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Senate Meeting Minutes

Twelfth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, November 8th 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 after our guest speaker Dr. Martha Sales, Dean of Students and Assistant Vice President for Student Life spoke to the Senate.

2. Roll Call

27 senators were present, 9 were absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 11/1/22 were approved unanimously

4. Guest and Student Speakers

- Senator Huffaker motioned to table Bill 16-22-F

The motion was seconded

Senator Huffaker elaborated that the bill would be tabled until the first meeting of the Spring Semester

Speaker Mishchuk called the previous question

The motion was approved unanimously

There was discussion about about tabling a bill, Speaker Mishchuk clarified what it means to table an item

- Senator Canizalez announced that applications for tour guides are open

Senator Thomas asked for clarification on the difference between a tour guide and a TOP guide

Senator Canizalez explained that TOP guides do orientation programs and tour guides give tours

- Senator Briggs announced that Spirit Guides were hosting a meeting on November 16th and encouraged senators to attend



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5. Officer Reports

President – **Cole Bornefeld**

- President Bornefeld thanked Senator Pierce and Director of IT Johnson for attending the Big Red Backpack discussion and ensuring that student voices are being heard on this matter.
- Thanked senators for being proactive in writing legislation.
- Reminder that SGA will be tailgating again on Saturday, encouraged senators to attend.
- Annual SGA Safety Walk is on Monday, November 14th at 7pm, Senator Hemenover will be leading it.

President Bornefeld nominated Sarah Vincent for the vacant Senator at Large position and spoke about Sarah's background in the Healthcare Administration and Public Healthcare major, and her experience as a TOP Guide.

Sarah Vincent spoke about her involvement on campus and her interest in SGA and her goals for the organization.

Time was allotted for questions

- Senator Pierce asked which committees she was interested in joining

Sarah said she was unfamiliar with the committees, but was so excited to learn about them

- Senator Collins asked if there were any specific initiatives or ideas she had for legislation

Sarah talked about how allowing students to express concerns was very important to her

- Senator Pierce asked which officer position she held in the Kappa Delta sorority

Sarah is the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Time was allotted for debate

1 speech in affirmation was given

Speaker Mishchuk called the previous question

Sarah Vincent was unanimously approved for the Senator at Large position



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Executive Vice President – **Garrison Reed**

- Tabling will be on in DSU on Thursday from 12-2pm for the Share a Swipe initiative and asked for volunteers
- Considering the idea of creating an ad-hoc committee to amend the constitution and bylaws

EVP Reed nominated Caleb Collins for the Faculty Budget and Finance committee

Senator Collins spoke about his qualifications as a Finance major

Senator Pierce asked what the Budget and Finance committee does

EVP Reed explained that they work directly with the university committee for budget and finance and make recommendations to university executives

2 speeches in affirmation were given

Speaker Mishchuk called the previous question

Senator Collins was appointed unanimously

Administrative Vice President – **Sam Kurtz**

- Budget is updated on the website
- Shoutout to everyone who voted in the midterms

Chief of Staff – **Lauren Willett**

- Hilltopper Heros scholarship is being graded this week, the winner will be presented on Saturday
- Veterans Day ceremony is Thursday at 11am
- SGA will be hosting a military brunch 9am in the SGA offices
- Military Appreciation Game: November 12th at 1 pm
- Tailgate: we are giving office hours, a Google Sheet was sent out with the link to sign up.

Director of Public Relations – **Preston Romanov**

- This week will have a lot of veterans day events, please attend
- Last home football game for us to tailgate
- Come to the campus safety walk
- November 18th is the deadline for Winter term and Study abroad scholarships
- December 2nd is the deadline for summer internship, SGA promise, and first generation scholarships



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Director of Information Technology – **Aniya Johnson**

- Updated minutes and legislative archive on website
- Recapped Big Red Backpack meeting

Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – **Donte' Reed**

- All scholarships are uploaded on the SGA website
- Advertising is working

Speaker of the Senate – **Julie Mishchuk**

- What it means to “table” something
- Please send your reports
- Let me know if you are leaving the meeting early
- You don't need to move out of bylaws to make motions
- Fill out office hours and absence excuse forms

Secretary of the Senate – **Antonina Clementi**

- No report

Parliamentarian – **Meghan Pierce**

- The last day to get new legislation into Committee Chair DeLozier for the Fall 2022 semester is Monday, November 14.

6. Committee Reports

Legislative Operations – **Liz DeLozier**

- Started numbering whereas clauses to make amendments easier

Enrollment and Student Experience – **Jenna Wells**

- Helped grade scholarships



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- Talisman will be attending committee meeting Nov 15th
- Admissions PR director is coming next Tuesday to discuss the art competition

Outreach and Student Engagement – **Matt Gadd**

- Found a grant for Narcan bill, application has been sent
- Compiled a list of potential artists for spring concert

Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Will Hemenover**

- Found a space for pollinator garden
- Had a meeting about net zero business building

Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – **Ataullah Tahiri**

- Attended LOC with their first DEI bill donating to Jonesville academy
- Need volunteers for Jonesville academy

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Olivia Feck**

- Talked about implementing sensory friendly rooms on campus
- Need feedback/ideas for campus phone booths
- Mental Health Awareness week is in the works for next semester

Community Relations – **Caleb Collins**

- Recyclops will be going live this week
- Starting SGA winter donation drive competition with United Way
- Hats, socks, scarves, gloves needed

7. Faculty Senate Reports

SGA representatives – **Liz DeLozier, Sydney Denney, Will Hemenover**

- No report



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8. Special Orders

Judicial Council Report -- **Holden Schroeder**

- Absence forms should be filled out before the meeting
- Submit a request if you need to leave early
- A censure can be issued after 3 unexcused absences
- Absences do not carry over to the next semester

University Committee Reports –

- Senate Executive Committee – **Cole Bornefeld**

- No report

- Student Life Foundation – **Garrison Reed**

- No report

- Preston Center Advisory Council – **Garrison Reed**

- No report

- Budget and Finance Committee – **Sam Kurtz**

- Voted “no” on one-time payments stipends

- University Curriculum Committee – **Brett Phelps**

- No report

- Colonnade General Education Committee – **Antonina Clementi**

- No report

- Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – **Ethan Huffaker**

- No report

- Committee on Academic Quality – **Mallory Hardesty**

- No report

- Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – **Matt Gadd, Rhett Helland, Rush Robinson**



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- No report

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – **Megan Farmer**

- No report

- Academic Calendar – **Adan Canizalez**

- No report

- University Athletic Committee- **Matt Gadd, ShyAnte'e Williams**

- No report

- Budget and Finance Committee - **Caleb Collins**

- No report

Swearing in -- **Holden Schroeder**

Sarah Vincent was sworn into the senate.

Senator of the Month Election – **Julie Mishchuk**

Senator Leon received the senator of the month certificate

9. Unfinished Business

Bill 17-22-F. Funding for the Midnight on the Hill Organization.

- This bill allocates \$500 from the legislative discretionary budget to the MOTH executive board to ensure they are not spending money out of pocket and that the event is as successful as it can be. Midnight on the Hill is a big event on campus similar to Dance Big Red, held on March 25th raising money to prevent childhood cancer and helps research at St. Jude's children's research hospital. We raised \$85,000 last year and involved over 400 students in the event.

Time was allotted for questions

Senator Collins asked if Andrew Rash had been spoken to regarding this bill

The authors assured that Midnight on the Hill is a WKU organization, there will be no issues with funding

Senator Pierce asked if the authors have considered seeking Organizational Aid



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The authors said they had already been approved for Orgaid, this was just additional funding

Senator Pierce asked how the full \$1,000 is necessary from both Orgaid and Legislative Discretionary

The authors explained that MOTH has had funding from Student Organizations in years past, but they have switched advisors so they have not been able to get funding. This money is important in funding the final event as well as providing food. This ensures that no money is taken from fundraising.

Time was allotted for debate

Senator Huffaker motioned to amend the 2nd whereas clause to say “the organization has not been receiving as much money as they have in years passed which is causing executive members to spend money out of pocket.”

The amendment was taken as friendly by the authors.

2 speeches in affirmation were given.

Speaker Mishchuk called the previous question.

The bill was passed unanimously.

10. New Business

Bill 18-22-F. Funding for the GFCB and WKU Career Fair Scholarships.

11. Announcements

- No announcements were made

12. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm