Senate Meeting Minutes

Sixteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, January 24, 2023

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:00 PM on January 24th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. President Bornefeld sent out some images regarding what is being done around campus.
      2. The senate was encouraged to participate in the rally for higher education.
         1. Important for WKU to have a strong presence for the rally.
         2. Improved trip by WKU - meaning excuse notes will be provided.
         3. In the past, the provost has provided a charter bus to Frankfurt, KY.
         4. Chief of Staff Willett will send out a google form to gauge interest.
      3. Nominations
         1. Senator Canizalez was nominated to serve as head of the student enrollment and student experience committee.
            1. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
         2. Senator Maiah Cisco was nominated to fill a vacant senate position after completing study abroad in fall 2022.
            1. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
         3. Miles Huff was nominated to fill the supreme court vacancy.
            1. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
         4. Abbey Payne was nominated to fill a vacant senate position.
            1. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Please check for EVP Reed’s timeslot email to set up a time to meet if you are available.
      2. Incorporate a recommendation system for the career fair. Whoever gets the most sign ups will receive a gift card or something along those lines paid for personally by EVP Reed.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Encourage people to apply for org aid.
      2. Shoutout to Gio.
      3. Shoutout to EVP Reed.
      4. Shoutout to new members.
      5. There is a current 12-1 ratio of bills to resolutions. Please focus a bit more on resolutions as we move into the second semester. If there is a problem there is a resolution!
         1. Shared personal experience working with the restaurant group.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Bills will be on the docket for next week for the dental vouchers.
         1. The dental hygiene vouchers saw a 660% increase.
      2. The earn a computer program has been very steady.
         1. Gives a computer to students who are in need of one.
      3. The feedback on the office has been great.
         1. People are really enjoying hanging out in the SGA offices.
      4. The Christmas party went great!
         1. About 80 students showed up and 20 were students not from SGA.
      5. Potential banquet day of Tuesday, April 4th during the meeting time.
      6. An email was sent out today to study abroad in Ireland. If you are a freshman or sophomore you are eligible for a $3000 scholarship.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. The polos are here!
         1. Group pictures and committee pictures will be done.
      2. April 4th is the tentative banquet date.
         1. We will meet at the banquet location not in the SGA chambers.
      3. The end of the fall semester came with a massive growth in Instagram engagement.
         1. Will be trying to work on increasing Twitter engagement.
            1. Could be especially helpful for attracting the attention of alums.
         2. Will be increasing Facebook engagement through creating a new account. Please follow the one with an up to date logo and background.
         3. Taking applications for a TikTok leader for SGA.
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. The website has been updated.
         1. Org aid application is live.
         2. Minutes and archive are updated.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. Received confirmation of the scholarships.
      2. The next scholarships will hopefully be open by next Monday (1/30).
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Senator Hensley resigned.
      2. Would like to open up discussion for having a constitutional amendment that all senators should write a bill. There would be no punishment if they are unable to do it.
      3. All bills and resolutions are due on Monday.
      4. New senators please meet briefly to speak about committees.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. Please remember to send the committee minutes.
   10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
       1. No report.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. If you are ensure how to write a resolution or need more clarification feel free to attend a meeting.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Aidan Canizalez
      1. Poetry Slam will be April 21st.
         1. A bill for funding will be coming up for next week.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. Some resolutions will be presented next week.
         1. Will be to get the Narcan bill taken care of.
      2. Will be doing a tabling event involving energy drinks.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. Discussed working on the pollinator garden with the ecology club.
      2. Working with Campus Cup and brainstorming for Earth Day.
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Juan Tomas
      1. Had a meeting yesterday for the 2nd time this semester.
      2. Weekly meeting time is likely to change.
      3. Will be taking a focus for Black History Month,
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Finalized decisions regarding mental health awareness week.
         1. Has yet to be set in stone.
            1. Sunday - Walk for suicide prevention.
            2. Monday - Coffee and kindness.
            3. Tuesday - Build a bear.
            4. Wednesday - Ring of Sunshine foundation. Celebrating denim day.
            5. Thursday - Having soul yoga.
            6. Friday - Dog day.
      2. Sensory room projects are in the works doing more data and assessments.
   7. Community Relations – Sydney Denney
      1. First meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM!
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
   1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier, Senator Sydney Denney, Senator Will Hemenover.
   2. Senator Delozier
      1. No report
   3. Senator Denney
      1. No report
   4. Senator Hemenover
      1. No report
8. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report - Justin Goins
      1. Congratulations to Miles Huff
      2. There is a vacancy for associate chief.
         1. Issac King is nominated to fill the vacancy.
            1. Approved with unanimous voice vote.
   2. University Committee Reports
      1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
         1. No report
      2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
         1. The next meeting is February 21st.
      3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      4. Budget Executive Committee – Sam Kurtz
         1. Budget is looking good for 2024.
      5. University Curriculum Committee – Brett Phelps
         1. No report
      6. Colonnade General Education Committee – Antonina Clementi
         1. No report
      7. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – Ethan Huffaker
         1. The next meeting will be Friday, February 17th.
      8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
         1. No report.
      9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
         1. There will probably be some meetings in the next few weeks.
      10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
          1. No report.
      11. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
          1. January 24th.
      12. University Athletic Committee- Matt Gadd, ShyAnte'e Williams
          1. No report.
      13. Budget and Finance Committee - Caleb Collins
          1. Need an alternate
             1. If you are still interested follow up
          2. Need two people willing to sit in on those meetings.
   3. Swearing in
      1. Those nominated today were sworn in.
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Have someone in mind for January.
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Announcements**
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Hardesty called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.