Senate Meeting Minutes

Fifteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Third Senate - Tuesday, February 6th, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on February 6th, 2024, at 5:00 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sydney Denney.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Denney
   2. Absences
      1. Senator Bodemann
      2. Senator Evans
      3. Senator Duggins
      4. Senator Ibrahim
      5. Senator Potter
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
   1. Senator Distler motioned to move out of by-laws.
      1. Move Bills 20-23-S, 21-23-S, and 22-23-S from New Business into Unfinished Business as they are time-sensitive.
      2. Senator Distler motioned to move Unfinished Business before Officer Reports.
      3. Motion was approved.
      4. Senator Distler motioned to move back into by-laws.
      5. Motion was approved.
5. **Unfinished Business**
   1. Bill 20-23-S
      1. Funding for the Abby Nash Creativity Scholarship
         1. Sponsors spoke on Abby’s positive spirit, generosity, and passion for marketing and graphic design. This bill is intended to help other WKU students.
         2. The bill is asking for $1,000 $250 for 4 Art design, Marketing, English, Media and Communication, Music, or Theatre and Dance
         3. Questions
            1. Senator Pierce asked why the authors decided on 4 $250 scholarships.

Senator Distler explained that this is so 4 people can be impacted by this.

* + - * 1. Senator Robinson asked how the scholarships will be graded?

Senator Distler explained that it would be a process similar to SGA scholarship grading.

* + - * 1. Senator Taylor asked when will this scholarship be implemented?

Senator Distler said applications would be released soon after the passage of the bill, hopefully met with the similar deadlines as other SGA scholarships.

* + - * 1. Senator Pierce asked how many students would qualify for this scholarship?

Senator Distler explained that a lot of PCAL students would qualify.

* + - * 1. Senator Taylor asked how will this bill be marketed?

Senator Distler explained that this would be marketed similar to SGAs other scholarships**.**

* + - 1. Senator Pierce motioned to amend the Fourth Whereas clause from 4 recipients at a $250 scholarship to 2 students at a $500 scholarship.
         1. The sponsors take the amendment as friendly.

Senator Pierce said there would be a smaller pool of applicants and $500 for 2 students would be more impactful.

Unanimous yes to the amendment.

* + - * 1. Senator Bryant asked if it would only apply to the majors listed in the bill?

Senator Distler said that could be determined depending on the situation.

* + - 1. Speeches
         1. Senator Farmer gave a speech in affirmation saying the bill is great and well thought out.
      2. Vote by Voice

Unanimous yes to bill 20-23-S

1. Senator Robinson motioned to move out of by laws.
   1. Senator Robinson motioned to moved Unfinished Business back to after Special Orders
      1. Unanimous yes
2. Motion to move out of by laws by Senator Robinson.

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Quote of the Week: “Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts.” -Winston Churchill
   2. We are in a great spot to get to our goal of spending the legislative budget.
   3. President Kurtz aims to keep the Cabinet transparent regarding executive powers.
   4. The entirety of the Executive Cabinet excluding AVP Leon has moved to send Administrative Vice President Salvador Leon to Judicial Council for a censure hearing.
2. Executive Vice President – **Annie Finch**
   1. Venmo for the family of Jonathan Bryan, member of WKU Bass fishing, who tragically passed away. Venmo @JBStrong
   2. Come to EVP Finch’s Office and chat!
   3. Sign up for a Calendly meeting or email EVP Finch to set up a meeting.
   4. Shout out to everyone on university campus committees, thanks for your hard work!
3. Administrative Vice President – **Salvador Leon**
   1. AVP Leon will be at the JC hearing tomorrow and hopes to resolve the issues for the best of the students. If you have any questions let him know.
4. Chief of Staff – **Donte’ Reed**
   1. First stops of the SGA High school tours went great!
      1. Reaching out to high schools soon- Greenwood HS on February 16th
   2. Vouchers will be on next week’s agenda.
   3. The SGA desk worker has the Exec Office Hours so feel free to ask them.
5. Director of Public Relations – **Preston Romanov**
   1. Lots of new Instagram posts, thanks for sharing!
   2. Started the design process for the graduation stole and SGA merch.
   3. Special Olympics this Friday, keep sharing that graphic.
6. Director of Information Technology – **Aniya Johnson**
   1. No report.
7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. Apply for scholarships and spread the word!
8. Speaker of the Senate – **Sydney Denney**
   1. Keep working on good legislation! Speaker Denney is super proud of the Senates hard work! Reach out if you need anything!
9. Secretary of the Senate – **Livi Ray**
   1. No report.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Meghan Pierce**
   1. If you send a bill to LOC, you must attend the committee meeting in the Student Activities room on Wednesdays at 6pm. You are responsible for editing the bill and sending it to Speaker Denney after the meeting.
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Anne-Marie Wright**
   1. Scholarship tabling starts next week, sign up coming soon to get office hours!
3. Outreach and Student Experience – **Madison Payne**
   1. Good meeting- more information coming soon.
      1. Senator Gannon has joined the Committee.
   2. Send tabling dates to add to the Google Calendar
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. April 22nd Earth Day tabling.
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Karley Solorzano**
   1. DEI week on the last week of March with lots of tabling events for office hours.
   2. Meetings on Tuesdays at 4 in the Greek Room for all of February (except the 27th)
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Brainstorming ideas for a Mental Health week, Denim Day walk, Sexual assault prevention month in April
7. Community Relations – **Maiah Cisco** 
   1. School tours are going well.
   2. Dress for Success Drive- shoes, socks, clothes, toiletries.
      1. Plan to implement soon, more information coming later.
   3. Writing a resolution to get Jody Richards Hall open 24 hours.

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Isaac King**
   1. Complaint filed by the Executive Branch
      1. Petitioners: Executive Branch
      2. Respondent: Salvador Leon
      3. Censure Hearing
         1. AVP Leon Spent funds from the Projects budget without permission from President Kurtz or EVP Finch.
         2. AVP Leon made PR Director Romanov promote the Special Olympics Event before the bill was passed by the Senate.
         3. Prematurely spending SGA funds and advertising the event, and forcing the senate to approve Bill 22-23-S.
            1. JC Hearing Wednesday at 5:30 in DSU 3003.
2. Swearing in – **Isaac King**
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Student Life Foundation – **Annie Finch**
      1. Everyone has moved out of Hilltopper Hall.
   2. Committee on Academic Quality – **Annie Finch**
      1. No report
   3. University Athletic Committee – **Kaison Barton & Julia Duggins**
      1. The first meeting is coming up soon.
   4. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – **Rush Robinson, Dylan Carmona, & Megan Farmer**
      1. First meeting coming up this week.
   5. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee – **Tanner Blood**
      1. Meeting on Thursday.
   6. Faculty Welfare Committee – **Thomas Pabin**
      1. No report.
   7. Graduate Advisory Council – **Jaden** **Marshall**
      1. No report.
   8. Colonnade General Education Committee – **Chloe Ralston** 
      1. No report.
   9. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – **Carly Wheat**
      1. No report.
   10. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee – **Madison Payne**
       1. No report.

**8.Unfinished Business**

**a.** Bill 21-23-S Funding for Valentine’s Day Tabling

Handing out Flowers and Candy to Students

* + 1. Questions
       1. Senator Pabin asked what kind of candy would be passed out?
          1. Senator Bryant explained that Valentine's assorted candy would be passed out.
    2. Speeches
       1. Senator Ferguson gave a speech in affirmation.
    3. Vote by voice
       1. Unanimous yes
  1. Bill 22-23-S Funding for the Neurodiversity Acceptance Week
     1. AVP Leon makes a motion to amend the eliminate “progressive dinner” and strike the price of “$350” and replace “$470” with “$245” changing the total cost from “$1,698.75” to “$1,123.75”
        1. Unanimous yes to the amendment
     2. Senator Pierce motioned to amend the bill to remove the words “progressive dinner.”
        1. Unanimous yes to the amendment
     3. AVP Leon motions to strike “raffle prize” from the whereas clause of the bill.
        1. Unanimous yes to the amendment
     4. AVP Leon mentioned the importance of Neurodiversity Acceptance and respects if the bill isn’t passed, as his funds outside of SGA will be used for the event to go on. AVP Leon mentioned his community offering to fund the event.
     5. Senator Distler mentioned the importance of acceptance of the Neurodiverse community.
     6. Senator Barton outlined the events of the SGA Special Olympics Event on Friday- Basketball, Volleyball, and Pickleball.
     7. Senator Hornback mentioned the Progressive Dinner event on Tuesday, February 6th
     8. Senator Marshall mentioned the $500 disability scholarship for students with ADA-qualified disabilities.
     9. Questions
        1. Senator Cisco asked how will the scholarship be selected?
           1. AVP Leon mentioned deciding that at a later date, but similar to other scholarships.
        2. Senator Kurtz asked who will be attending the progressive dinner event?
           1. AVP Leon said that it will be an informational event.
        3. Senator Robinson asked why AVP Leon’s personal funds are being used for the progressive dinner rather than the Executive Budget?
           1. AVP Leon explained that it was for efficiency purposes as the bill wasn’t approved in time and he used his meal plan dollars and personal funds.
        4. Point of Information by Senator Payne to Chief Justice King “Can you give some light of the financial standpoint of the censure hearing?”
           1. Chief Justice King explained that based on what was filed, he doesn’t want any member of SGA to come across as ableist. This censure is not about the bill, or the bill being for Neurodiversity Acceptance week. This issue is that funds were spent by AVP Leon prior to the Senate passage of the bill. Justice King does not know the exact amount of funds, but that is what will be discussed at the JC hearing. Based on the evidence, the executive branch is upset that funds were spent outside of approval.
        5. Point of Information by Senator Wright for President Kurtz “Were the SGA funds not allowed to be spent on the food? Did exec deny SGA funds being spent on the food?”
           1. President Kurtz will discuss this more at the JC hearing, but he never advised anyone to spend funds from their own pockets, and he advised that SGA funds shouldn’t be spent until the bill is passed. The Pro-Card is a debit card that SGA has and as soon as a bill is passed, SGA could have paid for the pizza. If we use Senate funds in a Senate bill, we should wait until the bill is passed. We are not against Neurodiversity Acceptance Week. All the exec is for this bill.
        6. Point of Information by Senator Farmer to President Kurtz
           1. Senator Farmer respects exec's decision to censure and it did not cross Senator Farmer’s mind that this was ableist and if that is something that was of worry.
           2. Chief Justice King reiterated this and said that the hearing on Wednesday has nothing to do with Neurodiversity Acceptance.
        7. Senator Pierce asked what funds were already spent, and is that refundable?
           1. AVP Leon said that SGA Project funds have already been spent and there was an issue with that process, and it will be discussed tomorrow and AVP Leon has someone from the Preston Center helping him out with the evidence.
        8. Senator Farmer asks how anonymity would be maintained through SARC and will the scholarship anonymity be compromised in the process?
           1. AVP Leon stated that anonymity would be maintained.
           2. AVP Leon addressed that he didn’t intend to do anything he wasn’t supposed to and that is why he used his personal funds.
        9. Senator Cisco asked where the reservation money came from, and how much money has been spent thus far?
           1. AVP Leon says that so far he had a meeting with someone from the Preston Center and half of the budget that was spent would be refunded and he is going to show that at the JC hearing.
        10. Senator Ralston asked “What is the criteria and how will the scholarship be selected?”
            1. AVP Leon says that he will do more research and talk with SARC for students with disabilities and talk with the bill authors who passed this bill previously.
        11. Senator Ray asked if students who are already connected with SARC or SSS-D are the only ones eligible to apply for the scholarship or could it be any student who has a disability and may not be affiliated with SARC?
            1. AVP Leon said that students who don’t want to be connected with SARC could give their information.
        12. Senator Kurtz asked if anyone is registered with SARC can apply for the scholarship?
            1. AVP Leon said that being with SARC doesn’t mean that you have a disability and that anyone can go through the process.
        13. Senator Cisco asked can the scholarship be graded how the past Disability scholarship was graded?
            1. AVP Leon said he could reach out to them and ask.
        14. Senator Taylor asked if AVP Leon already spent his personal money, did he assume the Senate would pass this bill?
            1. AVP Leon stated that he did not expect the Senate to pass the bill, and he has asked his community back home to donate as well.
        15. Senator Evans asked what happens if this bill does not pass and this week has already been advertised?”
            1. AVP Leon said that the week will still happen but not through Senate funds.
        16. Senator Kurtz asked if the bill doesn’t pass will SGAs name still be on the events?”
            1. AVP Leon stated that if it doesn’t pass he will figure it out and the event will still happen and having SGA on the event is important for support, but whatever happens the event will not change, but it is very good for SGA to have our name on the event, and he sees no issues with passing the bill since a lot of Senators and exec support the idea.
        17. Senator Ferguson asked “approximately how many funds were raised from your community?”
            1. AVP Leon said that his community told him that they would be willing to pay the other half, or whatever is needed, but that is more than $650.
        18. Senator Payne asks “What will happen to the money that has already been spent if the bill does not pass?”
            1. He will explain the miscommunication with the Preston center in the JC meeting and the money will come back to the account.
        19. Senator Cisco asks “If this event does not happen how will we explain to the people what happened in a respectful manner?”
            1. AVP Leon says the event will still happen without SGA. While it is an SGA event, there are other organizations that are a part of it. After the JC deliberations happen, he will explain to them why.
        20. Senator Evans asked if there were issues with getting the bill through LOC and why has the bill been pushed through so quickly if it had could have been planned out further in advance and funds could be used in a more timely manner?
            1. AVP Leon stated that he did not want to force the Senate to do anything. Whatever decision is made, AVP Leon says that the money is coming from the Senate and if not, a donation from his community. He says that today’s decision does not impact the JC trial. He is against overspending.
        21. Senator Distler motions to move her authorship from the bill as she did not know that there were financial issues happening.
            1. Unanimous yes
        22. Senator Bodemann asked how much money is left to spend this semester?
            1. AVP Leon says it is a little over $600 per meeting.
        23. Senator Wright asked if this bill does not pass, and the donations from your community will be funding half, will this force Exec to fund the other half?
            1. AVP Leon says “not really” and it will be externally funded through his community and other RSOs. He wants to be financially transparent. There are SGA funds going to this event.
     10. Debate
         1. Senator Blood gave a speech in affirmation encouraging Senators to evaluate the bill as it has been presented and not by AVP Leon’s wrongdoings. Let AVP Leon’s actions be evaluated at the JC meaning and do not let that deter you from this great bill.
         2. Senator Bryant gave a speech in negation as while the idea is good, it is a double bind situation as the senate is being forced to vote for this bill due to the fast timeline and financial miscommunications.
         3. Senator Farmer gave a speech in affirmation to leave SGAs name on the bill.
         4. Senator Ralston gave a speech in affirmation as SGA is For the Students and we should support the students and taking our name off the event gives a bad impression.
         5. Senator Robinson gave a speech in affirmation as he thinks it is a phenomenal bill and has great intentions aside from the heat of the debate and drama. He encourages us to take this as a learning experience.
     11. Vote by roll call
         1. Sam Bodemann: Yes
         2. Kaison Barton: Yes
         3. Connor Flatt: Yes
         4. Ethan Taylor: Yes
         5. Anne-Marie Wright: Yes
         6. Rush Robinson: Yes
         7. Hannah Evans: Yes
         8. Tanner Blood: Yes
         9. Connor Ferguson: Yes
         10. Kayla Distler: Yes
         11. Madison Payne: Yes
         12. David Darnell: Yes
         13. Maiah Cisco: Yes
         14. Karley Solorzano: Yes
         15. Meghan Pierce: Yes
         16. Joel Hornback: Yes
         17. Dylan Carmona: Yes
         18. Ryan Dilts: Yes
         19. Sophia Bryant: Abstain
         20. Thomas Pabin: Yes
         21. Megan Farmer: Yes
         22. Savannah Kurtz: Yes
         23. Chloe Ralston: Yes
         24. Livi Ray: Yes
         25. Jaden Marshall: Yes
         26. Gabe Jerdon: Yes
         27. Sawyer Edmunds: Yes
         28. Elizabeth Gannon: Yes

With 27 yesses and one abstention this bill does pass.

**9. New Business**

Resolution 18-23-S. Resolution to Support Lowering Parking Fees Incurred by Students

Bill 19-23-S. Funding to Pay for Student Parking Fee

**10. Announcements**

EVP Finch is sending out a form in the SGA email, please fill it out soon.

AVP Leon encourages everyone to attend the progressive dinner Tuesday night at 7 and the Special Olympics games on Friday.

Senator Flatt is working on a Spring Cleanup bill and asks for people interested to reach out.

Senator Gannon announced an Honors event on February 20th from 5-7pm for Honors organizations to attend.

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Robinson made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Hornback.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

First Reading: 2/6/2024

Second Reading: 2/13/24

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Resolution 18-23-S. Resolution to Support Lowering Parking Fees Incurred by Students**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

support the lowering of parking fees incurred by students in order to aid students who are financially vulnerable.

(1)WHEREAS: WKU Parking and Transportation Services offers students the opportunity to purchase a yearly parking pass in which they are eligible to park in designated areas on campus, and

(2)WHEREAS: Parking passes can cost a student upwards of $200 annually and any parking violation incurred ranges in cost from $10-$600, and

(3)WHEREAS: As there is a lack in physical parking areas and parking resources, parking violations have become common among WKU students, and

(4)WHEREAS: In addition to worrying about tuition, housing costs, etc., students should not have to be consistently concerned about extra fees that are not inherent to earning a degree, and

(5)WHEREAS: According to National Library of Medicine, “financial stress impedes student’s ability to succeed academically… and impacts their social lives. Students experiencing financial stress find it challenging to navigate relationships with wealthier peers, often leading to feelings of isolation and embarrassment,” and

(6)WHEREAS: According to WKU’s Common Data Set 2022-2023, over 62% of WKU students were determined to exhibit financial need which makes them financially and academically vulnerable, and

(7)WHEREAS: WKU Parking and Transportation Services parking violations should not exceed $50, as over half of WKU’s student population is proven to be financially vulnerable, and

(8)WHEREAS: As WKU is ultimately an academic institution, academic success should be one of the many primary considerations in all business decisions, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University supports the lowering of parking violation fees incurred by students.

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SPONSORS: Enrollment and Student Experience Committee

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First Reading: 2/6/24

Second Reading: 2/13/24

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 19-23-S. Funding to Pay for Student Parking Fees**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

allocate $700 to help pay parking fees incurred by financially vulnerable students.

(1)WHEREAS: The money will come from the legislative discretionary budget, and

(2)WHEREAS: WKU Parking and Transportation parking fees range from $10 to $600, per violation, and

(3)WHEREAS: Unresolved parking violations can hinder a student’s academic career, as unpaid tickets can keep a student from receiving transcripts, their diploma, etc., and

(4)WHEREAS: According to WKU’s Common Data Set 2022-2023, over 62% of WKU students were determined to exhibit financial need, and

(5)WHEREAS: Providing funding to students who exhibit financial need not only improves the student experience, but also sets students up for future academic success, and

(6)WHEREAS: WKU SGA has a Parking and Transportation Appeals Committee; therefore, providing funding would aid in solving an issue that has proven to be prevalent enough for SGA to previously intervene, and

(7)WHEREAS: As each parking violation costs $10-$600, the $700 would be split between the students with the most deserving applications until the fees being paid reach $700, and

(8)WHEREAS: Students who received citations as a result of parking in disability parking or a fire lane are not eligible for this grant, as those zones are designated for marginalized groups and community safety, and

(9)WHEREAS: Students would apply and be required to exhibit financial need and prove parking violation debt, with all applications being graded according to the same procedures WKU SGA scholarship grading follows.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will allocate $700 to provide funding for paying for student parking fees.

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SPONSORS: Enrollment and Student Experience Committee

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First Reading: 2/6/24

Second Reading: 2/6/24

Pass:  Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 20-23-S:​​Funding for the “Abby Nash Creativity” Scholarship**

PURPOSE: ​ For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,000 to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee’s “Abby Nash Creativity” Scholarship.

(1)WHEREAS: ​ The money will come from Legislative Discretionary Budget, and

(2)WHEREAS:  ​The scholarship aims to promote creativity and freedom of expression by giving opportunities to students, and

(3)WHEREAS:  ​The scholarship application will discuss current student involvement, the importance of creativity and freedom of expression, and how the student would benefit from the scholarship, and

(4)WHEREAS:  ​Two recipients will be selected to receive a $500.00 scholarship, and

(5)WHEREAS:​ The students that are eligible to receive the scholarship must be current students of Western Kentucky University who have at least one declared major within the following departments: Art and Design, Marketing, English, Media and Communication, Music, or Theatre and Dance, and

(6)WHEREAS: ​All eligible students must apply by the scholarship deadline of March 29, 2024.

THEREFORE:  ​Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,000 to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee’s “Abby Nash Creativity” Scholarship.

AUTHORS:  ​​Kayla Distler, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Senator

​​​ Jack McCoun, Student

​​​ McKenna Fleshman, Student

SPONSORS: ​​Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

​​​ Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

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First Reading: 2/6/24

Second Reading: 2/6/24

Pass:  Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 21-23-S: ​Funding for the Valentine’s Day Tabling**

PURPOSE: ​For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $300 for Valentine’s Day Tabling.

(1)WHEREAS:​ The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Budget, and

(2)WHEREAS: ​The money will be used to purchase candy, flowers, and Valentine’s Day cards to be given out to students, and

(3)WHEREAS: The event will be held on February 14 to promote positivity on campus.

THEREFORE: ​ Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $300 for Valentine’s Day Tabling.

AUTHORS:​​ Sophia Bryant, Senator At Large

​​​ Megan Farmer, Senator At Large

​​​ Kayla Distler, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Senator

SPONSORS: ​​Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

​​​ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

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First Reading: 2/6/24

Second Reading: 2/6/24

Pass:  Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 22-23-S Funding for the Neurodiversity Acceptance Week.**

PURPOSE:  For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,123.75 for the Neurodiversity Acceptance Week.

WHEREAS: The Neurodiversity Acceptance Week will take place from February 6th to February 9th, and it will host a variety of events such as tabling sessions and a Special Olympics showcase, and

WHEREAS:  The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Fund, and

WHEREAS:  The allocated funds will cover various expenditures throughout the week,

encompassing essential items such as meals, reservation fees, a scholarship fund, and the Big Red fee, and

WHEREAS: The reservation fee for the Raymond B. Preston Health & Activities Center is $607.50. To cover this cost, $303.75 will be allocated from the Projects Fund, with the remaining half funded through the Legislative Discretionary Budget, and

WHEREAS: Meals will be provided for the Special

Olympics, incurring cost of  $245.00, and

WHEREAS: Big Red is scheduled to make a special appearance at the Special Olympics, with Athletics charging $ 75.00 for this arrangement, and

WHEREAS: In a commitment to supporting this cause, a scholarship opportunity of $500.00 is being offered, open to all students under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $1,123.75 for the Neurodiversity Acceptance Week.

AUTHORS: Salvador Leon, Administrative Vice President

                                        Kaison Barton, Senior Senator

Jaden Marshall, Senator At Large

Joel Hornback, Senator At Large

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