Senate Meeting Minutes

Sixth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, September 27th 2022

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dr. Bruce Schulte, the Associate Vice President for Strategy, Performance and Accountability. Schulte has worked studying various animals and is currently the WKU department head of Biology. Schulte touched on the fact that most college presidents serve for four years. Four - five year strategic plans are developed because that is usually the term of the president. President Caboni has put in place a ten year strategic plan. Students, facilities, professors, community, and staff are involved in the improvement. The students, “the hill” (faculty and staff), and the community are the core tenets. Schulte is reviewing how things have been done for the past five years but is also looking forward. Schulte touched on the fact that current events like the pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine have altered University goals. Schulte furthered that the demographics of the University are rapidly changing.

If you would like to contact Dr. Bruce Schulte his email is [bruce.schulte@wku.edu](mailto:bruce.schulte@wku.edu).

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:16 pm on September 27th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called, three senators not present.
   2. Quorum was meant.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Corrections to DEI committee report.
      1. Wrong time
      2. Misspelled name of chair
   2. Minutes approved with corrections.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers** 
   1. Senator Pierce motions to move out of by laws
      1. Motion to move bill 2-22 F from new business to unfinished business.
   2. Senator Pierce motions to move back into by laws.
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. Senator Bornefield nominated Anne-Marie Wright to the Senator at Large position. She is currently an SGA office worker with a major in psychology.
         1. Wright discussed her work on campus and mental health passion. She would also like to minimize the stress of finals week .
         2. Wright was unanimously confirmed to the senator at large position.
      2. Thank you again for encouraging people to vote, we saw a 102% voter turnout increase compared to just last year. Congratulations to our newly elected Senators.
      3. Garrison and I were at the Council for Post-Secondary Education Conference in Louisville, KY last Tuesday.
      4. As you start to write legislation, let me know how I can help, if you have trouble getting into contact with administrators, cc me on the email and I will follow up.
      5. Meeting with Dr. Tougas on Friday, are there any comments or concerns that you all have about the Ebikes so far?
      6. I hope everyone is excited about the Football Game this Saturday, there will be a surprise announcement being announced at Halftime during the game that you won’t want to miss.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Nominated Senator Denney and Senator Delozier for two out of the three faculty senate positions.
         1. EVP Reed first nominated Senator Sydney Denney to the faculty senate position.
            1. Senator Denney unanimously confirmed the faculty senate position.
         2. EVP Reed also nominated Senator Liz Delozier to the faculty senate position.
            1. Senator Delozier unanimously confirmed the faculty senate position.
      2. Student engagement committee is still looking for a head and trying to figure out if it is a legitimate committee.
      3. Need all committee heads to stay after the meeting and get EVP Reed up to speed on committee meetings and add him to the GroupMe.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Spent 362.75 dollars of the budget so far.
      2. ORGAID is open, and needs people on the board.
         1. Hope to start meeting next week.
      3. Organizations have reached out to me asking for money now, but we can’t give out money till the end of the semester.
      4. If an organization wants funding they can have a senator write a bill and try to get money from that.
      5. Formally nominating Lauren Willet (SGA chief of staff) for homecoming queen candidate to represent SGA.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Will be purchasing flags and decor for the office.
      2. Plans on buying decor for tailgating that will be kept in the storage room.
      3. The Student Veteran Association is attempting to create a scholarship for students on campus or online. Encourage your friends to apply!
      4. Two shoutouts
         1. Juan Tomas
         2. Mallory Hardesty
         3. Both were complimented on their active engagement in the SGA offices.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. Thank you for helping promote the fall elections and resharing the account's graphics and posts.
         1. We doubled voter turnout
         2. Election results post is now the highest liked on the Instagram page.
      2. Please join the Remind group link
         1. This will be an effective way of messaging you guys from me through texts rather than emails.
      3. We're starting up tabling again!
         1. This is a great opportunity for Senators to earn office hours, especially with October around the corner. Use the spreadsheet to sign up for time slots and follow my email for tabling instructions and where to find everything in the office DSU 2045.
      4. SGA is gathering feedback on the new scooters imitative via a Google form.
         1. The link is on our Linktree.
      5. As usual, please send me anything to promote on the socials!!!
   6. Director of Information Technology – Aniya Johnson
      1. No report
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. We are partnering with the Student Veterans Association to provide a scholarship to a student veteran.
         1. There are 400+ veterans in person and a little over 100 doing online classes.
      2. The applications will be going live here shortly & will (potentially) be due the weekend of Homecoming
         1. There is an application and a nomination, so students don’t have to be nominated to apply- they themselves can apply for it
      3. We are working with an alumni to match our number, and are pretty sure we have one already
      4. the board to review applications will consist of about 10 people: Kent Johnson who runs SVA & is over the military student services, 3 SGA members (Lauren Willett, Gunner Robinson, Daniel Vuleta), Colonel Anthony Struzik who is over the ROTC program, and a few others.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Contact Speaker Mishchuk if you missed the retreat.
      2. Committees are encouraged to reach out to students who are not in SGA.
      3. Do not forgot to submit office hours for September if you did not attend the retreat.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. Minutes will be sent out on Mondays to allow for time to review.
      2. Please send minutes for committees by Sunday of the week it is held.
   10. Parliamentarian
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. Liz Delozier appointed Senator Meghan Pierce to the position of parliamentarian.
      2. Senator Pierce
         1. Senator Piece was unanimously confirmed as parliamentarian.
      3. Send legislation by Mondays at noon!
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. Two potential bills looking at sponsoring.
      2. Want to host a community wide event - if you have ideas send them to Jenna!
         1. For example, a movie night.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. Working on bill to get Narcan in all Dorm
         1. Scheduling a meeting with HRL
         2. Getting price estimate
         3. Already got someone to train RA's
      2. Sent out google form to get feedback for scooters
         1. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3iWnyatxWJlC0zaQb5EQ6R81jeKFisDRnZ5ymDPJF3VULqA/viewform>
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. E-waste Bin introduction into Downing Student Union
      2. New Business College (Net-Zero)
      3. Resolution coming in the future, headed up by Senator Mallory Hardesty
      4. Expanding Surplus Accessibility
         1. Committee taking a tour of the surplus center soon, hopefully to increase student accessibility to extra and unused materials.
      5. Brainstorm Ideas! – Working on long term goals for the upcoming semester.
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
      1. Suggested more accommodations for the buses.
      2. Looking to improve accessibility on transit.
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. First reading of their bill is next week.
      2. Mental illness awareness week is next week - please send out social media reports!
   7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
      1. No report.
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
8. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report - Holden Schroeder
      1. No report
   2. University Committee Reports –
      1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
         1. No report
      2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
         1. AVP Kurtz mentioned issues with mold.
         2. Some funds from the student life foundation will be going into housing and residence life.
         3. Some concerns have been voiced for the workers rights of resident assistants.
            1. Housing and residence life is looking at retaining RAs and potentially increasing their benefits.
         4. An Amazon truck ran into Hugh Poland.
      3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
      4. Budget and Finance Committee – Sam Kurtz
         1. Lots of professors and faculty have expressed concern over a lack of pay
         2. Suggestions were a bit all over the place.
         3. Any full time employee at Western will be getting a one time two percent raise that will go into effect in January 2023.
            1. Still technically pending approval.
      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. No report.
      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. Senator Denney and Senator Delozier sworn in to the faculty senate.
      2. Senator Pierce sworn in as parliamentarian.
      3. Senator Wright sworn in as Senator at Large
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. A recount election will be held at the next meeting.
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 2-22-F. Funding to Sponsor Bowling Green Pride
      1. Senator Pierce gave an authorship speech and introduced the bill.
         1. SGA has cosponsored the event in the past.
         2. Not an in person event in 2020.
         3. Was only able to table in 2021.
         4. The event is on October 22nd, 2022
         5. Encourages people to advocate for a municipal fairness ordinance.
            1. The fairness ordinance would not allow discrimination towards LGBTQ+ indivudals in housing, restaurants, etc.
         6. Will be a $250 sponsorship.
            1. In the past it has been a $500 sponsorship.
      2. No negation speeches offered.
      3. Senator Vuleta provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Gives us an opportunity to get SGA’s name out.
      4. Senator Hardesty provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Could give us the opportunity to advertise SGA as a safe space.
      5. No negation speeches offered.
      6. Unanimous voice vote passed the legislation.
10. **New Business**
11. **Announcement** 
    1. Senator Delozier
       1. encouraged everyone to get a flu vaccine! Graves Gilbert has multiple drive thru sights.
    2. Senator Denney
       1. encouraged us to attend the Alumni Foundation’s Donnato’s night on Fairview that sponsors scholarships.
    3. Senator Gadd
       1. Encouraged us to give blood at the blood drive.
    4. Director of PR Romanov
       1. Invited us to join Fiji’s water balloon fight for the red cross.
    5. AVP Kurtz
       1. Encouraged us to participate in parents weekend that is happening this weekend.
    6. President Bornefield
       1. Encourage us to go to the game and there will be a special announcement at half time.
    7. EVP Reed
       1. Announced he will be speaking to ANY organization on campus. Reach out to Bornefield, Reed, or Kurtz.
    8. Senator Vuleta
       1. Invited us to go see the play She Kills Monsters
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Pierce called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.