Senate Meeting Minutes

Eighth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, October 11th 2022

Prior to calling the meeting to order, the President of South Central Bank Chris Whitfield spoke on law school and his work at South Central Bank. Whitfield encouraged the Student Government Association to take opportunities and not be afraid to change our path while at college.

If you would like to contact Mr.Whitfield you can do so at [Chris.whitfield@southcentralbank.com](mailto:Chris.whitfield@southcentralbank.com).

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:18 pm on October 11th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Senator Cecil was absent.
   3. Senator Tahiri was absent.
   4. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers** 
   1. Senator Delozier requested a point of privilege to close laptops and have an agenda displayed on screen.
   2. Senator Collins moved to suspend the bylaws
      1. Senator Collins motioned to move bill 7-22 F from new business to unfinished business.
      2. Collins gave a speech in affirmation and explained it was a time sensitive bill.
      3. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
      4. Moved back into bylaws.
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. Thank you AVP Kurtz for asking Chris Whitfield to come and speak to us. If you have any speakers that you would like to bring in, reach out to Speaker Mishchuk
      2. We have a commitment to represent all students, that includes students that are on our Regional Campuses.
      3. It is imperative that we make sure their voices are being heard which is why I am nominating two individuals to represent their respective campuses.
      4. I am nominating Zoie Edlin for the Elizabethtown Regional Campus Ambassador position.
      5. I am nominating Peyton Hess for the Glasgow Regional Campus Ambassador position.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Faculty senate
         1. EVP Reed nominated Senator Hemenover to the faculty senate.
            1. Hemenover was confirmed with a unanimous voice vote.
      2. University Curriculum Committee.
         1. EVP Reed nominated Senator Phelps to the University Curriculum Committee.
            1. Phelps was confirmed with a unanimous voice vote.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Senator Robinson, Senator Helland, Senator Taylor, Senator Hensley, Senator Leon Golib, and Senator Collins are all nominated to the Organizational Aid Board.
         1. All senators confirmed with unanimous voice vote.
      2. Shoutout: Everyone who participated in Shenanigans! Great seeing senators participate in philanthropic causes outside of SGA. Congrats to Senator Taylor, Senator Sine, Senator Helland and Senator Robinson on their first-place win.
      3. Budget Update: Although we haven’t officially wired the money, we plan on paying Maggie Herrell $100 dollars for her paint job on our new SGA cornhole boards.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Congratulated Peyton and Zoe on their confirmation as regional ambassadors.
      2. Office
         1. Rest of the desks and chairs will be removed.
         2. A birthday board will be put into the office. Please email your birthday to Chief of Staff Willet at [lauren.willett029@topper.wku.edu](mailto:lauren.willett029@topper.wku.edu).
      3. Please come play ping pong and have cookies with Rash tomorrow.
      4. An Alexa has been added to the office. It is located in the very back.
      5. Please begin to spread the word about SGA tailgating.
      6. Still need a 2-3 slot for the front desk worker tomorrow.
      7. Please reach out to begin Christmas party planning.
      8. Hilltopper Hero Scholarship is now live. This is the military scholarship.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. If you have not filled out the SGA polo form please do so.
         1. Some time in November the SGA group picture will be done. It is important that the polo situation is settled.
      2. Director of PR Romanov will be making a post for the Hilltopper Hero scholarship. Please promote this application. This will be given out at the November 12th football game.
      3. The tabaling spreadsheet will be resent next week as well as the information for the remind.
   6. Director of Information Technology – Aniya Johnson
      1. Website has been updated.
      2. Hilltopper Hero scholarship is added to the home page and scholarship page.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. Will send report - allegedly
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Speaker Mishchuk reminded senators of constitutional duties involving office hours and attending meetings.
      2. Shoutouts:
         1. Congratulations to community relations for doing work on safety awareness work.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. No report.
   10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
       1. Please use the guest and student speaker slot to move up a bill.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. There will be a bill for new business next week. This will be to reallocate some scholarship funds for a winter study abroad scholarship.
         1. Will need to be moved up to old business next week.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. May potentially partner with admissions and do an art contest.
      2. A campus event is in the works. Potentially a poetry slam.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. Still working on the narcan bill.
      2. The Redbull is in the front please grab some at the front.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. Went over problems from the suggestion box.
         1. Discussed the crosswalk near the KD house.
         2. Street Lights that appear purple or adding street lights.
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
      1. Senator Golib Leon encouraged us to send Senator Tahiri a message to get well soon.
      2. The committee is working on an upcoming bill for students with disabilities.
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Utilize fall break to the best of your ability.
      2. A survey will be sent out for mental health and wellbeing. Please continue encouraging participation. Currently fifty five people have completed the survey.
   7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
      1. Everything so far has been very much improvised.
      2. Recognized the community relations committee for their work.
      3. A bill for safety awareness week will be presented today.
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
   1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier and Senator Sydney Denney.
   2. Senator Delozier
      1. No report
   3. Senator Denney
      1. No report
8. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report - Holden Schroeder
      1. The Judicial Council has rescheduled this week’s meeting to next week.
   2. University Committee Reports –
      1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
         1. No report
      2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      4. Budget and Finance Committee – Sam Kurtz
         1. No report
      5. University Curriculum Committee –
      6. Colonnade General Education Committee – Antonina Clementi
         1. No report
      7. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – Annalise Finch
         1. No report
      8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
         1. No report
      9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
         1. The first meeting took place.
         2. The three people on the committee will alternate and paired with a different faculty person.
      10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
          1. If anyone has any DEI work please contact Senator Farmer.
      11. Student Engagement Committee
      12. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
          1. No report
   3. Swearing in - Holden Schroeder
      1. Chief Justice Schroder swore in Senator Hemenover and Senator Phelps to the faculty senate.
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. The senator of the month election will take place on October 25th.
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 4-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University
      1. Senator Collins provided a sponsorship speech.
         1. Collins explained the bill properly renames the constitutional committee names.
      2. Senator Huffaker moved to amend the third and fourth clauses by omitting them.
         1. Not taken as friendly.
            1. Senator Huffaker explained that the Legislative Operations Committee (LOC) should remain in the constitution. LOC is the most commonly used name.
            2. Senator Robinson gave a speech in affirmation explaining it would help the clarity of the bill.
            3. Unanimous voice vote was taken. The amendment passes.
         2. Senator Pierce moved to amend the last whereas clause and include an abbreviation for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
            1. Senator Pierce provided an affirmation speech that DEI is much more common across campus.
            2. Senator Huffaker provided a negation speech that we do not need the specificity within the bill.
            3. Senator Delozier provided an affirmation speech that DEI is much more common across the world. This way the bill will have consistency.
      3. Senator Farmer provided an affirmation speech explaining that the bill is almost like housekeeping.
      4. Voice vote was conducted. With a 39 - 2 vote the bill passes.
   2. Bill 5-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
      1. Senator Wells provided a sponsorship speech explaining senators who are a part of certain colleges should advocate for more legislation involving those colleges.
      2. Senator Pierce made a motion to amend the second clause from term to term of office. It was taken as friendly.
      3. A unanimous voice vote passed the legislation.
   3. Bill 7-22-F. Funding for a Safety Awareness Week in October 2022
      1. Senators Denney and Collins provided a sponsorship speech. Explaining the self defense classes and goals of the bill. Personal safety items will be given out.
      2. Senator Patel motioned to amend the bill to change the monetary value and strike pepper spray and replace it with keychain utility tools. This was taken as friendly.
      3. Senator Pierce provided a speech in affirmation explaining that it would help bolster safety.
      4. No speeches in negation were offered.
      5. Senator Leon Goblin provided a speech in affirmation that we should pass the bill to ensure safety at parties.
      6. The bill passed unanimously.
10. **New Business**
    1. Bill 6-22-F. A Bill to Amend The Constitution.
    2. Resolution 1-22-F. Resolution to Support selling personal safety items at WKU
11. **Announcements**
    1. Senator Collins announced Senator Denney will send out an email for tabaling for safety awareness week.
    2. Senator Pierce announced that a time sensitive bill would be in new business and it's important to vote on it.
    3. Senator Huffaker announced that he wants to change the constitution. If you want to see the process, please get in contact with Senator Huffaker.
    4. Rash told us that full time faculty staff
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Peirce called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:54.