**Senate Meeting Minutes**

Ninth Meeting of the Twenty-First Senate – Tuesday, 19 October 2021

Before the meeting was called to order, two guest speakers spoke to the members of SGA. Dr. Patti Minter, WKU history professor and State Representative of District 20, spoke about State Senate Bill 26. The bill aims to prevent predatory lending by regulating student borrowing. The bill seeks to increase transparency, advocate for student borrowers, and provide oversight to prevent predatory lending. To learn more or express your support, please email Dr. Minter at [patti.minter@wku.edu](mailto:patti.minter@wku.edu) or [patti@pattiminter4ky.com](mailto:patti@pattiminter4ky.com).

Ms. Mindy Johnson, the Assistant Director of Student Activities, then spoke to SGA about her role. She discussed the importance of Student Activities in overseeing SGA, campus ministry, Greek Life, Campus Activities Board, DSU operations, and the Dynamic Leadership Institute (DLI). She discussed the immense benefits of DLI participation and encourages all students to apply to the four-phase program which takes only 6 hours per semester. You can visit Student Activities in DSU 2059 and contact Ms. Johnson at [mindy.johnson@wku.edu](mailto:mindy.johnson@wku.edu).

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The meeting was called to order at 5:27 PM.
2. **Attendance**
   1. Thirty senators were present.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. The previous week’s senate meeting minutes were approved with unanimous consent.
4. **Officer Reports**
   1. President Matthew Wininger
      1. Pres. Wininger nominated Maiah Cisco for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Cisco spoke on her qualifications and interest in implementing her own ongoing project on WKU’s campus.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. Two speeches in affirmation were given.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The Senate approved the nomination with unanimous consent.
      2. Pres. Wininger nominated Caleb J. Collins for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Collins spoke on his qualifications and desire to increase financial literacy on campus.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. One speech in affirmation was given.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The Senate approved the nomination with unanimous consent.
      3. Pres. Wininger nominated James Cecil for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Cecil spoke on his qualifications and potential initiatives including improved equipment for students moving into residence halls and textbook buy-back programs.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. One speech in affirmation was given.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The Senate approved the nomination with unanimous consent.
      4. Pres. Wininger nominated Julie Mischuk for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Mischuk spoke on her qualifications, passion for mental health, and goals to increase the accessibility of information regarding campus resources.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. Four speeches in affirmation were given.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The Senate approved the nomination with unanimous consent.
      5. Met with Dr. Logan and Robert Huffman regarding extensive food lines, working to solve the issue
   2. Executive Vice President Me’Lon Craighead
      1. EVP Craighead nominated Sen. Feck to the Committee on Academic Quality.
         1. Feck spoke on her qualifications and desire to serve on the committee.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The Senate approved the nomination with unanimous consent.
      2. EVP Craighead nominated Sen. Douglas to the Colonnade General Education Committee.
         1. Douglas spoke on her qualifications and desire to serve on the committee.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. One speech in affirmation was given.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The Senate approved the nomination with unanimous consent.
      3. EVP Craighead nominated Sen. Blazek to the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee.
         1. Blazek spoke on her qualifications and desire to serve on the committee.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The Senate approved the nomination with unanimous consent.
      4. We still need two representatives for Faculty Senate, one person to serve on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and two more people to serve on the PTS Appeals Committee
   3. Administrative Vice President Reed Breunig
      1. Encouraged freshman to attend Weekend in the Woods freshman leadership summit.
      2. Still in need of at least two more senators to serve on the Org Aid Committee
         1. No organizational aid funds can be dispersed without a full committee
      3. Funds allocated by the Senate come from Legislative Discretionary
         1. If you have questions about the budget please reach out to AVP Breunig, not anyone else
   4. Chief of Staff Parker Raybourne
      1. Executive Meeting Minutes are posted on the SGA website
         1. There was no Exec Meeting last week, and thus no minutes
   5. Director of Public Relations Alexis Courtenay
      1. Join the Remind Group! Text “@sgapr2021” to 81010
         1. This is very important for communication about SGA events
      2. Senate Meeting dress code: business casual or WKU gear
         1. Wear costumes next week to celebrate Halloween
      3. Please email if you would like to table and include information about where/when/why/materials needed
      4. Hilltop Hangout this Friday (10/22/21)
         1. Be there at 5:45
         2. Can leave at 6:45 or stay for movie and extra office hours
         3. Be in costume, bring blankets/hammocks, bring 3 non-SGA friends
         4. Email with excuse if you will be absent
         5. Post/send graphics to other RSOs
         6. Assignments will be sent out beforehand via email
   6. Director of Information Technology Jamison Moorehead
      1. Minutes, new Senators, and Committee info have been updated on website
      2. Currently working on updating Legislative Archive
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience Tribhuwan Singh
      1. Scholarship Application will be available next week
      2. Study Abroad Scholarships will only be awarded with proof that selected program is still running
   8. Speaker of the Senate Tess Welch
      1. Still missing some office hour forms from last month – turn in ASAP
      2. Turn in October office hours if already finished
      3. Submit bills as soon as you are finished writing them
         1. If you would like to hold back a bill for a specific time, discuss with Speaker Welch to determine date for first read
      4. Motion to cancel a meeting must be done during special orders or announcements
5. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations – Addison McCoun
      1. Please read the LOC report in last week’s minutes (10/11/21)
      2. If you have questions about a bill vs. resolution please reach out
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience – Shelby Robertson
      1. Working on rural scholarship
      2. Will have a bill up for first read next week
      3. Working on getting printers in residence halls
   3. Outreach and Student Experience – Calleigh Powell
      1. Everyone should be at Hilltop Hangout!
      2. Working on ideas generated and submitted during retreat, such as sending gifts to RSOs
      3. Thursday (10/21/21) painting with Pride event at 6:00 PM.
      4. RSO Event Calendar will be sent out via email today
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Zachary Skillman
      1. Congrats to Julia Mischuk and Maiah Cisco!
      2. Please see last week’s minutes (10/11/21) about conversation with Dr. North
      3. Working with Facilities and Sen. Blazek on creating Pollinator Garden and utilizing green space at top of the Hill
   5. Diversity Equity and Inclusion – Olivia Blackmon
      1. Congrats to Sen Douglas and newly appointed senators!
      2. Presenting bill today for funding SGA presence at BG Pride
         1. Will be sending out sign ups for volunteering this Saturday (10/23/21)
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Alex Cissell
      1. Met with Counseling Center’s Dr. Crowe
      2. Working on GLS Suicide Prevention Grant
      3. Presenting bill today for Title IX training
      4. Working on ideas for Mental Health Awareness week next semester
6. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report – Chief Justice Holden Schroeder
      1. Working to streamline absence system
   2. Oath of Office – Chief Justice Schroeder
      1. The four new senators-at-large were sworn in.
   3. Senator of the Month – Speaker Welch
      1. Process will be the same as last time, nominations will be accepted until Monday (10/25/21) at 4:00 PM.
      2. Voting will take place next Tuesday (10/26/21).
   4. Student/Guest Speaker
      1. A student guest speaker detailed her experience and frustrations with the lack of university dining delivery options for students with disabilities. In addition, she expressed a desire to work with SGA to improve accessibility across campus.
7. Unfinished Business
   1. Bill 5-21-F. Requiring the Title IX Training for all collegiate members of Student Government Association
      1. Bill introduced by Sens. Feck and Howard
      2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. One speech in affirmation was given.
      3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
      4. Bill 5-21-F was approved with unanimous consent.
   2. Bill 6-21-F. Funding for SGA Tabling at the BG Pride Festival
      1. Bill introduced by Sens. Blackmon and Pierce
      2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
      3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
      4. Bill 6-21-F was approved with unanimous consent.
8. **Announcements**
   1. Please send pictures of Fall Break (especially related to health and wellness) to PR Dir. Courtenay.
   2. Sen. McCoun working on resolution to address mold in residence halls
   3. Please complete Title IX Training form ASAP
   4. Meeting to discuss scholarships at college job fairs Monday @ 6:00 with Sen. Reed
   5. NPHC Step Show 10/30/21 at 8:00 PM in Van Meter Hall.
9. **Adjournment**
   1. Sen. Baum motioned to adjourn.
   2. Motion seconded.
   3. Meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 6:52 PM.