Senate Meeting Minutes

Seventh Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, October 4th 2022

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dr. Ethan Logan, Vice President of Student Enrollment and Student Experience spoke to the Student Government Association. Dr. Logan introduced himself and Student Enrollment and Experience. Enrollment is outreach and requirement to existing and new students. Student experience (formerly student affairs) handles the going ons of students. Student Enrollment and Student Experience is always available whether in crisis or in joy. The most important aspect is student engagement. Ways to connect students to their institution. Goal is to try to build an opportunity for each and every student. Prompted by Senator Tomas, Dr. Logan discussed living learning communities (LLC). Dr. Logan mentioned WKU is adding five living and learning communities next year. Defining elements of the LLC are faculty and engagement. Speaker Mishchuk asked about future plans for enrollment. Dr. Logan explained the goal for enrollment is 3,100 students for the class of 2027. The institution has expanded the prospect lead poll to cope with low enrollment numbers. Senator Tomas asked how families that do not speak English are recruited. In the future, Dr. Logan will consider bilingual abilities a priority for future hires. Senator Hardesty asked about student retention. Logan explained retention is the composition of many life experiences while at the college. Retention is a three pong triangle comprising academic, fiscal outlook, and personal experience. Senator Leo’n asked if students would have the opportunity to be bilingual counselors, the answer was yes.

If you would like to contact Dr. Ethan Logan his email is ethan.logan@wku.edu. Dr. Logan’s office is located on the fourth floor of Potter Hall.

1. **Call to Order**
	1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:33 pm on October 4th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call**
	1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
	2. Senator Tate Sine was not present.
	3. Senator Annie Finch was not present.
	4. Quorum was meant.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
	1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
	1. Senator Feck motioned to move out of bylaws.
		1. Seconded by Senator Collins
			1. The motion was to move Bill 3-22-F. Funding for the Counseling Center’s October Domestic Violence Awareness Month T-Shirts from new business to unfinished business.
				1. Senator Feck provided a speech in affirmation explaining the matter was time sensitive.
				2. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
	2. Senator Feck motioned to move back into bylaws.
		1. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
	3. Senator Canizalez announced that applications for TOP guides are open. Would love to talk to individual student organizations on becoming a TOP guide.
5. **Officer Reports**
	1. President – Cole Bornefeld
		1. The SGA Listening Tour is going well, we have received some valuable feedback from organizations this past week
		2. Thank you to Senator Wright for providing the SGA Office with a new Ping Ping Table, I look forward to seeing students utilize the space more
		3. Bill 2-22-F was Vetoed because it violated university financial policies
	2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
		1. No report.
	3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
		1. Shoutouts
			1. Shoutout to Senator Collins, AVP Kurtz always sees him hard at work with his committee in the conference room. Keep making good use of that whiteboard!
			2. Shoutout to Senator Wright and her family for donating the ping pong table!
		2. AVP Kurtz will be planning a ping pong tournament after fall break. In an attempt to make the office more open.
			1. We will have one just for members of SGA and then one for every student.
			2. If you win, AVP Kurtz will give you a very official "SGA Ping Pong Champ" certificate. Feel free to bring your friends and play anytime during the work day.
		3. Reminder Shaq is coming Oct 21st so make sure to tell your friends and family to come to see DJ Diesel!
		4. I do not support the election interference in the September Senator of the Month election, please keep it clean as that ruins the fun.
		5. Cole, Garrison, Lauren, and I (AVP Kurtz) are on the hunt for seating furniture and a TV
			1. If you know someone who is looking to give a couch away let us know.
		6. BEC meeting.
		7. OrgAid Board has been created
			1. Looking to meet for the first time the Monday after fall break (October 17) at 5:15 PM.
			2. There is still time to join so please let me know if you are interested.
		8. If you have an organization that would like to be included on our listening tour, please let Director of Public Relations Romanov know.
	4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
		1. Have a ping pong table!
			1. Keep the area tidy.
			2. If it is towards the end of the night put the paddles and the balls into the black bag underneath the table.
			3. Come play with your friends!
		2. Tailgating
			1. Please use a list of approved vendors and approved logos.
		3. Suggestion box
			1. Had three so far, would love to see more.
				1. First one was to create a more ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) friendly campus.
				2. Needing more staffing at WKU restaurants.
				3. Several

Pay students employees better.

More streetlights.

Would have to work in the city for streetlights. Senator Collins would be a good point of reference.

Better meal plan options.

* + 1. Needs office workers from 9 AM - 5 PM.
			1. Will send out a google sheet and have a five minute meeting.
		2. Voucher system
			1. WKU offers dental, ID, transcript, and Preston vouchers.
				1. Can only hand vouchers out to the student receiving the voucher.
	1. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
		1. We are now in a new month keeping in mind office hours for October and November.
			1. Need to ensure we are having a presence.
		2. Director of Public Relations Romanov would also like pictures from committee meetings to post on social media.
		3. The SGA page is willing to promote other organizations and/or events.
	2. Director of Information Technology – Aniya Johnson
		1. Website legislative archives will be updated.
	3. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
		1. No report.
	4. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
		1. Office hours:
			1. Were due last week, I’m missing those from about 10 senators.
			2. If you were at the retreat, you don’t have to turn anything in.
			3. you need 4 total for the month, so if you went to the make-up retreat, that counts for one of them. so you would write in the column “make-up retreat” and then put in 1 hour.
			4. I saw you guys filming video content for our instagram. that counts for office hours. so just write “filming an SGA video”. If you go to any committee meeting outside of your own, that's another office hour, if you do homework in the SGA office, etc.
		2. SGA Polos:
			1. I know we’ve been trying to get polos for like a month now, we had more issues with people asking for polos than when they already had one from last year, so I do have to ask you guys to fill out this quick survey for HOPEFULLY the last time.
		3. Speaker of the Month:
			1. Me
		4. Committees:
			1. Chairs! We are meeting at the ping pong table after this meeting is adjourned. It will not be long at all.
	5. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
		1. Thank you to officers who have sent reporters, though not included in governing documents, it is appreciated!
	6. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
		1. No report.
1. **Committee Reports**
	1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
		1. No report
	2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
		1. Had a student come in and express concern about vegetarian options on campus.
		2. Started planning a club fair day for the spring.
	3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
		1. The Norcan meeting is next week.
		2. President Bornefield and Director of PR Romanov had a meeting with Senator Gadd to discuss the scooters.
		3. Senator Gadd is working on a redbull scholarship for the office.
		4. Potentially making a t-shirt to sell to the students.
	4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
		1. The committee will be going to the surplus center Thursday at 1:00 PM.
	5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
		1. Discussed more accessibility to disabled students.
			1. Opened a survey to help disabled students.
		2. Will be working on a LGBTQ+ bill.
	6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
		1. Survey was created that talked in general about what is being done.
		2. The idea is to go to different Student Organizations and go over different resources.
		3. It is national mental illness awareness week.
			1. Can go to NAMI’s (National Alliance for Mental Illness) website to learn more about therapy, medication, etc.
	7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
		1. Focused on an event on the domestic violence awareness month.
			1. Titled “Safety Week”
				1. Will hand out tools like rape whistles and pepper spray.
				2. Will provide self defense classes.
		2. If you are from Bowling Green please join the Community Relations committee.
		3. SGA office at 5:30 PM on Wednesday.
2. **Faculty Senate Reports**
	1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier and Senator Sydney Denney.
	2. Senator Delozier
		1. No report
	3. Senator Denney
		1. No report
3. **Special Orders**
	1. Judicial Council Report - Holden Schroeder
		1. Be as detailed as possible on absent requests.
	2. University Committee Reports –
		1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
			1. No report
		2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
			1. No report
		3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
			1. No report
		4. Budget and Finance Committee – Sam Kurtz
			1. No report
		5. University Curriculum Committee –
		6. Colonnade General Education Committee – Antonina Clementi
			1. No report.
		7. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – Annalise Finch
			1. No report
		8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
			1. No report
		9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
			1. Meeting will take place tomorrow over zoom.
		10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
			1. No report.
		11. Student Engagement Committee
		12. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
			1. No report
	3. Swearing in - Holden Schroeder
		1. Graduate Student Senator ShyAnte’e Williams was sworn in.
	4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
		1. A paper ballot was done
		2. Senator Pierce is the September senator of the month.
4. **Unfinished Business**
	1. Bill 3-22-F. Funding for the Counseling Center’s October Domestic Violence Awareness Month T-Shirts.
		1. Senator Feck provided a sponsorship speech.
			1. The Counseling Center provides services.
				1. The Counseling Center is having a kickoff and needs funding for t-shirts.

This is an opportunity to show support for victims of domestic violence.

Gives us some PR and has the SGA logo on the back.

* + 1. Senator Hardesty provided a speech in affirmation.
			1. Puts our support behind domestic violence victims.
		2. No negation speeches offered.
	1. Senator Padgett provided a speech in affirmation.
		1. Benefits SGA.
	2. No negation speeches offered
	3. Unanimous voice vote passed the legislation.
1. **New Business**
	1. Bill 4-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University
	2. Bill 5-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of
2. **Announcement**
	1. Senator Denneyannounced that Kappa Delta is beginning their philanthropy week tomorrow. Will also have shenanigans (large dance event) on Monday that goes towards prevent child abuse America.
	2. Senator Feck encouraged us to respond to her email so we can see what needs to be changed on campus.
	3. Senator Pierce wished everyone a happy LGBTQ history month. Pierce encouraged us to attend I-SEC’s events and invited us to Bowling Green Pride.
	4. Student Activity Head Drew Rash announced next Wednesday at 12:30 there will be ping pong and cookies with Rash.
3. **Adjournment**
	1. Senator Pierce called for adjournment.
	2. The motion was seconded.
	3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:20.