

## **SGA President Report to University Senate, November 2016**

I apologize I am not with you all today, I am in St. Louis presenting my FUSE Grant research. My report today is very brief, and it will suffice to simply say that SGA is working harder than ever to ensure that WKU is an inclusive, welcoming university for all students without distinction of any kind. After last week's election, we have seen and received numerous reports concerning horrible slurs being thrown at students and vulgar statements being written in chalk across campus. Sadly, most of these incidents are from anonymous sources and are difficult to track, but SGA has made two commitments throughout the remainder of the school year to keep our campus safe:

Firstly, the SGA Safe Space will be available for students past our regular office hours of 9-5, Monday-Friday, until Finals Week. This is a welcoming space for any student where they can simply eat dinner, do homework, and talk with friends without facing danger or threats.

Secondly, SGA has created a new, temporary initiative called SafeWalk, where students can simply call (270) 261-9831 and be immediately connected with a student if they need someone to walk with them on campus, regardless of the location. We have implemented this immediately following the election due to high demand and it will be used until Finals Week as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions, Kate has my email.

Thank you, and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

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