

WKU Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes
MARCH 31ST

Opening

The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:00pm on MARCH 31ST via Zoom by Speaker of the Senate Nathan Terrell.

Present

Majority of 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 Will Harris:

- Introducing Jennifer Tougas and Susan Howarth about the transition to Barnes & Noble for the WKU bookstore. They have given an intent to award to the vendor of Barnes & Noble to take over the WKU Bookstore. This transition would begin operation in Summer 2020 if approved.
- COVID-19 committee is still meeting, be sure to reach out to Will if you have any concerns or information you want to bring to the attention of the committee.

Executive Vice President Garrett Edmonds:

- Hopefully there will be another flyer out about the food pantry and spread the word that they are able to use the food pantry by appointment!

Administrative Vice President Kenan Mujkanovic

Chief of Staff Aubrey Kelley

- Abbey has been compiling scholarships into an online format for the student workers to work remotely and continue to receive pay during this time

Public Relations Ashlynn Evans

- There have been some technical difficulties about the YouTube livestream and will hopefully be resolved next week.

DAC Abby Norvell

- Scholarships are currently being graded and recipients will be notified once grading is finished. A bill will be drafted.
- The university's opportunity to outsource the bookstore is a great opportunity!

IT Director Brosky

Speaker of the Senate Terrell

- A GroupMe will be started with committee heads to figure out ideas that can be accomplished virtually during this time

Secretary of the Senate Mathews

Unfinished Business

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Head Matthew Johnson

- We have suspended the summer study abroad scholarship due to the cancellation of study abroad through WKU

Campus Improvements Committee Head Matt Barr

LRC Committee Head Josh Zaczek

Public Relations Committee Head Brigid Stakelum

- Possibly uploading a section of the website designed as a place for resources for students during this time of campus closing down for housing, food, and information on the stimulus package. If you know of anywhere to add to this list, reach out to Brigid!

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Head Symone Whalin

Sustainability Committee Head Jamison Moorehead

SAVES Committee Head Kat Howard

Special Reports

University Committee Reports

Judicial Council Reports

Guest/Student Speakers

Unfinished Business

Bill 6-20-S: Jesse Ricketts spoke on the bill as a sponsor.

Moved into Questions: Matthew Johnson asked how the fee reimbursement will be decided. Ricketts replied that the job has been delegated by DASA and CASA and will focus on demonstrated financial need. Johnson asked that if \$380 is in the budget then it would be 4 reimbursements. Brigid Stakelum asked if this process would work like a waiver from SGA. Ricketts replied yes. MJ Mayo asked if this would be an application or simply first-come first serve basis. Ricketts replied that this would be an application process.

Moved into debate. David Meridian debated that the number of scholarships for this waiver is possibly too low.

Moved into voting on the bill. The Bill passes with a vote of 23-0.

Bill 7-20-S: Shelby Robertson spoke in favor of the bill as sponsor.

Moved into Questions: MJ Mayo asked if this was one scholarship or multiple scholarships. Robertson has replied that this would be 2 for \$500 scholarships. A friendly amendment was made by Braden Burks to specify that this would be 2 \$500 scholarships, second by David Meridian. Accepted as friendly by author Shelby Robertson. Matthew Johnson debated that the amendment would not be necessary and should be left to the discretion of the of the DASA or CASA. Amendment was struck by the author; left to the discretion of the of the DASA and CASA.

Moved into Debate:

Moved into Voting: Bill passes with a vote of 23-0

New Business

Announcements

Speaker Terrell announced that we would have Zoom meetings every Tuesday at 5pm. This would have to be changed through a bill in the senate.

MJ Mayo asked about the suspension of the summer study abroad scholarship. Will Harris has announced that there is currently no study abroad or study away programs through WKU and the programs have been cancelled just as the scholarships have, the

money would be rescheduled but as of right now the schedule of study abroad or study away programs is in the air.

Randall P. Bogard reminded everyone to stay socially distant. There has been a compilation website made for WKU students through Student Activities to keep students to stay active: wku.edu/CAB/virtual-activities.php

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm by Speaker of the Senate Nathan Terrell.