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Senate Meeting Agenda

Twentieth Meeting of the Twenty-First Senate -- Tuesday, 15 February 2022

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Guest and Student Speakers

5. Officer Reports

President -- **Matthew Wininger**

Executive Vice President -- **Me'Lon Craighead**

Administrative Vice President -- **Reed Bruenig**

Chief of Staff -- **Parker Raybourne**

Director of Public Relations -- **Alexis Courtenay**

Director of Information Technology -- **Jamison Moorehead**

Director of Enrollment and Student Experience -- **Tribhuwan Singh**

Speaker of the Senate -- **Tess Welch**

Secretary of the Senate -- **Elizabeth DeLozier**

Parliamentarian --

6. Committee Reports

Legislative Operations -- **Addison McCoun**

Enrollment and Student Experience -- **Shelby Robertson**

Outreach and Student Experience -- **Calleigh Powell**

Campus Improvements and Sustainability -- **Zachary Skillman**

Diversity Equity, and Inclusion -- **Olivia Blackmon**

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing -- **Alex Cissell**

7. Faculty Senate Reports

SGA representatives -- **Calleigh Powell, Margaret Glaser** / Alexis Courtenay, Tess Welch, Jamison Moorehead



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8. Special Orders

Judicial Council Report -- **Holden Schroeder**

University Committee Reports --

- Senate Executive Committee -- **Matthew Winger** / Tess Welch
- Student COVID-19 Taskforce -- **Matthew Winger**
- Student Life Foundation -- **Me'Lon Craighead**
- Preston Center Advisory Council -- **Me'Lon Craighead**
- Budget and Finance Committee -- **Me'Lon Craighead**
- University Curriculum Committee -- **Julie Mishchuk**
- Colonnade General Education Committee -- **Nia Queen Douglas**
- Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee --
- Committee on Academic Quality -- **Olivia Feck**
- Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee -- **Addison McCoun**
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup -- **Jesse Banales**
- Student Engagement Committee -- **Aniya Johnson & Sam Kurtz**

Swearing in -- **Holden Schroeder**

Senator of the Month Election -- **Tess Welch**

9. Unfinished Business

Bill 6-22-S. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution.

Resolution 3-22-S. Resolution to Support the painting of a crosswalk below the Van Meter greenspace.

Resolution 4-22-S. Resolution to Support the addition of a crosswalk in front of 1600 Chestnut St, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Resolution 5-22-S. Resolution to Support the addition of a crosswalk in front of 1566 Normal St, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Bill 11-22-S. A Bill to Support the Implementation of an SGA Photo Directory.

10. New Business

Resolution 6-22-S. Resolution to Support the addition of an SGA related clause to Course Syllabi.

Bill 12-22-S. Funding for the creation of an SGA-sponsored workshop in coordination with the WKU Center of Financial Success.

Resolution 7-22-S. Resolution to Support the Creation and Posting of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement by every university department.



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Bill 13-22-S. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution.

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment



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Second Reading: 2-15-22

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Other:

Bill 6-22-S. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend Section 3.8.7.4 of its Constitution.

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.7.4 describes a requirement for the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee to meet with the Director of the Counseling Center and the Title IX Coordinator, and

WHEREAS: The Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee similar requirement isolates “at least once each semester”, and

WHEREAS: Committee requirements should be consistent, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.7.4 will now read as:

“Have the Committee Chair or a delegate meet with the Director of the Counseling Center and the Title IX Coordinator at least once each semester.”

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend Section 3.8.7.4 of its Constitution.

AUTHORS: Tess Welch, Speaker of the Senate
Sam Kurtz, Freshman Senator

SPONSORS: Legislative Operations Committee

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Resolution 3-22-S. Resolution to Support the painting of a crosswalk below the Van Meter greenspace.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the painting of a crosswalk between the Van Meter lawn and the path down to the Big Red statue across College Heights Boulevard.

WHEREAS: Students frequently walk past Big Red and up towards Van Meter Hall and cross the road without the crosswalk, and

WHEREAS: This is especially frequent from students living at Midtown or the Kentucky Street Apartments, and

WHEREAS: Students must either walk up the hill or down towards the Kentucky Museum in order to cross, and

WHEREAS: Kyle Davenport, Campus Services Manager, has expressed interest in placing a crosswalk at this location, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Davenport will aim to integrate this crosswalk into the new traffic flow models for Hilltop Drive in Summer 2022.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the addition of a crosswalk across College Heights Boulevard between the Van Meter greenspace and path to the Alumni Center.

AUTHORS: Caleb Collins, Senator At Large
Zachary Skillman, Committee Head for Campus Improvements and Sustainability

SPONSORS: Campus Improvements and Sustainability

CONTACTS: Kyle Davenport, Campus Services Manager (kyle.davenport@wku.edu)



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Resolution 4-22-S. Resolution to Support the addition of a crosswalk in front of 1600 Chestnut St, Bowling Green, KY 42101

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the addition of a crosswalk in front of the Kappa Delta Sorority house at 1600 Chestnut St, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

WHEREAS: Many off-campus students find the intersection of Ogden Ave and Chestnut St to be the quickest route to campus, and

WHEREAS: Various commuters and faculty use Park St and Ogden Ave for daily parking as they spend their day on the WKU campus, and

WHEREAS: The closest crosswalk to the north is a quarter of a mile away at the intersection of Cabell Dr. and Chestnut St, and

WHEREAS: The closest crosswalk to the south is a quarter of a mile away at the intersection of Regents Ave and Chestnut St, and

WHEREAS: Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee has already attempted to talk to the City of Bowling Green about placing a crosswalk at this location, and

WHEREAS: Kyle Davenport, Campus Services Manager, will attempt to use his resources to contact the City of Bowling Green and argue on behalf of the students, and

WHEREAS: The continued sprawl of the WKU campus toward Chestnut St will only increase the pedestrian foot traffic that this intersection sees.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the addition of a crosswalk in front of the Kappa Delta Sorority house at 1600 Chestnut St, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

AUTHORS: Caleb Collins, Senator at Large
Zachary Skillman, Committee Head for Campus Improvements and Sustainability

SPONSORS: Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee

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CONTACTS: Kyle Davenport, Campus Services Manager



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Resolution 5-22-S. Resolution to Support the addition of a crosswalk in front of 1566 Normal St, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the painting of a crosswalk in front of 1566 Normal St, Bowling Green, KY, 42101 and behind the Grise Hall bus stop.

WHEREAS: Students frequently cross between the Grise Hall and Helm Library bus stops, and

WHEREAS: Students must walk a significant distance up the hill towards Cravens Library in order to cross from the South side of the street toward Grise Hall, and

WHEREAS: Likewise, students must walk down toward the Honors College to cross from the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) to Northeast Hall, and

WHEREAS: This area is heavily trafficked during class periods causing pedestrians to face an inconvenient path to class, and

WHEREAS: Kyle Davenport, Campus Services Manager, has plans to present the students' wishes for a crosswalk at this location to the Planning, Design and Construction team as they begin to draw up the parking lot extension for the Mimosa Point parking lot to be completed in Summer 2022.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the addition of a crosswalk in front of 1566 Normal St, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

AUTHORS: Caleb Collins, Senator At Large
Zachary Skillman, Committee Head for Campus Improvements and Sustainability

SPONSORS: Campus Improvements and Sustainability

CONTACTS: Kyle Davenport, Campus Services Manager



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Bill 11-22-S. A Bill to Support the Implementation of an SGA Photo Directory.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the addition of professional headshots to our online directory.

WHEREAS: Our online directory has our names and contact information, but it does not have faces to match our names, and

WHEREAS: As new senators flow through our SGA, it can be difficult to remember who is who, along with the role they possess, and

WHEREAS: This bill provides both awareness to students regarding their senators as well as professional headshots for SGA members.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University adds photos to our online directory.

AUTHORS: James Cecil, Senator at Large
Caleb Collins, Senator at Large

SPONSORS: Student Experience and Enrollment Committee

CONTACTS: Alexis Courtenay, Director of Public Relations



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Resolution 6-22-S. Resolution to Support the addition of an SGA related clause to Course Syllabi.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the addition of an awareness clause to all WKU Course Syllabi.

WHEREAS: University precedent supports the addition of text related to student resources to class syllabi, and

WHEREAS: The WKU Student Government Association offers resources that promote student success, and

WHEREAS: The addition of this clause will increase awareness of the Student Government Association among the WKU community, and

WHEREAS: The addition of this clause will offer the opportunity to adjust the language of future clauses to meet the needs of the Student Government Associations, and

WHEREAS: Future iterations of this clause will be approved and submitted by the Executive Cabinet.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the addition of SGA-related clause to course syllabi.

AUTHORS: Parker Raybourne, Chief of Staff

SPONSORS: Student Experience and Enrolment Committee

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Bill 12-22-S. Funding for the creation of an SGA-sponsored workshop in coordination with the WKU Center of Financial Success.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$350 for a student workshop about financial literacy.

WHEREAS: The money will come from Legislative Discretionary Fund and will go towards food, drinks, plates, and napkins, and

WHEREAS: Many students on campus lack understanding of simple financial activities, such as budgeting, filing taxes, and predatory loan practices, and

WHEREAS: These students would benefit from learning about financial activities that they may need to use later in life after graduation, and

WHEREAS: This will be an SGA-sponsored event in coordination with the WKU Center of Financial Success on Thursday, February 17, and

WHEREAS: This event will count towards Senator Office hours, and

WHEREAS: Zachary Jones of the Center of Financial Success had agreed to help present on the matter of financial literacy, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$350 for a workshop about financial literacy.

AUTHORS: Garrett Baum, Junior Senator
Addison McCoun, Legislative Operations Committee Chair and Potter College of Arts & Letters Senator
Caleb Collins, Senator-at-Large

SPONSORS: Legislative Operations Committee

CONTACTS: Zachary Jones, WKU Center of Financial Success



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Resolution 7-22-S. Resolution to Support the Creation and Posting of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement by every university department.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the creation and posting of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement by every university department.

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University as a whole has a stated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and

WHEREAS: Potter College, Ogden College, and Gordon Ford College all have a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement on their landing pages, with the College of Health and Human Services also having a statement posted on their website, and

WHEREAS: Many departments have already formulated internal diversity, equity, and inclusion statements that are not yet outward facing, and

WHEREAS: A few university departments, including the Sociology, English, and Mathematics departments, already have diversity, equity, and inclusion statements posted on their websites, and

WHEREAS: Having a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement clearly posted on every department's website will contribute to students of all backgrounds feeling welcomed and included in their department, and

WHEREAS: Dr. Molly Kerby will present this proposal before the Senate Executive Committee to be passed through Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS: Creation and posting of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement by every department is a simple yet effective step that can be taken to further the University's commitment to this principle.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the creation and posting of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement by every university department.

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Bill 13-22-S. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend its Constitution to correctly reflect the duties of the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee.

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.7.2 currently states that the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee shall,

“Serve the student body by addressing matters of mental health and sexual assault awareness at Western Kentucky University,” and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.7.2 shall be revised to state that the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee shall,

“Serve the student body by addressing matters of wellbeing through a holistic approach to wellness in order to create a culture of wellbeing at Western Kentucky University,” and

WHEREAS: The Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee now focuses on a more broad approach to wellness than it is currently stated.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will amend the Constitution.

AUTHORS: Emily Bunning, Senior Senator
Alex Cissell, Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee Chair

SPONSORS: The Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

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