minutes

Eighteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, February 7, 2023

 The guest speaker was WKU Director of Athletics, Todd Stewart. He discussed how the athletes on WKU’s campus are true athletes who care about academics. He specifically highlighted the success of women’s basketball.

You can contact him at todd.stewart@wku.edu.

1. **Call to Order**
	1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:24 PM on February 7th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call**
	1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
	2. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
	1. Senator Huffaker explained there was an amendment to the bill 27 or 28 - charge it to the scholarships fund.
	2. Minutes were approved with changes.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
	1. Senator Hemenover made a motion to suspend bylaws
		1. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
		2. Move Bill 30-23-S to the top of unfinished business.
		3. Hemenover explained that the bill is time sensitive and the president of the ecology club can only be present until 6:30.
		4. Senator Helland made an amendment to add Bill 32-23-S as well.
			1. Taken as friendly.
		5. Senator Leo’n made an amendment to add 31-23-S
			1. Taken as friendly.
		6. Approved with unanimous voice vote
		7. Senator Hemenover motioned back into bylaws.
	2. Senator Cisco made a motion to cancel next week’s meeting as it falls on Valentine’s Day
		1. Senator DeLozier gave a speech in negation as other cancellations will be occurring later in the semester.
		2. Senator Pierce gave a speech in negation explaining that if we do not have a guest speaker we can move through debate quickly.
		3. Senator Robinson gave a speech in affirmation explaining that Valentine’s Day is a holiday.
		4. On a vote of 21 yes votes - 11 no votes the motion passes.
	3. Senator Gadd motioned to suspend bylaws.
		1. Senator Gadd motioned to move up Resolution 2-23-S to unfinished business.
		2. Passed with unanimous voice vote
		3. Senator Padgett motioned to move back into by laws.
5. **Officer Reports**
	1. President – Cole Bornefeld
		1. Shouted out Chief of Staff Willett for the success of the dental voucher program.
		2. President Bornefeld discussed his goal to attend more committee meetings.
			1. Bornefeld explained that he attended the community relations meeting and was very impressed.
		3. President Bornefeld expressed his excitement for the large group attending the upcoming rally for higher ed.
	2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
		1. No report.
	3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
		1. Org aid bill coming up today!
		2. Reach out to AVP Kurtz if you have a shoutout.
			1. Today's shoutouts are to..
				1. Chief Justice Goins
				2. Senator Finch for singing the national anthem!
				3. Senator Cisco for studying abroad!
		3. Keep up the good work!
	4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
		1. Really happy with the success of dental vouchers.
			1. Eight have been used this past week.
		2. A suggestion box will be put in the office.
		3. Looking at April 4th for the banquet.
	5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
		1. Lots of deadlines coming up with scholarships.
			1. Be sure to promote deadlines and scholarships!
		2. January recap post
			1. Included bills and resolutions highlighted
				1. Allows for credit to go to SGA and keep students aware of what’s going on.
		3. Share a swipe
			1. This week is share a swipe
				1. Occurs on the 4th, 8th, and 12th week of the semester.
				2. Simple form - put name and WKU number and your swipe will be donated to a student in need.
				3. 1 - 3 PM on Thursday 2/9 is an opportunity for office hours if you would like to table.
		4. Scholarships
			1. Opened last week.
				1. Revealed the Black History Month scholarship more specifics in Director of Enrollment and Student Experience Reed’s report.
				2. SGA promise
				3. First generation scholarships
				4. Summer term for scholarships for study abroad
		5. Org aid is being extended.
		6. SGA sponsored poetry slam is coming up.
		7. The Gordon Ford College of Business career fair is coming up.
			1. Students will have the chance to win a $250 scholarship and get professional headshots taken.
		8. Is open to taking a look at potential designs especially for SGA.
	6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
		1. Budget, legislative, archive, and minutes are all updated.
	7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
		1. All five of the scholarships are open.
		2. If you know anyone in need of a scholarship please put them in touch with Director of Enrollment and Student Experience Reed.
	8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
		1. Please complete the senate feedback form to help guide you to a leadership position.
			1. Completion of the form also counts as an office hour.
			2. Form was sent through email.
			3. Get as detailed as you would like!
	9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
		1. Please read legislation.
		2. If you have an amendment email it.
	10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
		1. No report.
6. **Committee Reports**
	1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
		1. The Ecology Club bill will have $500 from legislative discretionary and $500 from scholarship distrniatory.
		2. The Throwback Thursday bill is also up for debate.
		3. Org Aid will also be debated.
		4. The Narcan resolution has no money required, just an acknowledgement that we support the action.
	2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Aidan Canizalez
		1. The poetry slam is coming up in two weeks. Please assist in helping promote that and feel encouraged to submit your own poetry.
	3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
		1. Proposed a plan and individual plan for Narcan.
		2. Starting in fall 2023 there will be Narcan in every single dorm and all on campus apartments.
		3. Will be making a hype video for the game on Thursday.
			1. Need 2 - 3 people if you are interested.
	4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
		1. Please look over the ecology bill.
		2. There will be a trip taken to the surplus center Thursday at 3:30 PM.
	5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Juan Tomas
		1. Meeting date has been moved to Mondays at 3:30 PM.
	6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
		1. Committee head Feck sent out some mental health resources available on campus.
			1. Details were emailed out from Feck.
		2. For mental health awareness week they are in need of jean donations.
			1. Please drop them off at the SGA front desk.
		3. Senator Tomas motioned to make jeans count towards one office hour.
			1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
	7. Community Relations – Sydney Denney
		1. Committee is continuing to work on a student survey.
			1. The survey will give the opportunity for students to be connected to resources in Bowling Green.
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
	1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier, Senator Sydney Denney, Senator Will Hemenover.
		1. Senator Delozier
			1. No report
		2. Senator Denney
			1. No report
		3. Senator Hemenover
			1. No report
8. **Special Orders**
	1. Judicial Council Report - Justin Goins
		1. No report
	2. University Committee Reports
		1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
			1. No report
		2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
			1. No report.
		3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
			1. No report
		4. Budget Executive Committee – Sam Kurtz
			1. Considering putting money into a new roof for Diddle.
		5. University Curriculum Committee – Brett Phelps
			1. No report.
		6. Colonnade General Education Committee – Antonina Clementi
			1. No report.
		7. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – Ethan Huffaker
			1. No report.
		8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
			1. No report.
		9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
			1. No report.
		10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
			1. No report.
		11. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
			1. No report. .
		12. University Athletic Committee- Matt Gadd, ShyAnte'e Williams
			1. No report. .
	3. Swearing in
	4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
		1. Speaker Mishchuk sent out the senator of the month form.
		2. Senator Canizalez was named the January senator of the month.
9. **Unfinished Business**
	1. Bill 30-23-S. Funding for the Ecology Club’s Pollinator Garden at WKU
		1. Senator Hemenover will presented the bill.
			1. The area is either a green ivy or it is dead. This would be a great space for students to hang out and could be a part of the green tour.
			2. The Ecology club president discussed her goal to educate students and the community about the environment.
			3. Explained the importance of funding the project as it would impact 1000s of students over time.
		2. Senator Cisco provided a speech in affirmation explaining that Senator Hemenover has been working very hard and the pollinator garden will make an impact on campus.
		3. Senator Huffaker “Ethan gushed” over this bill.
		4. Senator Canizalez explained that he works past this area everyday and it looks horrible and squirrels are able to hide in there.
		5. Senator Pierce moved to the previous question.
			1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
		6. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
	2. Resolution 2-23-S Resolution to Support Narcan in WKU Residence Hall
		1. Senator Gadd presented the bill. Narcan is something very small that can save a student’s life.
		2. Senator Farmer provided a speech in affirmation explaining that this is a very hard topic and the resolution will have success as a preventative measure.
		3. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
	3. Bill 31-23-S. Funding for “Throwback Thursday” Black History Event
		1. Senator Tomas and Senator Leo’n presented the bill. Passage of this bill will solidify a strong relationship with ISEC. Will provide refreshments and activities during the event.
		2. Senator Vincent provided a speech in affirmation explaining that it would serve as SGA’s contribution to Black History Month.
		3. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
	4. Bill 32-23-S: Organizational Aid Funding Spring 2023
		1. Senator DeLozier moved to amend the bill by changing the amount in the therefore clause to “8,500”
			1. Taken as friendly.
		2. Senator Pierce made a motion to amend the first whereas clause to remove “500” and move it to “8,500”
		3. AVP Kurtz presented the bill. Kurtz explained that the bill would provide funding for each organization.
		4. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
10. **New Business**
11. **Announcements**
	1. Senator Leo’n advertised the black history rap battle happening
	2. Senator Denney advertised the senator alumni application.
12. **Adjournment**
	1. Senator Hardesty called for adjournment.
	2. The motion was seconded.
	3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:40.