**Senate Meeting Minutes**

Eleventh Meeting of the Twenty-First Senate – Tuesday, 4 November 2021

Before the meeting was called to order, Bryan Russell spoke to the members of SGA about his role as Chief Facilities Officer. His explained his position overseeing the Environmental Health & Safety; Planning, Design & Construction; and Facilities Management Departments. Mr. Russell explained ongoing efforts to make campus more accessible and stressed his support of the student voice in matters of campus improvement. Mr. Russell can be contacted at [bryan.russell@wku.edu](mailto:bryan.russell@wku.edu).

1. Call to Order
   1. The meeting was called to order at 5:25 PM.
2. Roll Call
   1. Roll was called, thirty-four senators were present.
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. The previous week’s minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Officer Reports
   1. President Matthew Wininger
      1. Pres. Wininger appointed Justin Goins to Associate Justice.
         1. Goins introduced himself and emphasized his desire to uphold and faithfully interpret the Constitution.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. One speech in affirmation was given.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
   2. Executive Vice President Me’Lon Craighead
      1. EVP Craighead appointed Sen. Blazek to Faculty Senate.
         1. Sen. Blazek spoke on her qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate, one speech in affirmation was made.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      2. EVP Craighead appointed Sen. Powell to Faculty Senate.
         1. Sen. Powell spoke on her qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      3. EVP Craighead appointed Sen. Glaser to Faculty Senate.
         1. Sen. Glaser spoke on her qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      4. EVP Craighead appointed Sen. Mishchuk to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
         1. Sen. Mishchuk spoke on her qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      5. EVP Craighead appointed Alexis Courtenay to Faculty Senate (alternate).
         1. Courtenay spoke on her qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      6. EVP Craighead appointed Speaker Welch to Faculty Senate (alternate).
         1. Speaker Welch spoke on her qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      7. EVP Craighead appointed Jamison Moorehead to Faculty Senate (alternate).
         1. Moorehead spoke on his qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      8. EVP Craighead appointed Speaker Welch to Faculty Senate Executive (alternate).
         1. Speaker Welch spoke on her qualifications and goals.
         2. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      9. Two spots left for PTS Appeals Committee
      10. Meeting with representatives to improve student engagement with RSOs on iWKU app
          1. Please contact with ideas/input, hoping to get an SGA trial run before platform-wide changes
          2. Adding survey to connect students will RSOs that fit interests
   3. Administrative Vice President Reed Breunig
      1. AVP Breunig appointed Sens. Collins, Baum, Falkner, J. Skillman, Pierce, and Romanov to the Organizational Aid Committee.
         1. Time was allowed for questions and debate.
         2. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         3. The appointment was unanimously approved.
      2. Contact with questions about bill funding
      3. Will be serving on Budget Executive Committee
      4. 2021-2022 budget has been updated
   4. Director of Public Relations Alexis Courtenay
      1. Please contact if you have login information for SGA or SGA-related social media accounts
      2. DM posts about campus/community events to SGA Instagram
      3. Please send in pictures (campus, events, SGA members, etc.)
      4. Starting “Spill the Tea” Tabling with food, drinks, and outreach
      5. Please fill out nametag form
   5. Director of Information Technology Jamison Moorehead
      1. Minutes and legislative archive updated
      2. 2019-2020 legislative archive added
      3. Committee interest form and scholarship applications have been added to website
   6. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience Tribhuwan Singh
      1. Scholarship application is available
      2. Will need help grading after deadline
   7. Speaker of the Senate Tess Welch
      1. The “sponsors” section on legislation is for SGA committees to sponsor
         1. Ask your committee to sponsor legislature, does not have to be related to committee’s topic
      2. Give completed office hour sheet to front desk worker or put in gray folder with red WKU seal
      3. If you are interested in being part of the DEI Workgroup, contact EVP Craighead
      4. Senate Faculty and University Committee Reps – please contact and meet with committee head
      5. Please be patient with advisors as they introduce a new system and adapt to working with both the old and new programs simultaneously
      6. Provost has requested SGA resolution of support for mandatory faculty and staff Title IX training
         1. Contact Speaker Welch if interested in helping
5. Committee Reports
   1. Legislative Operations – Addison McCoun
      1. Sen. McCoun challenged all senators to author a piece of legislation
      2. Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
      3. Received eight pieces of legislature to review this week
      4. Authors – see Sen. McCoun to discuss meeting times
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience – Shelby Robertson
      1. Spoke with David Oliver about vaccine clinic
      2. Working on dental hygiene legislation and rural scholarship
      3. Committee sponsoring resolution to support Student Borrower Bill
   3. Outreach and Student Experience – Calleigh Powell
      1. Sending out sign up sheet for weekly tabling, starts next Tuesday 11/9/21 12:00-2:00 PM.
      2. Meeting with Student Activities about sponsoring RSO fair
      3. Putting together basket in honor of Veteran’s Day, will be presented at Guthrie Tower 11/11/21
      4. Sponsoring upcoming college job fair scholarship legislation
      5. Weekly meetings Tuesdays at 4:00 PM.
   4. Sustainability and Campus Improvements – Zachary Skillman
      1. Meeting with Waste Reduction Coordinator 11/4/21
      2. Weekly meetings Thursdays at 4:00 PM (11/4/21), moving to Tuesdays at 4:00 PM
   5. Diversity Equity and Inclusion – Olivia Blackmon
      1. Met with Dr. Poole to discuss resolution to expand modern languages
      2. Working on Jonesville commemoration resolution
         1. There is currently an exhibit on Jonesville at the Kentucky Museum
      3. Minority Scholarship application now open
      4. Working on putting all-gender bathroom map on iWKU app
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Alex Cissell
      1. Title IX training due tonight 11/2/21
      2. Meeting with Deborah Wilkins tomorrow 11/3/21
      3. Working on You Matter campaign, Mental Health Awareness Week and Wellness Wednesday tabling event the week before finals
6. Special Orders
   1. Judicial Council – Chief Justice Holden Schroeder
      1. JC will have ruling on constitutional amendment procedure by next senate meeting
   2. Student Life Foundation – EVP Craighead
      1. Next meeting 12/7/21, please contact with residence hall concerns
   3. Colonnade General Education Committee – Nia Queen Douglas
      1. Met 11/2/21, discussed potential additions to Colonnade course catalog
   4. Senator of the Month – Speaker Welch
      1. Google Form for November Senator of the Month will be sent 11/23/21, voting 11/30/21
7. Unfinished Business
   1. Bill 8-21-F. Funding the Intercultural Student Engagement Center Homecoming 2021 events and activities.
      1. Bill pulled by authors.
   2. Bill 9-21-F. Amending the Student Government Association Bylaws Section 4.1.
      1. Introduced by Sen. Falkner.
      2. Time was allowed for questions and debate. Two speeches in affirmation were given.
      3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
      4. Bill 9-21-F was unanimously passed.
8. New Business
   1. Bill 10-21-F. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Bylaws
   2. Resolution 2-21-F. Resolution to Support students and faculty members of Western Kentucky University who have served our country in the armed forces
   3. Bill 11-21-F. Organizational Aid Funding for The Western Kentucky University Chinese Club
   4. Bill 12-21F. Funding for 3 of the Spring WKU College Job Fair Scholarships: STEM, Business, and Spring.
9. Announcements
   1. Direct Title IX training questions to Sen. Howard
   2. WKU Habitat for Humanity Toy Drive for the Salvation Army 11/4/21 at 6:30 PM.
   3. Stay after meeting to sign cards for guest speakers
   4. Legislation must be sent to Sen. McCoun by 5:00 PM 11/3/21 to be reviewed at 11/3/21 meeting.
   5. Free Pancakes at Wesley Foundation 11:00 PM-1:00 AM 11/4/21-11/5/21
   6. Sen. Blackmon will be teaching a ballroom class in Southwest Hall at 5:30 PM 11/5/21
   7. Please like/repost SGA pictures and graphics
   8. Bylaws will be updated to reflect passing of Bill 9-21-F.
10. Adjournment
    1. Sen. Congleton moved to adjourn, motion seconded.
    2. Meeting adjourned unanimously at 6:28 PM.