Senate Meeting Minutes

Fourth Meeting of the Twenty-First Senate – Tuesday, 4 September 2021

Before the meeting was called to order, Director of Debate Chad Meadows from the WKU Forensics Team spoke about the organization. Meadows explained the variety of events in speech and debate as well as the many benefits of participation. He encouraged those interested in joining the team to contact him at [*chadwickmeadows@gmail.com*](mailto:chadwickmeadows@gmail.com)*.*

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The meeting was called to order at 5:14 PM.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called, 23 senators were present.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with unanimous consent.
4. **Officer Reports**
   1. President Matthew Wininger
      1. Pres. Wininger nominated Troy Davis, a senior from Chicago with previous experience as an SGA senator, for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Nominee Davis spoke on his qualifications and interest in continuing his work with the Outreach Committee.
         2. Time was allowed for questions, debate, and speeches in affirmation or negation.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. Davis was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.
      2. Pres. Wininger nominated Jacob Skillman, a junior business economics major from Houston, TX, for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Nominee J. Skillman spoke on his previous marketing experience and interest in serving on the Enrollment and Student Experience Committee.
         2. Time was allowed for questions, debate, and speeches in affirmation or negation.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. J. Skillman was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.
      3. Pres. Wininger nominated Preston Romanov, a sophomore photojournalism major from Louisville, for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Nominee Romanov described his previous experience with student publications and interest in mental health initiatives.
         2. Time was allowed for questions, debate, and speeches in affirmation or negation.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. Romanov was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.
      4. Pres. Wininger nominated Zach Skillman, a junior business economics major from Houston, TX, for Senator-at-Large.
         1. Nominee Z. Skillman spoke on his interest in social media and serving on the Sustainability Committee.
         2. Sen. Dykeman inquired about Skillman’s ideas regarding sustainability. Skillman hopes to expand recycling availability for off-campus students.
         3. Time was allowed for debate and speeches in affirmation or negation.
         4. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         5. Z. Skillman was confirmed to the Senate with unanimous consent.
      5. Pres. Wininger nominated Trib Singh, a senior finance major with previous SGA experience, for Director of Academics and Student Affairs.
         1. Nominee Singh spoke on his previous SGA experience and goals for expanding campus awareness of resources.
         2. Time was allowed for questions, debate, and speeches in affirmation or negation.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. Singh was confirmed to the Executive Cabinet with unanimous consent.
      6. Pres. Wininger nominated Abby Norvell, a senior journalism major with previous SGA experience, for Associate Justice.
         1. Nominee Norvell spoke on her previous SGA roles and desire to increase efficiency and communication between the three branches of SGA.
         2. Time was allowed for questions, debate, and speeches in affirmation or negation.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. Norvell was confirmed to Judicial Council with unanimous consent.
      7. Pres. Wininger nominated Nicole Massarone, a senior from Lexington, for Associate Justice.
         1. Nominee Massarone spoke on her experience interning for the US Sente in judiciary policy.
         2. Time was allowed for questions, debate, and speeches in affirmation or negation.
         3. Speaker Welch called the previous question.
         4. Massarone was confirmed to the Judicial Council with unanimous consent.
      8. If you are interested in serving on the Marketing Dept.’s Athletic Committee, please contact Pres. Wininger. They are seeking two representatives from SGA (one male, one female).
   2. Executive Vice President Craighead
      1. Faculty Senate Committees are still being formed, if interested please reach out to EVP Craighead.
      2. Shoutout to Sens. Cissell and Feck for their work preparing for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
      3. Shoutout to Sens. Feck and Reed for already discussing plans for legislation.
   3. Chief of Staff Parker Raybourne
      1. Read aloud letter from grateful recipient of SGA scholarship.
      2. If you’d like an SGA mask, please grab one from the SGA Office.
      3. As you begin spending time in the SGA Office, please introduce yourself to the office workers.
      4. Hilltop Hangout is in the works! Plan to be available to work this event 4:30-8:30 on Friday 9/24/2; if unavailable reach out.
      5. Reach out to other organizations and encourage participation/involvement; we expect a big turnout.
      6. Election results tonight (9/14/21), midnight celebration in SGA Chambers.
      7. SGA sends thank you letters to guest speakers, please stop by office on Wednesday to sign.
      8. If you need any help with anything, please feel free to reach out.
   4. Director of Public Relations Alexis Courtenay
      1. If you have questions about Hilltop Hangout, contact Dir. of PR Courtenay.
      2. Stay after meeting or contact if willing to help making buttons.
      3. Please sign up for Remind: text “@sgapr2021” to 81010
      4. SGA polos will be here in early October, then we will have headshots.
      5. Thank you for putting up graphics, please keep it up!
      6. Will be deleting all SGA-related accounts that aren’t the official page, please delete them if you have access to them.
      7. Please reach out with any feedback or input.
   5. Director of Information Technology Jamison Moorehead
      1. Hilltopper Concern Form and Website Concern Form on website.
      2. Legislative Archive and minutes have been updated.
      3. Congrats to new nominees! Please contact if you have a different/preferred name for the website.
   6. Speaker of the Senate Tess Welch
      1. Thank you for engagement with guest speakers, the Provost will be at next meeting (9/21/21).
      2. Please sign thank you note in office.
      3. Still working on electronic voting system, roll call voting until it is fixed
      4. New placard will be printed once committee heads are finalized.
      5. Please be thinking about which committee(s) you are interested in:
         1. Legislative Operations, Enrollment and Student Experience, Student Mental Health and Wellbeing, Campus Improvements and Sustainability; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Outreach and Student Experience
      6. SGA Retreat is this Saturday (9/18/21) 10 AM – 3 PM
         1. This is a mandatory event, if you are absent you must submit an excuse form and reach out to Speaker Welch.
         2. Please fill out Google Form regarding Fresh vouchers
         3. Dress code: WKU colors (preferably red), no other organizations on shirt/mask
      7. Senator of the Month nominees will be nominated next week (9/21/21), voting on 9/28/21
5. **Special Orders**
   1. Chief Justice Holden Schroeder
      1. Election is happening currently, please vote and spread the word so constitutional amendments can be enacted.
   2. Student COVID Taskforce – Pres. Wininger
      1. Meeting tomorrow (9/15/21), please continue to take precautions
   3. Student Life Foundation – EVP Craighead
      1. Met today (9/14/21)
      2. The green space next to the First Year Village will be completed once the irrigation system is finished
      3. New food options in Normal Hall opening soon after final inspection.
      4. The number of students living on-campus and in LLCs has increased; please encourage involvement in LLCs
   4. Oath of Office – Chief Justice Schroeder
      1. All newly approved members of SGA were sworn into his/her/their respective position.
   5. Guest/Student Speakers
      1. Sens. Feck and Cissell - attended a meeting with Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee, kick-off event 10/5/21
      2. Sen. McCoun – Met with Sandra Hughey, working on Rec Room Legislature
      3. Robertson – looking into program for students to receive free teeth cleanings via dental hygiene program
      4. Blackmon – Working with BG International Fest, please volunteer or support
      5. Reed – exploring decrease in student printing funds and creating a college job fair exclusively for Nashville businesses
      6. If you are interested in working with any of these senators, please reach out. Contact into is on the SGA website: <https://www.wku.edu/sga/2018-2019-legislative/branch.php>
6. **Adjournment**
   1. Motion made by Sen. Baum to adjourn meeting.
   2. Motion seconded.
   3. Motion approved with unanimous approval.
   4. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.