**Senate Meeting Minutes**

2nd Meeting of the Twenty-First Senate – Tuesday, 31 August 2021

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Speaker of the Senate Tess Welch at 5:09 pm.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Last meeting’s minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

1. **Officer Reports**
2. President Matthew Wininger

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Olivia Blackmon to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Blackmon’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. Blackmon spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. Two speeches in affirmation were given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Blackmon was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Cole Bornefeld to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Bornefeld’s qualifications and in affirmation of his appointment.
2. Bornefeld spoke on his qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
5. Nominee Bornefeld was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Alex Cissell to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Cissell’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. Cissell spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. One speech in affirmation was given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Cissell was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Olivia Feck to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Feck’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. Feck spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. One speech in affirmation was given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Feck was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Kahlil Garmon to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Garmon’s qualifications and in affirmation of his appointment.
2. Garmon spoke on his qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
5. Nominee Garmon was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Abi Canter to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Canter’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. Canter spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. Two speeches in affirmation were given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Canter was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Garrison Reed to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Reed’s qualifications and in affirmation of his appointment.
2. Reed spoke on his qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. One speech in affirmation was given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Reed was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Calleigh Powell to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Powell’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. Powell spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
5. Nominee Powell was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Alexis Courtenay to Director of Public Relations.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Courtenay’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. Courtenay spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. One speech in affirmation was given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Courtenay was confirmed to the Executive Staff with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Shelby Robertson to Senator-at-Large.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Robertson’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. Robertson spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. One speech in affirmation was given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Robertson was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Jamison Moorehead to Director of Information Technology.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Moorehead’s qualifications and in affirmation of his appointment.
2. Moorehead spoke on his qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. One speech in affirmation was given.
5. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
6. Nominee Moorehead was confirmed to the Executive Staff with unanimous consent.

Pres. Wininger moved to appoint Parker Raybourne to Chief of Staff.

1. Pres. Wininger spoke on Raybourne’s qualifications and in affirmation of his appointment.
2. Raybourne spoke on his qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
5. Nominee Raybourne was confirmed to the Executive Staff with unanimous consent.
6. Executive Vice President Me’Lon Craighead

Congratulations to new nominations and the Senate as a whole!

The Executive Cabinet had a busy summer and is excited to share lots of new ideas.

If interested in serving on Faculty Senate, email EVP Craighead at *melon.craighead766@topper.wku.edu* or stop by her office.

1. Administrative Vice President Reed Breunig

The 2021-2022 Budget is finalized and up for first read this week, please look over it and be prepared for voting next week (9/7/21).

Organizational Aid Application is completed and ready for applicants.

Feel free to contact AVP Breunig with any questions.

1. Speaker of the Senate Tess Welch

Speaker Welch moved to appoint Sen. Elizabeth DeLozier to Senate Secretary.

1. Speaker Welch spoke on DeLozier’s qualifications and in affirmation of her appointment.
2. DeLozier spoke on her qualifications and ideas for SGA improvement.
3. Time was allowed for questioning the nominee.
4. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
5. Nominee DeLozier was confirmed as Senate Secretary with unanimous consent.
6. **Special Orders**

A.Judicial Council Report – Chief Justice Holden Schroeder

 i. Judicial council met and approved updated election codes.

ii.Speaker Welch moved to approve the updated election codes.

* 1. Time was allowed to ask Chief Justice Schroder questions.
	2. Time was allowed for debate
	3. Speaker Welch called to previous question.
	4. Fall 2021 Election codes were approved with unanimous consent.

Election applications due Friday night (9/3/21), six Senate seats up for election

Feel free to contact Chief Justice Schroeder with any questions.

* + - 1. Student COVID Taskforce – Pres. Wininger
		1. The university is taking appropriate precautions, Pres. Wininger will inform the Senate of any updates.
			1. Student Life Foundation – EVP Craighead

First meeting 9/14/21

* + - 1. Oath of Office

All newly appointed members were sworn into their respective offices.

* + - 1. Senator of the Month – Speaker Welch

i. Application will be available in the third week of Sept., voting in the fourth week of Sept.

* + - 1. Guest/Student Speakers

i. Chief of Staff Raybourne

 a. Wished to support all members of SGA, feel free to stop by his office.

ii. Director of PR Courtenay

 a. Wants to hit the ground running with social media aesthetics and information.

 b. Open to PR ideas; please share SGA graphics.

iii. Director of IT Moorehead

 a. The website will be updated next week with new Senator bios and bylaws.

* + - 1. Oath of Office (Spring 2021 Election)

i. Sen. Baum moved to suspend the bylaws.

ii. Motion was seconded and approved with unanimous consent

iii. Motion was made by Sen. Baum to swear in the elected senators of the 21st senate who had not yet been sworn in during the previous semester.

iv. Motion was seconded and time allowed for speeches of affirmation and negation.

v. Speaker Welch called to previous question

vi. With unanimous consent, the swearing in of senators not yet sworn in was moved to unfinished business.

vii. Motion was made by Sen. Baum to move back into bylaws; motion was seconded.

viii. Speaker Welch called to previous question; motion to move back into bylaws was approved with unanimous consent.

ix. Senators who had not taken the oath of office were sworn in by Chief Justice Schroeder.

1. **New Business**

A. Bill 1-21-F: SGA 2021-2022 Budget

 i. Up for vote next week (9/7/21)

1. **Announcements**

A. Speaker Welch

 i. Please let her know if you have a preferred name for placard.

 ii. If feeling overwhelmed, reach out via email or come to SGA office.

B. EVP Craighead

 i. DiscoverFest 2-5pm on Sept 7 at South Lawn

C.Director of Student Activities Randall Bogard

i. Advisor for SGA and CAB

 ii. Happy to meet talk, please schedule an appointment (*randall.bogard@wku.edu*)

 iii. It is SGA’s responsibility to represent the entire student population, members should always be talking to students and listening to their needs

D. AVP Breunig

i. Please reach out to and encourage those eligible for Fall 2021 Election.

1. **Adjournment**

A. Motion to adjourn by Sen. Baum,

 i. Motion was seconded.

ii.With unanimous consent, meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.