Senate Meeting Minutes

Fourteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Third Senate - Tuesday, January 30th, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on January 30th, 2024, at 5:00 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sydney Denney.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Denney
   2. Absences
      1. Senator Distler
      2. Senator Farmer
      3. Senator Potter
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.

**4. Guest and Student Speakers**

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Quote of the Week: “Do not wait to strike until the iron is hot, make it hot by striking!”
   2. Nominations:
      1. Madison Payne as Outreach and Student Experience Committee Chair
         1. Madison is very excited to be nominated and hopes to carry out the Outreach Committee’s ideas.
            1. Unanimous yes
      2. Sophia Bryant as Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee Chair
         1. Sophia is excited to get involved and improve the mental health of students on campus.
         2. Senator Pierce gave a speech in affirmation for Sophia commenting on her great work on legislation and her passion for mental health.
            1. Unanimous yes
   3. President Kurtz encourages everyone to meet with their committees and write legislation.
2. Executive Vice President – **Annie Finch**
   1. Thanks to all who filled out the exec application.
   2. University committees- an SGA rep sits on the faculty committee.
   3. Nominations:
      1. Jaden Marshall as Graduate Advisory Council University Committee member
         1. Senator Marshall is very excited to get involved in SGA.
            1. Unanimous yes
      2. Chloe Ralston as Colonnade General Education University Committee member
         1. Senator Ralston is honored to be nominated and is excited for the opportunity.
            1. Unanimous yes
3. Administrative Vice President – **Salvador Leon**
   1. Neurodiversity Acceptance Week next week
      1. Tuesday- Friday, progressive dinner room 3020 on Tuesday If you go you get office hours, free dinner, and a great time.
      2. Special Olympics sign ups- please sign up (a form was in the email) and reach out to Vice President Leon to get involved. Big Red will be there!
   2. Vacancy in Organizational Aid Board- email if you want to get involved.
   3. Cameron Levis will be our guest speaker next week.
4. Chief of Staff – **Donte’ Reed**
   1. Christmas décor in the office is taking down, if you use anything in the office, please put it away to avoid clutter.
   2. Vouchers
      1. Dental vouchers will be back next week at the Front desk.
      2. ID vouchers and meal vouchers.
   3. Career Consulting Program
      1. Starting a program for WKU Seniors who would like to be mentored- reach out if you would like to get involved.
   4. Come to the office and get to know exec!
5. Director of Public Relations – **Preston Romanov**
   1. Scholarship post dropped- keep sharing it on social media!
   2. Organizational Aid post coming soon.
   3. Neurodiversity Awareness Week next week- keep an eye out for that on Instagram.
   4. New senators’ polos will be ordered soon.
   5. Graduation stoles- respond to an email coming soon if you are graduating in the Spring.
6. Director of Information Technology – **Aniya Johnson**
   1. No report.
7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. SGA is presenting at Bowling Green HS at 8:30 on 02/02 to talk about SGA and the Community Builders scholarship for High school seniors. Please share the Instagram post and encourage everyone to apply.
8. Speaker of the Senate – **Sydney Denney**
   1. Thanks for filling out exec evaluations!
   2. Planning an SGA legislation writing event open to SGA and WKU students.
   3. Guest Speakers
      1. Cameron Levis is coming to speak next week.
      2. February 13th Jennifer Smith is coming to speak, please be early and respectful. Come prepared with questions.
   4. Stop in to Office Hours Monday and Friday afternoons 12-5, Tuesdays 4-5.
9. Secretary of the Senate – **Livi Ray**
   1. Send your committee meeting minutes and reach out if you need anything!

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Meghan Pierce**
   1. Come join us at our committee meetings at 6 pm on Wednesdays in the Student Activities workroom.
   2. Send legislation to Senator Pierce by Wednesdays at noon.
   3. Reminder that going to a committee you are not assigned to counts as office hours!
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Anne-Marie Wright**
   1. Look out for a tabling sign up soon- table for an office hour!
3. Outreach and Student Experience – **Madison Payne**
   1. Meetings on Thursdays at 5:30 in the SGA office.
   2. Setting up a Google calendar, reach out with events.
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. Goody bag initiative- more details coming soon.
   2. If you are interested in the Bowling Green clean up contact Senator Flatt.
   3. Meetings on Tuesdays at 4:00 in DSU 3018.
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Karley Solorzano**
   1. Please fill out the survey for DEI week at the end of March.
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Women’s history month event in the works.
   2. Valentine’s day event.
   3. Committee meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:00.
7. Community Relations – **Maiah Cisco**
   1. If you have any connections to a Bowling Green hair salon, contact us, we are trying to get vouchers for free haircuts for students.
   2. Our first school visit is on Friday to talk about SGA and scholarships to high school students.

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Isaac King**
   1. Judicial Council meetings are now on Wednesdays at 6:45.
   2. Starting Constitutional Referendum Committee next week- submit ideas in the form in the email.
2. Swearing in – **Isaac King**
   1. Senator Marshall
   2. Senator Payne
   3. Senator Bryant
   4. Senator Ralston
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Student Life Foundation – **Annie Finch**
      1. Currently conducting surveys, getting good student feedback so far.
   2. Committee on Academic Quality – **Annie Finch**
      1. No report.
   3. University Athletic Committee – **Kaison Barton & Julia Duggins**
      1. No report.
   4. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – **Rush Robinson, Dylan Carmona, & Megan Farmer**
      1. No report.
   5. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee – **Tanner Blood**
      1. No report.
   6. Faculty Welfare Committee – **Thomas Pabin**
      1. No report.
   7. Graduate Advisory Council – **Jaden** **Marshall**
      1. No report.
   8. Colonnade General Education Committee – **Chloe Ralston** 
      1. No report.
   9. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – **Carly Wheat**
      1. No report.
   10. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee – **Madison Payne**
       1. No report.

**8.Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

**10. Announcements**

1. Best buddies are doing their fashion show at 6:00 pm tonight.

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Hornback made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Robinson.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.