Senate Meeting Minutes

Thirteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on February 4th, 2025 at 5:02 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sarah Vincent.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Vincent
   2. Absences
      1. Senator Bailey
      2. Senator Barker
      3. Senator Robinson
      4. Senator Wagoner
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
5. **Officer Reports**
6. President: **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Wash your hands!
   2. Senate Appointment:
      1. Julianna Mitchel for Senator at Large
         1. Julianna is a freshman in the dental hygiene program. She has always been interested in SGA and is excited to get involved!
         2. Voice Vote
            1. Unanimous yes
   3. Quote of day: “Every action you take is a vote for the type of the person you will become.” -from the book Atomic Habits
      1. President Kurtz has noted that the book is easy to read due to the large font and looks cool when you pull it out in Starbucks.
   4. Come to watch the SGA Basketball team play at Preston!!
   5. There will be an SGA tent at the tailgate for the basketball game!
7. Vice President: **Donté Reed**
   1. Shoutout to Senator Yealton for being willing to help out and always having a smile on her face!
   2. If you are wanting to help with my fundraiser event let me know!
   3. Working on a new scholarship in partner with UK for incoming college freshman.
      1. If you have any ideas or questions let him know!
   4. Still in need of 8 senators to represent for the faculty awards, please reach out to help!
8. Chief Financial Officer: **Ethan Taylor**
   1. Appointments to the organizational aid board:
      1. Senator Zing
      2. Senator Lucas
      3. Senator Yealton
      4. Voice Vote
         1. Unanimous yes
   2. Organizational aid is due February 28th.
   3. Budget update: no major changes, might be adding some additional money back due to underspending.
9. Chief of Staff: **Anne-Marie Wright**
   1. Enrollment team has been meeting with the restaurant group to work on meal security on campus.
      1. Moving fresh vouchers to different organizations on campus (HRL, Dean’s Office etc).
   2. Be on the lookout for updates for exec office hours and can schedule a meeting with exec through the calendly link.
10. Chief Communications Officer: **Preston Jenkins**
    1. Sent out his availability for the SGA promo video
       1. Reach out if interested
    2. SGA Design contest winners announced – Jaden Spencer and Parker Self
11. Speaker of the Senate: **Sarah Vincent**
    1. Having several guest speakers this semester so please be prepared to ask them questions when they come in!
    2. If you were appointed tonight, come see me after.
12. Secretary of the Senate: **Hadley Whipple**
    1. Keep sending those minutes!
13. **Committee Reports**
    1. Legislative Operations Committee: **Caden Lucas**
       1. LOC meets immediatlly following SGA meetings
       2. Please get bills in by the time SGA meetings begin
    2. Enrollment and Student Experience: **Savanna Kurtz**
       1. Meeting after SGA meeting
       2. Sign up form for tabling coming soon!
    3. Outreach and Public Relations: **Ryan Dilts**
       1. Cooking up a bill, stay tuned.
    4. Campus Improvement and Sustainability: **Rush Robinson**
       1. No report.
    5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: **Megan Farmer**
       1. Shoutout to her committee members!
       2. Meetings are at 4pm on Tuesdays.
    6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing: **Sophia Bryant**
       1. Will be meeting at 4 PM on Tuesdays.
       2. Working on revamping Hilltoppeers.
       3. Wanting t0 do a tabling event at the Basketball tailgate to promote mental health in athletics.
    7. Community Relations: **Jenna Wells**
       1. Small hiccup with their community builder scholarship.
       2. Volunteer event: 5K this Saturday at 9AM at the Lovers Lane soccer complex, come cheer on runners!
       3. MOTH and DBR are both great ways to get involved.
14. **Special Orders**
    1. Judicial Council Report: **Morgan Gammons**
       1. Please fill out the absence form if you need to be excused.
          1. There is no time frame for when they are due but try to get it in as close to your miss as possible.
          2. Absences are reviewed at the bi-weekly JC meetings.
       2. Assembling a constitutional reforandum.
       3. JC got together last week to appoint an associate JC:
          1. Gavin Grawe
             1. Voice Vote

Unanimous yes

* 1. Swearing In: **Morgan Gammons**
     1. Julianna Mitchel
     2. Gavin Grawe

University Committee Reports

1. Student Life Foundation: **Donté Reed**
   1. **Funding was approved to take a closer look at hilltopper.**
2. Committee on Academic Quality: **Donté Reed**
   1. No report.
3. Master Plan Committee: **Garrett Price**
   1. No report.
4. University Athletic Committee: **Kaison Barton**
   1. No report.
5. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Megan Farmer, Rush Robinson**
   1. Park where you are supposed to.
6. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee: **Ryan Dilts**
   1. No report.
7. Graduate Advisory Council:
   1. No report.
8. Colonnade General Education Committee: **Chloe Ralston**
   1. No report.
9. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: **Jax Price**
   1. No report.
10. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee: **Bradley Wagoner**
    1. No report.
11. Faculty Welfare Committee: **Savanna Kurtz**
    1. No report.
12. **Unfinished Business**
13. **New Business**
14. **Announcements**

**- Opening ceremony for black history month tonight!**

**- Rash sent out an email about the sexual assault prevention committee, be sure to reach out if interested!**

**11. Adjournment**

**Senator Ismail motioned to ajourn.   
Seconded by Senator Dilts**