Senate Meeting Minutes

Seventeenth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Matthew Wininger, was the SGA President from 2021 - 2022. Wininger discussed his time at WKU and WKU SGA. Wininger stated his goal was to enrich the students he served during his time as president. Wininger’s number and linkedin is below:

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1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:07 PM on January 31st by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
   1. Senator Pierce motioned to move out of bylaws.
      1. Motion approved with unanimous voice vote.
      2. Senator Finch motioned to move bill 27-23-S from new business to unfinished business.
         1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
      3. Senator Pierce motioned to move bill 28-23-S from new business to unfinished business and condensing debate on bill 27 and 28.
         1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
      4. Senator Pierce motioned to move bill Bill 29-23-S rom new business to unfinished business
         1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
      5. Senator Pierce motioned to move back into by laws.
         1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Speaker Mishchuk discussed the debate time’s success at the tournament held in St. Louis, MO.
   3. Senator Robinson reminded us that top dollar is due tonight!
   4. Senator Leo’n discussed the WKU international fest occurring on February 15, 2023.
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. President Bornefeld will send out Matthew Wininger number.
      2. Encouragement for more speakers to come to campus.
      3. The amount of online class was also discussed.
         1. Senators agreed it would be helpful to have some more online courses.
         2. Feel free to send an email if you have further ideas.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Will be working to create a SGA linkedin.
         1. Have the chance to reach out for future opportunities.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Great job! Keep doing stuff!
      2. Shoutout to Juan Salvidor sic!
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Working on banquet planning.
         1. Once the date is finalized it will be sent out.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. Scholarship post will be going up so students can apply.
      2. Share a swipe will be occurring next week.
      3. Org aid is live! Encourage organizations to apply and let everyone know that it is open.
      4. Please continue to encourage non SGA members to be active in your committees.
      5. Try to lock in February and March as it will be difficult to get things done in April.
      6. Begin to work on election outreach.
         1. Will begin in March
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. The website has been updated.
         1. Minutes and archive are updated.
         2. Changed the header and added a new picture.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience Reed honored scholarship recipients.
      2. The scholarships for spring semester have been posted.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Make sure edits are being done properly.
      2. The executive cabinet does not need to be a sponsor of legislation.
         1. It is more important to prioritize committees.
      3. Purpose in writing of legislation should not have where the money is coming from should be in the first whereas clause.
      4. Please thoroughly question and speak your mind during debate and nominations.
         1. Passing bills should be a thorough discussion.
      5. Be going to organizations and talking to them about SGA.
         1. The more people that run it allows SGA to get an increase in contacts.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. No report.
   10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
       1. No report.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. The formatting of editing legislation will change to minimize issues.
      2. There has been a consolidation of two of the bills today.
         1. Please note the bills pull from different funds.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Aidan Canizalez
      1. Went over information for a poetry slam event.
         1. Have a bill tonight for $260.
      2. Talks of a talent show were discussed.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. . Narcan is becoming finalized.
         1. The resolution will be up next week.
      2. Meeting with Athletics to discuss spectating at basketball games.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. Bill for pollinator gardens will be up for debate next week.
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Juan Tomas
      1. Changed the weekly meetings to Tuesdays at 3:30 PM. People are invited to come and support.
      2. Black History Month begins tomorrow.
         1. Will be reaching out to potential speakers.
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Have been working on advancing mental health week.
      2. Will be presenting a bill soon for T-shirts from the counseling center.
   7. Community Relations – Sydney Denney
      1. Creating a student survey to see what students and the community want to see on campus.
      2. Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM.
      3. Please be sure to make sure legislation benefits a large number of people.
      4. Senator Denney motioned to move out of bylaws.
         1. Approved with unanimous voice vote.
         2. Senator Denney motioned to nominate President Bornefeld to be the Coming Home King.
            1. Approved with unanimous voice vote.
         3. Senator Denney motioned to move back into by laws.
            1. Approved with unanimous voice vote.
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
   1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier, Senator Sydney Denney, Senator Will Hemenover.
   2. Senator Delozier
      1. No report
   3. Senator Denney
      1. The first meeting was last Thursday.
      2. Discussed lots of things from last semester.
      3. Meetings are open for all students.
   4. Senator Hemenover
      1. No report
8. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report - Justin Goins
      1. No report
   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 Executive Committee – Sam Kurtz
         1. No report.
      5. University Curriculum Committee – Brett Phelps
         1. No report.
      6. Colonnade General Education Committee – Antonina Clementi
         1. No report.
      7. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – Ethan Huffaker
         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. No report.
      10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
          1. No report.
      11. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
          1. No report. .
      12. University Athletic Committee- Matt Gadd, ShyAnte'e Williams
          1. No report.
      13. Budget and Finance Committee - Caleb Collins
          1. Spot recently filled.
   3. Swearing in
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Open email and fill out the google form for nominations.
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 27-23-S. Funding for vouchers for the WKU Dental Hygiene Center, ID Center and Preston Center and Bill 28-23-S. Funding for vouchers for free teeth cleanings for WKU students through the WKU Dental Hygiene Clinic.
      1. Chief of staff Willett presented the bills.
         1. Bill 27 would allocate $2000 into the program.
         2. Students are immediately impacted by these pieces of legislation.
         3. Bill 28 would provide more funding for dental vouchers.
         4. Senator Canizalez made a motion to have the money come from legislative discretion.
            1. Taken as friendly.
      2. Senator Canizalez provided a speech in affirmation explaining that he has personally seen an increase in people asking for vouchers.
      3. Senator DeLozier provided a speech in affirmation explaining that it is a great system for students studying dental health.
      4. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Bill 29-23-S. Funding for SGA and the Talisman’s Poetry Mic Night
      1. Senator Canizalez and Senator Pierce presented the legislation.
      2. Senator Hardesty provided a speech in affirmation as it would provide a unique opportunity for students .
      3. Senator Huffaker provided a speech in negation explaining that we do not have much in the budget.
      4. Senator Robinson provided a speech in affirmation as it would increase student involvement.
      5. Senator Padgett provided a speech in affirmation explaining the budget is in a really good place.
      6. Senator Huffaker provided a speech in negation explaining there is $1,600 coming through the pipeline and there is a lack of explanation as to why the money is needed.
      7. Senator Hemenover provided a speech in affirmation explaining that even though he will be asking for funding relatively soon he supports the bill.
      8. Senator Denney provided a speech in affirmation explaining that SGA is not limited to legislation that involves money.
      9. Senator Farmer provided a speech in affirmation explaining it could help student mental health.
      10. On a vote of 33 - 1 the bill passes.
10. **New Business**
11. **Announcements**
    1. Senator DeLozier reminded the senate about office hours.
    2. Senator Pierce encouraged event attendance for office hours.
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Hardesty called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.