Senate Meeting Agenda

Sixteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

1. **Call to Order**
	1. The Sixteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourt Senate wad called to order at 5:02PM by Speaker of the Senate Sarah Vincent.
2. **Roll Call**
	1. Absent Senators:
		1. Senator Barton
		2. Senator Dilts
		3. Senator Olmos
		4. Senator Reinneck (just late)
		5. Senator Riley
		6. Senator Wells (just late)
		7. Senator Whipple
			1. Quroum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
	1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
	1. None.

**5. Officer Reports**

 **1.** President: **Sam Kurtz**

* Rally for Higher Ed is March 27th — Fill out RSVP if going.

 **2.** Vice President: **Donté Reed**

* No Report.

 **3.** Chief Financial Officer: **Ethan Taylor**

* Org Aid Committee meets tonight! Applicants was exactly the same, approxaimtely 90 different orgs getting money
* Steven Chumley Scholarship is on the Website
* $2,266 left if ALL bills pass tonight.
1. Chief of Staff: **Anne-Marie Wright**
* Banquet is April 8th at 5:30!
* Remember new purchasing policy!
* 4 meetings left after today!
1. Chief Communications Officer: **Preston Jenkins**
* Like the new Insta post!
* T-Shirt orders for Senator are in progress
1. Speaker of the Senate: **Sarah Vincent**
* Senator of the Month is Kaison Barton! Woohoo!

 **7.** Secretary of the Senate: **Hadley Whipple**

 **-** No Report.

**6. Committee Reports**

 **1.** Legislative Operations Committee: **Caden Lucas**

* LOC Meeting is after Senate today! Keep making great legislation!

 **2.** Enrollment and Student Experience: **Savanna Kurtz**

* Sign up for Subs and Scholarships Workshop!

 3. Outreach and Public Relations: **Ryan Dilts**

* Like the post on Insta!
1. Campus Improvements and Sustainability: **Rush Robinson**
* Shout out to every Senator that showed up to the Campus Safety Walk yesterday
* Lots of legislation for SGA poll-ooza coming out soon!
* Earth Day efforts coming soon!
1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: **Megan Farmer**
* Come to meetings! You’re missing out!
* Be on the lookout for new legislation in the works for this!
1. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing: **Sophia Bryant**
* Sign up for the Out of the Darkness Walk ASAP!

 7. Community Relations: **Jenna Wells**

 **-** Meeting with LOC tonight, come to our meetings!

**7. Special Orders**

 **1.** Judicial Council Report: **Morgan Gammons**

* We have made the Election Codes for this spring and amended a few things as needed! Voting on Spring 2025 Election Codes
	+ Unanimous Yes, Election Codes Approved

 **2.** Swearing In: **Morgan Gammons**

University Committee Reports

1. Student Life Foundation: **Donté Reed**
* No Report
1. Committee on Academic Quality: **Donté Reed**
* No Report
1. Master Plan Committee: **Garrett Price**
* No Report
1. University Athletic Committee: **Kaison Barton, Emily Reinneck**
* No Report
1. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Megan Farmer, Rush Robinson**
* Be careful about when and where you’re parking with lots of high school tournaments happening on campus right now!
1. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee: **Ryan Dilts**
* No Report
1. Graduate Advisory Council:
* No Report
1. Colonnade General Education Committee: **Chloe Ralston**
* No Report
1. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: **Jax Price**
* No Report
1. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee: **Bradley Wagoner**
* No Report
1. Faculty Welfare Committee: **Savanna Kurtz**
	1. No Report

**8. Unfinished Business**

 **Bill 6-25-S.** Funding for the “AfroLatinidad” event.

This bill will be taking place in the WKU Spanish Department. It is open to everybody and is a multi-year ordeal.

The ask for the bill is $500.00 to cover the cost of the band for the event. The band is the Darien Rivera Event. They are overall a reliable band. This will be a great opportunity for WKU students and campus/community members alike to experience new cultures and stuff.

Senator Farmer: Since we have funded smaller amounts of money in the past for this bill, why are we paying $500 this year?

Senators Bryant and CCO Jenkins: There have been budget cuts in the Department of Modern Language.

 Senator Kurtz: POI to President Kurtz and CFO Taylor about funding this bill.

President Kurtz and CFO Ethan: We are uncertain about how we would be able to fund this bill given our financial policies. It may be hard for us to pay the bill for the band.

Senator Jerdon: Motion to Table the Bill.

 Second by Senator Ismail

 Voice Vote, Unanimous Yes

**9. New Business**

**Bill 8-25-S:** Funding for Sustainable Gift Bags for WKU Students

**Bill 7-25-S:** Funding for Reusable Water Bottles and Stickers for WKU Students

**10. Announcements**

Senator Lucas: Let me know if you’re interested in coming to the SACSCOC luncheon and representing WKU for the re-accrediation committee. Also, let me know if you want to participate in PLSA’s Diddle Clean-Up tonight!

Senator Bryant: Sign up for Out of the Darkness Event

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn Senator Ismail

Second by Senator Robinson

Adjournment at 5:25PM

First Reading: 2/25/2025

Second Reading: 3/4/2025

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 6-25-S.** **Funding for the “AfroLatinidad” event.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $500.00 for the “AfroLatinidad” event.

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

WHEREAS: This event will be a celebration of the connection between African and Latino cultures at WKU.

WHEREAS: The event will feature a walking gallery, students presenting and displaying their projects/talents in booths, and food and entertainment, and

WHEREAS: The money will be used to help cover the costs of a live band at the event which will be playing traditional Afro-Latina music and,

WHEREAS: The event will take place on April 14th, 2025, and,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $500.00 to the “AfroLatinidad” event.

AUTHORS: Sophia Bryant PCAL Senator; Preston Jenkins, Chief Communications Officer

SPONSORS: Mental Health and Wellbeing committee, SGA Outreach and Public Relations Committee

CONTACTS: Yertty Vandermolen, Yertty.vandermolen@wku.edu

First Reading: 3/4/2025

Second Reading: 3/11/2025

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 8-25-S: Funding for Sustainable Gift Bags for WKU Students**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $378.90 to promote sustainability through gift bags for the students of WKU.

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

WHEREAS: The money will be used to purchase $21.02 worth of [pens](https://www.amazon.com/BIC-Ecolutions-Ballpoint-Medium-50-Count/dp/B00CLHE47A/ref%3Dsr_1_7?crid=3LZXGDKKT9YXU&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.Fp8JnpLdsidFzEMKavVBCuNn4PmJJ1RPtIu2bJmrh0B869cFT57pzKyk0vRLL6vQ1WvLGhbQ4B6fO2FckKcCrg1XBR6etyZV0qInjVuU4TXqY1E1DEOfNpP45TMQrFXhbda9es9JKQLVVTM3JoBLFYlE39YLIbWWFXGp4WpQfBRtID0zqKdoMoWDWmCNCHkD5THsMk7wDJs-TX7mugbIYJ5tcZhVTVrnsHCa7TT2Bs1EaqiE62-62Dq9S804uRcgIfxQGonfKOMxY9IRGh5FW3ofrq0rH50fxDXVxer0vrOQ6mhLjs5wV1foA9AqUck-3tEJa9D_-xiAyqnRmkd26LqLiYg_eMvtzqApEhGsnAlHIc368dcUxNntcNFj2J8R87KGLsXYutwJoXolEk5vCcFu91mgcRf2z0grrNmRqI5E_39P_T1MNAjQIyuAMrgd.TtGiemkbKeNDIP9dQsL-CCc7KL9HSz-JQDHegS6nBh4&dib_tag=se&keywords=sustainable+pens&qid=1740502437&sprefix=sustainable+pens%2Caps%2C205&sr=8-7), $56.70 worth of [pencils](https://www.amazon.com/BIC-ReVolution-Xtra-Life-Mechanical-Recycled/dp/B09RY5WG8C/ref%3Dsr_1_8?crid=3GXWABHLDWP62&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.3APW979g10wtEN4z6LMcTaxcyygVrd-_eIg6jE0X7B6d0cbCzG9BC0oZC2aVWxuj2NdepeOwGfztPDGP2ZiADPS0Vfmp-LCRGzTxfMJ1TorV1coWWQmQ6UCKQ0z8pWkQhFhdNYtsy2LTiJxlrlkyMYDOsSyRjtioOsKyZitRUF9YgNisuzaMRYwJEZusBfdzzRa16Qpi_DPtyX3Em6FM4QVIaOvG8lbtwJbmdhjxBolaBRTVkwU661eeZ7wp6eiDYqsvWBdRheIYR-Se8xBHuGcbSl1ZtxMcIW_TKYYZLt06q1hBTyt3I-AMferD2IM4n9RGGTeaMyLm5XlLY-6sNFZQR2oRGbVcpik8ENrQHwlrcpGup268OsYA_r9F6mfIT_iWuWVDjCFB9uRpzsEgKdfQzuLDfj2W1YgPv7BSg5zFJnJ2uEa3beYxFGXpJJj4.QFP3-LIMsvPYY3kfCkxyMmP-Wy65Xqvr0Tt1OLIzbcI&dib_tag=se&keywords=sustainable+pencils&qid=1740502499&sprefix=sustainable+pencils%2Caps%2C118&sr=8-8), $18.99 worth of [fidgets](https://www.amazon.com/Autistic-Children-Classroom-Treasure-Carnival/dp/B09Z2JWYPF/ref%3Dsr_1_4_sspa?crid=3FNGRGTY80SNG&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.gLn4N-zxOeqYnbllxmoqrJbWtW9IAqN1fM6Knt3Tayee3rSSCc81y1OpO67pgxXa41_F2mgfIgx1BJUuCbFrvO55Q-SRH4JQkFd0C_vlDrLZpc-b-pBeA5M3az2Kg5GMXwqSp1nfCEQLNmVz07AAZDs2eQTZ6s3sDz9TR7oPxiT2ViHjCrusJYvnZh3WeBsyU17D95ZgvhWE8Baerb1c8RvVGL2qPDcS2ivOjqq61-xkmpp24t9ecw5eyNB9T2OBUp8c7E-m1-F0oPDPmjz2Fu9AbG2PbCUIzMDnC2F8uSc.qmEAqBV-pfrz7mGSBrwf4fLHjF3cu5BcGRf_MVv_6Og&dib_tag=se&keywords=fidgets&qid=1740502734&sprefix=fidget%2Caps%2C155&sr=8-4-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&psc=1), $44.99 worth of [lip balm](https://www.amazon.com/YesBes-Natural-Moisturizing-Stocking-Stuffers/dp/B0CP1PB3R2/ref%3Dsr_1_12_sspa?crid=9AG4Z6KXA15A&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.PY-Xp4RAlWyC9mOhyXa75k9iG9GBI29Je4i8xR-WSDN6JmEm151G-f-fkaSREuU8hy4iVq1NZuLefTg2rLY3f3jpJj7Vlrtw2RpBkrn9fyXyHNtgH23amwTn7T_ruDXoxfIPiJ3cBoyfZMw5B-6_DkX0N0r4gWhsCgejhANX7i8y1rsNmk-XsbpnQBurtsr-6RTMDP1qRByEEoth6AxfsQME2uvnvyxzp9YvahYB6ecRpYckLDjrcczjbKY-NFZftstwxstAUXzgIqfwtkXSusRnV-jrI7ZaS2iLMtYPVkM.xTBmN91dQNaDSz6FYjKTPSkZr_quJ9j7u6CJLXwVWFM&dib_tag=se&keywords=sustainable+lip+balm&qid=1740502762&sprefix=sustiable+li+balm%2Caps%2C104&sr=8-12-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9tdGY&psc=1), $46.79 worth of [notepads](https://www.amazon.com/feela-Notebooks-Sketchbook-Students-Supplies/dp/B0BDQN89MH/ref%3Dsxin_16_pa_sp_search_thematic_sspa?content-id=amzn1.sym.c5787da2-212d-48eb-a894-9ea5a87adeb3%3Aamzn1.sym.c5787da2-212d-48eb-a894-9ea5a87adeb3&crid=1V4YA2MAZNC77&cv_ct_cx=recycled+note+pads&keywords=recycled+note+pads&pd_rd_i=B0BDQN89MH&pd_rd_r=c913e503-a973-47e9-b29d-70d57f9f6cfd&pd_rd_w=WUsBg&pd_rd_wg=omZMJ&pf_rd_p=c5787da2-212d-48eb-a894-9ea5a87adeb3&pf_rd_r=1YCJV0KNTG92V44YMMWN&qid=1740502817&sbo=RZvfv%2F%2FHxDF%2BO5021pAnSA%3D%3D&sprefix=recycled+note+pads%2Caps%2C146&sr=1-1-6024b2a3-78e4-4fed-8fed-e1613be3bcce-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9zZWFyY2hfdGhlbWF0aWM&psc=1), $67.47 worth of [Emergen-C](https://www.amazon.com/Emergen-C-Caffeine-Supplements-Manganese-Electrolytes/dp/B0CF5Z1G6J/ref%3Dsr_1_3_sspa?crid=320WW7RCE3K1R&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.KTrgnaMspiWu2rxlydDfL9One0amGXG9cBTO7ggDhu55hVeiihhcG4Ey62kfPIRAKnyeAZBZV2xtHpmwPXnwK_qq2rJwDQ0VkPRDZAkxJ1C6C2GSk0z9FUCgnmut7Yq_N6RN3OutG8uvKrvDDvXAse3XylGdQ_pMn-i1wfyQQf4w4Mx7cB8wxb5DUtlEATdNZAYKD0KySnw8sXELiNTTJrq9s6pJovEGd9-t2PnrCgOqsEMj7cKLlxwqIUzCwmNbOaKRQUpuf0hm0EjNeLwaW2fO_4Mgd7vnx5aKgWC7FyE.-QHDGCiCy5B6IktyB20Ce8eZScuKDm06PTwaQnR-LXY&dib_tag=se&keywords=emergency+c+60+pack&qid=1740502530&rdc=1&sprefix=%2Caps%2C197&sr=8-3-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&psc=1), $56.97 worth of [gum](https://www.amazon.com/Wrigleys-Chewing-Gum-Assortment-Packs/dp/B0BZMZ92PV/ref%3Dsr_1_43?crid=17HV3JZMKU9TT&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.d7WvW-QrJO10nTatmhCuwpnan71YcgIjuzD1J81_mwC7lMOraPPDYarCcDT_fgH6Ji5koDhScWluQErwkEv2t1gLUvL6RZtZ3oX1ngjUerVDdTBSfc8nUJorjdotS6Wd6hrbL2lEpfuqB74ge5ikgbaDNj_87UuoDYBZ6lnMPLx3JzXxJzFccaHBtajJiOpeKEKftOIRw_EeLMbhNNdW2XbahCLlnZrjws1A7-ogrwqCeUQPsFZhuZZt1aMUo8H_a4-luKyupv_LWGaLYyjpkzFCR9tT2yHCjqn7W7mHkQR5mIYbOeETLarbHC0JYwzhivMdVgm-QtsIdYRGh0rgneMBIMvvfWGDcyUBJAO4rsGZ7IDEEAlTl1SNUseXjhQ_bCOIonVaz8BHbFAvlCXlIaB6mJ0LTGAZLFxfnc1i_xiQkVAyUlfjPN_PH2oUibaz.lmSi-1JWTkEsgtZYjbZmuSHwpAqneceQAWQbhLnvw70&dib_tag=se&keywords=gum+multipack&qid=1740502585&sprefix=%2Caps%2C148&sr=8-43), $25.99 worth of [candy](https://www.amazon.com/Ultimate-Assorted-Candy-Party-Mix/dp/B0BC2C83KM/ref%3Dsr_1_10?crid=2X7LJI37MDLID&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.er3vcXRfNCH7drA6CvY2S1XhPNGbv2rMHn9ceqS4meHbxWyC5Iin92UN1fogtEcJKamtn7MLDSJuEvuYKFW3r5kpzokObqxsDr874zt8RUtct8VMerylcLojBFgaZinfJHWSsgLT8QzJbxtKSHBJ8I8TtU8pbnbJdqwMwRS22Abbw1QjUPoiNEIC46FZ-Wv-jfL6KSTL7ZOmnlnhDDZUjf8bpYxq_aNPYfXGa2ofLpL8QqY6LzUmAHNUK14BHNX0XDNvbWqYz_3qAdESJKSi8t87keKRESnf9kgXiBDPA96IKP62oV3rfIgZ3nsNS42v9rT7lLZ1ba3V3_tg38iymfO6KcQ_ivs9ca781xnn3zmNYsx8fyEviy9Vg5fE8t1UXGDKS3wiLBSRHiTSFW-amrWUsSD6B5CsYr1U9cYGo5gPEZCLw2lrPMCBfxgUhh4G.PzBkKiEMmtbUHiOqAESj93vMWHGoJ2GaCfNjVY3_wLw&dib_tag=se&keywords=huge%2Bpack%2Bof%2Bcandy&qid=1740502645&sprefix=%2Caps%2C139&sr=8-10&th=1), $39.98 worth of [packaging](https://www.amazon.com/YEEHAW-Handles-100Pcs-Shopping-Merchandise/dp/B0CR91QKQM/ref%3Dsxin_16_pa_sp_search_thematic_sspa?content-id=amzn1.sym.008d028e-e56f-4003-a59e-3bb1a49f27bf%3Aamzn1.sym.008d028e-e56f-4003-a59e-3bb1a49f27bf&crid=ALWAO92Y23QH&cv_ct_cx=brown%2Bpaper%2Bbags&keywords=brown%2Bpaper%2Bbags&pd_rd_i=B0CR91QKQM&pd_rd_r=1501581d-c55a-47a2-aa92-d5403ffee7c2&pd_rd_w=GXGP2&pd_rd_wg=xbqfF&pf_rd_p=008d028e-e56f-4003-a59e-3bb1a49f27bf&pf_rd_r=XX431XSZRYN44JP346R6&qid=1740502686&sbo=RZvfv%2F%2FHxDF%2BO5021pAnSA%3D%3D&sprefix=%2Caps%2C138&sr=1-4-e169343e-09af-4d41-85b1-8335fe8f32d0-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9zZWFyY2hfdGhlbWF0aWM&th=1), and

WHEREAS: Handing out the gift bags will give students some basic products that they may need in order to better their learning experience, create a more comfortable and productive study environment, and support their overall well-being, and

WHEREAS: While opting for an eco-friendlier option of these products will be more expensive, it is a physical representation of how the Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee is attempting to support a greener WKU.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $378.90 to promote sustainability through gift bags for the students of WKU.

AUTHORS: Rush Robinson

SPONSORS: Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS: Dr. Leslie North, leslie.north@wku.edu

First Reading: 3/4/2025

Second Reading: 3/11/2025

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 7-25-S: Funding for Reusable Water Bottles and Stickers for WKU Students**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $181.97 to purchase reusable water bottles and stickers for the students of WKU.

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

WHEREAS: The money will be used to purchase $171.98 worth of reusable [water bottles](https://www.amazon.com/Bottles-Squeeze-Reusable-Sporting-Black-White/dp/B0BG19GR2Z/ref%3Dsr_1_14_sspa?crid=3KBQHCR1G141R&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.28Y0Vw8eijde0FxxmZraHANGYtmqB-jXu7dBK4cpc6lejYs__DJmMn-Dhv_93PP_Y57hIrxNBREhXaQaJE9npb_8j4QYAikDtRNFCa_Og2U0Ru4SnF1QU8bzcc47CU_f2fka409Wh2Xv7O-MzT8zK1o9i8lGWn-jNQUNPIvIirTw3_Dv6XTmPKUuCL4lS2EcS5cUoHELUG7ys1cGt6AMSiTkMOlWvzfWeV_WAtU4VlEpov5HIgnxylluX4eY0JxEhtRPvS2rfpfPGZVNWhFZj4k4ypQVqycvvvDC9FEfQHU.cdZDeQV65DZcLCxnrcyx5UwLJFa0YF6ofm91fPzmShY&dib_tag=se&keywords=bulk%2Breusable%2Bwater%2Bbottles%2B50%2Bpack&qid=1740524644&sprefix=bulk%2Breusable%2Bwater%2Bbottles%2Caps%2C179&sr=8-14-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9tdGY&th=1) and $9.99 worth of various [stickers](https://www.amazon.com/Pack%EF%BC%8CArme-Waterproof-Stickers%EF%BC%8CVinyl-Stickers-Stickers-Skateboards/dp/B09XBB7FGY/ref%3Dsr_1_6?crid=3KU7ZCL251GTY&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.ywUtMdaCslRpbnz8z0AAwurKCd2Eqx9e5A2QiCvR0Zjy6dGJ3HnjyhiQHS5yfEi4-rT_R9675kl28wUjakK5epFZoHigkjL-lTn4XiXNj0EmfxPRLa51EoRefSeokFHA74fzbf9g76oNkLpl_DEB9SuRng8G0tVOL_1dndSKHQhTrtt2yQEtaI_POvA_JESuoGByMS25g099JeuzqUAyokuXxmEOWjLFM2MeKB7-nzxEDeiwRf7h3v4uOCagALL6m91cIfzTop0a1ZmdfGyoVPA8PXXPwlwfRRwzZ8kEICCmJJbPL2nrquIoyp9UUUhGeU7m9HgiKqnVUHN7eAhw1N0tFqHReSlItvd-3butM-SIQpuMMRIeP_jU9bBQawwPk2ZglP8_ZE4HpSLHYLIGbAgCSzGLJd-0si8mUr4fVJdz4t97yYwirkenpoHa7z6_.eEWrxhAv-jgIfs4-Lc3W7Ba-TGwf9Bvdog0aeroBhCI&dib_tag=se&keywords=bulk%2Bstickers&qid=1740524899&sprefix=bulk%2Bstikcker%2Caps%2C178&sr=8-6&th=1), and

WHEREAS: The water bottles will be handed out during SGA-poll-ooza, and

WHEREAS: The stickers will be available for students to customize the water bottles to their liking, and

WHEREAS: Reusable water bottles are a sustainable option for the student body, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $181.97 to purchase reusable water bottles and stickers for the students of WKU.

AUTHORS: Rush Robinson, Junior Senator

Sophia Bryant, PCAL Senator

SPONSORS: Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee

Mental Health and Wellness Committee

CONTACTS: Andrew Rash, Associate Director of Student Activities - Greek Life