SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

* The 3rd meeting of the seventeenth Senate was called to order by Asha McWilliams at 5:00 pm on September 18, 2018.
* **Guest Speaker - Ben Grothe – Delta Tau Delta**
* Ben spoke to the Senate about a new fraternity Delta Tau Delta. Delta Tau Delta is about being a leader and a better fraternity man. Looking for the top men to help start Delta Tau Delta on campus. Ben gave referral card to the Senate and guests to help find leaders.
* Minutes from the last meeting were approved by unanimous consent
* **President Stephen Mayer**
* Stephen nominated Alex Rivera for associate justice. Alex is the number one recommendation.
  + Alex Rivera spoke: has a lot of experience, coached debate in high school, is a diligent researcher, competes on the forensic team and is involved
  + Stephen motioned to approve nomination
  + Kenan Mujkanovic asked if there was any legal background. Alex responded that he has worked in simulations related to legal systems
  + Cassidy Townsend asked why Alex was interested in Judicial Council. Alex responded that he wanted to be more involved with student activities and involved in what was going on with WKU.
  + Amanda Harder asked what Alex was involved in on and off campus. Alex responded with he is involved in the Roosevelt Institute, Bowling Green Mutual Aid foundation, WKU Forensics, Fairness (in the past).
* There was no debate on Alex’s appointment.
* Alex’s appointment was confirmed with 12-3.
* Senator Retreat Update - new senators will show up at 9 am to learn procedure, and existing senators will show up at 10:45 for the rest of the retreat. Hopefully end at 1pm.
* Office Hours - Office hours will now be for all Executive members and Senators, they must sign initial after they’ve completed their hour, and the desk assistant must also initial that the Executive member or Senator has completed their hour.
* President Caboni met with the executive team of SGA today.
* Scholarships are on the website and available to students. The deadline is at the beginning of November. Tabling and advertisement will begin.
* University Committee – not every senator is on a committee, and should sign up for one.
* Engagement Week – bipartisan tabling in residence halls and on campus for the November 6th elections.
* SGA committee meeting times – the chairs need to send their times to Stephen.
* Forums – SGA forums to be scheduled. Get student input on what they want to
* SGA swiper – students are to now swipe in when they go to the office or attend a senate and committee meeting to gather data on how many students comes to meetings. It will be at the front desk.
* **Executive Vice President Garrett Edmonds**
* Has the new building plans for the new freshman village.
* Colonnade sub-committee – Adding a fourth tier for study abroad opportunity. Garret wants those who have studied abroad to come and speak to him regarding any concerns or ideas about adding study abroad to the colonnade program.
* New Initiative – discussing the cross walk at Snell/EST and how it holds up the buses and traffic in the area. Trying to find a way to fix this issue.
* **Administrative Vice President Harper Anderson**
* Executive Spending – spent money on the Exec. Retreat and put funding into the ISEC Mixer (specifically $250).
* OrgAid application is up on the website for organizations to apply for.
* Bills that have any funding should be sent to Harper first to make sure that SGA has the funding for it and that everything runs smoothly.
* **Chief of Staff Will Harris**
* Shirt Orders – just waiting on new senators and judicial council before the shirt order can be placed. Talked the company down into $990 for the order.
* Order 1200 green books for the office, since the office is out of green books.
* Ran out of ID vouchers in the office.
* Reminded everyone to swipe into the office.
* Commons Committee – Garrett will be reconstructed and redone as well as the food options in the Library. 35 million for the budget of the reconstruction and renovation. To be a new all-inclusive area for all students, and mend the divide of student housing and the class buildings at the top of the hill. Make it a study area for students. The architects from this project are planning on coming back to speak with senate this year. Work on making the library to be more of a study area for students.
* **Director of Public Relations Noah Moore**
* Tabling – tabled today for voting. 30 people voted at the table
* Party on the Patio at HCIC from 6-8pm. Everyone is welcome.
* Suicide Prevention and Awareness in Centennial Mall on Thursday.
* Voting – voting ends tonight at 11:59.
* LGBTQ Pride Festival, SGA will attempt to get a booth/ table there to get more exposer.
* Modern Language Ambassador Program – anyone who is studying a modern language should look out for that program in FAC.
* **Director of Information Technology Paul Brosky**
* Website – the legislation achieve is fully updated up to last week. The senate attendance and voting records are online. The scholarship applications are updated and online. The budget is on the site and updated when money is spent. OrgAid application is up. The letter from the president will be up. The executive board hours will be added as well as their meeting minutes. There will be further additions to the website to come. Can add a committee page.
* **Academic and Student Affairs Chair – Aubrey Kelly**
* The scholarships are live.
* **Legislative Research Chair Trevor Huffman**
* All of the bills have been reviewed and are constitutional and are ready to be debated and voted on.
* **Committee for Diversity and Inclusion Chair Mark Clark**
* More planning and goals for this week’s meeting.
* Meeting is on Thursday in the Senate Chambers at 7:30-8:30.
* **Sustainability Committee Chair Jayden Thomas**
* New legislation is submitted in new business.
* Two resolutions and a bill to fund a sustainability film fest.
* Room is secured for the meeting, the Senate Chambers.
* First meeting next Thursday.
* **SAVES Committee – Cassidy Townsend**
* Great opportunity on a presentation on suicide prevention.
* Contacted Counseling and testing center to see if they would like to coordinate on an event or tabling.
* Contacted hope harbor to have a seminar or some tabling.
* **University Committee Reports**
* No reports
* **Judicial Council Report – Jacob McAndrews**
* Annalicia spoke – meeting at 3081 at 6:30.
* Swore in Alex as the associate justice.
* **Speaker of the Senate Asha McWilliams**
* Proud of how much legislation is being brought forth to the senate.
* Remind to be mindful of the time through debate so we can get through everything.
* The elections result party is tonight at 11:30, there will be GADS.
* **Secretary of the Senate Andrew Merritt**
* No report
* **Student Speakers**
* Francis Wilson
  + Reg2Vote Campaign – 290,000 were registered in KY who were youth but only 13% voted. WKU has class on voting day. Reg2Vote has created a video campaign with a petition to cancel class on voting day, to elevate the discussion on voting, and getting buses to take students to the voting centers. 300 and student and staff have taken the survey and on Facebook they have reached 960 views and 28 shares. On Instagram there have been over 6000 views. Has 2 bills to support the cancelation of class and the support of money to reg2vote. Francis is asking help with tabling for reg2vote. Francis asked those in the Senate Chambers to take the survey. Can reach the survey on Francis’s Instagram or Facebook.
* Brigid Stakehlum
  + Gave her opinions on pieces on legislation. Support on Resolutions 1-18-F and 2-18-F. She does not support the bill of Potter College even though she is a Potter College student. She does not think $1300 is a responsible amount to give. Brigid believes that the money should be scaled down or wait until the college senator is sworn into office.
* Hunter Smith
  + President of the secular student alliance. They are having a meet and greet on Tuesday.
* Will Harris
  + Guest speaker tonight in the DSU auditorium. The producer of HGTV will be speaking. It starts at 6:30 and goes until about 8:30.
* **Resolution 1-18-F**
* Resolution passes 14-0 with 1 abstention.
* **Resolution 2-18-F**
* Friendly Amemendment by Cassidy Townsend – comma added after the whereas clause
* Resolution passes 14-0 with 1 abstention
* **Bill 2-18-F**
* Bill passes 14-1.
* **Bill 3-18-F**
* Bill passes 14-0 with 1 abstention.
* **Bill 4-18-F**
* Bill passes 15-0.
* **Motion** by Trevor Huffman to suspend Asha McWilliams as speaker and Braden temporarily taking over as Speaker. Motion is approved 13-0 with 2 non-voting
* **Bill 5-18-F**
* Bill passes 15-0.
* **Motion** by Trevor Huffman to return Asha McWilliams as Speaker. Motion passes 14-1.
* **Motion** by Jayden Thomas to move out of the bylaws to move to old business Resolutions 4-18-F, 7-18-F and Bill 5-18-F. Motion passed 13-0 with 1 abstention and 1 non-voting.
* **Motion** made by Jayden Thomas to move Resolutions 4-18-F and 7-18-F and Bill 5-18-F into old business. Motion passes with 14-1.
* **Motion** to move back into the bylaws by Anna McAvoy passed unanimously.
* **Resolution 4-18-F**
* Friendly amendment by Jayden Thomas to change $0.32 to $1.00 in the Purpose and Whereas clause.
* Friendly amendment to change sustainably to sustainability by Connor Hournshell
* Friendly amendment to add a “, and” after the whereas clause.
* Resolution passes 14-1.
* **Bill 7-18-F**
* Friendly amendment by Harper Anderson to add the money will be taken out of Senate Discretionary.
* Bill passes 15-0.
* **Resolution 5-18-F**
* Resolution passes 15-0.
* **Announcements**
* 11:30 tonight Election Party by Noah Moore.
* Government and Politics society is meeting Aubrey Kelley.
* Dance Big Red is having their annual kickball tournament by Amanda Harder.
* The meeting was adjourned at 6:36.