Senate Meeting Agenda

Tenth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, November 12th,2024

**1. Call to Order**

* 1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on November 12th, 2024, at 5:01 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sarah Vincent.

1. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Vincent
   2. Absences
      1. Senator Bailey
      2. Senator Lun
      3. Senator Sim
      4. Senator Yealton
      5. Senator Zing
   3. Quorum was met.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
3. **Guest and Student Speakers**

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Happy Homecoming!
   2. Starting tomorrow the SGA office will be decorated for Christmas!
   3. If you have any questions or concerns in terms of the university, please reach out to President Kurtz.
   4. Seniors: the stolls are in!
   5. Next week is last meeting, banquet is afterwards at the Cliff Todd center!
   6. “If we love our country, we should also love our countrymen” – President Ronald Reagan
      1. If we love our hill, we should also love our hilltoppers – President Sam Kurtz
2. Vice President – **Dontè Reed**
   1. Been looking at scholarships and we have 75 applicants total
   2. Deadline is Friday at 5pm!
3. Chief Financial Officer – **Ethan Taylor**
   1. CCO Jenkins released the graphic request form on the SGA website! Use this whenever you need something for social media.
   2. CFO Taylor is very pleased with the organization of getting money for bills!
   3. Organizational Aid checks are available for pickup in the SGA office – let your org president/advisor know
      1. If it is picked up late you cannot receive funding in spring
   4. Gave update on budget
   5. Enjoy this week and stay on top of school! Be sure to attend the game!
   6. Completed the second audit of this semester
4. Chief of Staff – **Anne-Marie Wright** 
   1. Shoutout Speaker Vincent for casual theme!
   2. RSVP for the Christmas party!
      1. Dirty Santa with a $5 limit!
      2. No dressscode
   3. If you need an exec member to shop with you for your bill, reach out to us as soon as your bill is passed.
   4. If you have an event for something you passed a bill for, please clean up the office afterwards.
5. Chief Communications Officer – **Preston Jenkins**
   1. Great job putting photos into the photocircle! Keep updating it!
      1. This is located in link tree
   2. Will be adding links to mental health resources into the link tree
   3. SGA promo video hoping to be done by spring elections
      1. If you are interested in being in it, please reach out!
   4. Thank you for using the graphics form!
   5. Leave a comment on the Instagram posts every now and then!
      1. Repost on story if you’re feeling generous.
   6. Go tops!
6. Speaker of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. Reminder that today is the last day to turn in October office hours.
   2. Senator of the semester form is going out and will be voted on next week!
7. Secretary of the Senate – **Hadley Whipple**
   1. No report.

* Motion to move out of by laws by Senator Farmer
  + Second by Senator Robinson
* Motion to move **Bill 15-22-F and Resolution 5-22-F** to unfinished business
  + Second by Sentor Robsinson
* Voice Vote
  + Unanimoius yes.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Hannah Evans**
   1. Submit your bills on time!
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Savanna Kurtz**
   1. Scholarships are due Friday at 5pm!
3. Outreach and Public Relations – **Ryan Dilts**
   1. Working on big event.
   2. Sending out a Google Drive for an easier way to have access to information.
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. Had a group of students come to meeting today which was really great.
      1. Excited to get a bill going soon
   2. Botanically speaking, bananas qualify as berries, but berries do not.
   3. Senator Robinson has been eating a lot of berries and bagels recently.
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Megan Farmer**
   1. Shout out Senator Ismail and CFO Taylor
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Shout out to CFO Taylor!
   2. HilltopPEERS has been going really well!
      1. Going to try to pass a bill to get more funding.
   3. Tomorrow is World Kindness Day tabling from 11Am-1PM
      1. Come spread kindness!
7. Community Relations – **Annie Finch**
   1. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Veteren’s Day 5k!
      1. Raised over $1,000 for the ROTC program!
      2. Check out the Herald article for coverage!
   2. Meeting is after this meeting tonight in the SGA chambers

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. Please read the emails sent out by Chief Justic Henderson
   2. Held 6 censure hearings and 3 members were removed from SGA.
2. Swearing in – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. **None**
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Master Plan Committee: **Garrett Price**
      1. No report.
   2. University Athletic Committee: **Kaison Barton, Sawyer Edmunds**
      1. No report.
   3. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Megan Farmer**
      1. No report.
   4. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee: **Ryan Dilts**
      1. No report.
   5. Graduate Advisory Council: **Donte Reed**
      1. No report.
   6. Colonnade General Education Committee: **Chloe Ralston**
      1. No report.
   7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: **Jax Price**
      1. No report.
   8. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee: **Bradley Wagoner**
      1. No report.
   9. Faculty Welfare Committee: **Savanna Kurtz**
      1. No report.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**Bill 15-24-F**. Funding for the Giving Thanks November event as the last fundraiser in the Potter Children’s Home initiative.

1. Presentation by Senator Ismail: We have raised over $300 in our GoFund me right now for the potter childrens home. Asking for $430 for an iPad and tabling prices. This will go into a raffle basket and have been collecting other donations for this as well. The raffle tickets are $6 a piece. DSU has time available and there will be multiple tables set up. Pi Kappa Alpha will be having a table as well. There is a goal of $2,000.
2. Questioning
   1. Senator Lucas: How have these events been going?
      1. First one was in September and has about 40 people show up to Jump Air Zone. The spooktober event had a bit less interaction with it due to requiring money. Thinks this event will be more successful.
   2. Senator Wells: How attached are you to the idea of an iPad? What if we changed it to something different?
      1. Response: I disagree, I think that this will be very beneficial and will get lots of attention.
   3. Senator Lucas: Would you be willing to raise the price of the raffle ticket?
      1. Response: I am open to it for sure.
   4. Senator Ralston: Would you consider making them two separate raffles?
      1. Response: I will definetly think about it
3. Debate
   1. Affirmation
      1. Senator Bryant: This is a great bill and will do great things!
      2. Senator Zing: Senator Ismail has worked very hard and this is a great bill!
   2. Negation
      1. None
4. Voice Vote
   1. Unaninmous yes

Ammendment: Changing it to a 9th generation iPad which will change the price to $400

Unanimous yes

Ammendment: Changing it to $5 for just the Spencers, $10 for just the iPad, and $12 for both

Unanimous Yes

Ammendment: Changing it to $75 for the extra tabling.

Unanimous yes

Senator Robinson motioned to table **Resolution 5-22-f**

Seconded by Senator Lucas

Voice vote

Unanimous yes

Senator Robinson motioned to strike **Resolution 5-22-F**

Seconded by Senator Lucas

Voice vote

Unanimous yes

**9. New Business**

**Bill 16-24-F. Funding for Fresh Vouchers**

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Dilts made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Robinson.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48PM.

**Pass: Yes**

**Date: 11/12/2024**

**Bill 15-22-S. Funding for the Giving Thanks November event as the last fundraiser in the Potter Children’s Home initiative.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $375.00 for expenses pertaining to the event.

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

WHEREAS: A brand new10.9-inch 64GB iPad ($299.00)1 will be purchased from the WKU bookstore and raffled off the help raise money towards the fund, and

WHEREAS: Each iPad raffle ticket will cost $10.00, which will be coolected directly through the Potter Children’s Home GoFundme.

WHEREAS: Each Spencer’s raffle ticket will cost $5.00, which will be collected directly through the Potter Children’s Home GoFundMe.

WHEREAS: Entering both raffles will cost $12.00, which will be coolected directly through the Potter Children’s Home GoFundme.

WHEREAS: Winners of the raffle will be announced on SGA’s social media pages within a week of the events closing, and $75.00 will go towards extra tabling materials.

THEREFORE: Beit resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will be allocated towards the Giving Thanks November event as the last fundraiser in the Potter Children’s Home initiative.

AUTHORS: Jade Ismail Sophomore Senator

SPONSORS: Diversity, Equity, and inclusion Committee

Pass: NO (striken)

Date: 11/12/2024

**Resolution 5-22-S. Resolution to Support the Giving Thanks November event.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the Giving Thanks November event as the last fundraiser in the Potter Children’s Home initiative.

WHEREAS: There will be an event on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 hosted in the DSU Lobby from 3:00 to 6:00PM , and

WHEREAS: There will be food donated from various establishments to feed attendees, and games and activities will be provided for entertainment, and The Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha will partner with the Student Government Association to advertise and plan this event, and

WHEREAS: A brand new10.9-inch 64GB iPad ($329.00)1 will be purchased from the WKU bookstore and raffled off the help raise money towards the fund, and

WHEREAS: Each raffle ticket will cost $6.00, which will be collected directly through the Potter Children’s Home GoFundMe, and

WHEREAS: Winners of the raffle will be announced on SGA’s social media pages within a week of the events closing, and

THEREFORE: Beit resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University supports the Giving Thanks November event.

AUTHORS: Jade Ismail Sophomore Senator

SPONSORS: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

**Bill 16-24-F. Funding for Fresh Vouchers**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $972.00 to the Office of the Dean of Students to help purchase Fresh Food Company Vouchers.

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

WHEREAS: The Office of the Dean of Students has a program that offers free Fresh Food Company vouchers to those in need, and

WHEREAS: The vouchers are $12.15 each and funded solely from donations, and

WHEREAS: The Student Government Association will provide funding to the Office of the Dean of Students, and

WHEREAS: The funding will be used to purchase 80 Fresh Food Company Vouchers, and

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

University will allocate $972.00 to the Office of the Dean of Students to help purchase Fresh Food Company Vouchers.

AUTHORS:

Gabriel Jerdon, Senator At-Large

SPONSORS:

Enrollment and Student Experience Committee

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee

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