

WKU Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:00 pm on January 19th via Zoom by Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson.

Present

30 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:

- Moving into final states of Provost search.
 - Asking for student ideas of what we want in a Provost.
- Want to eliminate late payment fee through Bursar's office.
- Rally for Higher Education is currently being planned for this year, will be virtual.
- Wants to reach out and set up meetings with committee chairs to set goals for this semester.
- Working to make sure we can meet more in person this semester.
- Nominated Jamison Moorehead for Director of IT position.
 - Candidate has experience with various types of software through ITS position, wants to bring a new, modern image to SGA's website.
 - **Nomination was confirmed.**

Executive Vice President Abbey Norvell:

- Making sure that it is known who is on which university committees, email with any questions: abbey.norvell221@topper.wku.edu.
- Will be touring the new dorm shortly.

Administrative Vice President Issac Keller:

- Met with two organizations concerning org aid, and they were both granted aid.
- Wants to advertise org aid more so more organizations are aware of the benefits.
- Met concerning changing the names of certain buildings on campus, a form will be sent out to students to get their opinions soon.

Chief of Staff Matt Barr:

- The new SGA signage has been installed.
- Office computers have also been installed over the break.
- \$2870 was spent on the Go With the Flow program; 5 personal hygiene dispensers will be placed across campus, and Student Health and Wellness will take care of refilling those dispensers.
- Will be sending reminders to senators who have not submitted t-shirt order forms, and the design is still being finalized.

Public Relations Ashlynn Evans:

- Masks and hand sanitizers were delivered over the break, and they can be picked up from Ashlynn's office.
- Created brochures over the break outlining signature services and meeting times, \$188 was spent on said brochures.
- Reach out if you or your committee is interested in tabling.

DAC Kody Okert:

- Earn a Computer application is still live and is due on February 5th.

Director of IT Jamison Moorehead:

Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson:

- Introduced Haley Cooper, an organizer of Dance Big Red.
 - Student-led non-profit that benefits Norton's Children's Hospital.
 - Event is being held on February 12th from 6-10pm on Zoom.
 - Social media can be found @dancebigredwku.
- Planning on meeting in person for the remainder of the semester.
- Encouraged senators to begin working on legislation for this semester.
- Will be wanting to meet with committee heads to check progress and set goals.
- If you need to be excused from a meeting, reach out to Erika Puhakka.
- Working on creating a committee that can evaluate bills concerning the constitution or bylaws.
- Sending out a Google Form asking what can be done to improve meetings.
- If interested in taking the Secretary position, reach out to Shelby.

- We have to have a uniform meeting time because of how large SGA is.
 - If this time were to be changed, there would have to be a bill proposed to change the meeting time.

Secretary of the Senate Jamison Moorehead:

- Attend meetings regularly and send excuses to Erika.

Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Head Tess Welch:

- Changed meeting time to 4:45 on Thursdays.
- Continuing to pursue getting advisor evaluations created this semester.

Campus Improvements Committee Head Eric Berry:

- Over the break, committee sent out a survey concerning campus improvement.
- Waiting to hear approval about a panel for campus safety.

LRC Committee Head Dawson McCoun:

- Reach out if you have any questions about drafting a bill.
- Constitution and bylaw committee should be finalized next week.

Public Relations Committee Head Destinee Daughtery:

- Changed meeting time to 4:15 on Tuesdays.
- Tabling will also continue if any senator is interested in tabling.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Head Fatin Yaro:

- Changed meeting times to 4:30 on Fridays.

Sustainability Committee Head Matthew Winiger:

- Office of Sustainability will be sitting in on the next committee meeting, will be working them on more ideas for the semester.

SAVES Committee Head Kat Howard:

- Working forward to working on new ideas for the semester.

Outreach Committee Head Me'Lon Craighead:

- A Google Form was created to accommodate any student concerns and if they wanted to express these concerns during SGA meetings.
- Meeting times will be immediately after normal SGA meetings.

Special Reports

University Committee Reports:

Judicial Council Reports:

- Email absence excuses.

Guest/Student Speakers:

Unfinished Business

- **Bill 7-20-F Org. Aid** was moved from New Business to Unfinished Business.
 - Dance Big Red is usually funded by Bowling Green businesses, but COVID meant a lot of those businesses retracted their funding, resulting in a large deficit.
 - Org aid would be going to outreach to families and the hospital staff.
 - Delta Sigma Pi is a professional organization seeking aid for fees for a virtual leadership conference.
 - **Bill passes with unanimous consent.**

New Business

Announcements

- Senator application was sent out to senators to share with potential candidates.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm by Speaker of the Senate Shelby Robertson.