Senate Meeting Minutes

Nineteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate – Thursday, April 3rd, 2025

1. **Call to Order**
	1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on April 3rd, 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 Barton
		2. Senator Bell
		3. Senator Dilts
		4. Senator Farmer
		5. Senator King
		6. Sentaor Norman
		7. Senator Olmos
		8. Senator G. Price
		9. Senator Reinnick
		10. Senator Wells
	3. Quorum was met.

Motion to move out of bylaws by Senator Bryant

Second by robinson

Motion to move **Bill 20-25-S:** and **Bill 21-25-S:** to unfinished business.

Second by Sentor Bailey

Voice vote unanimous yes

Motion to move back into bylaws by Senator Whipple

 Seconded by Senator Lucas

1. **Approval of Minutes**
	1. Minutes were approved.
2. **Guest and Student Speakers**
3. **Officer Reports**
4. President: **Sam Kurtz**
	1. Dropped a really cool SGA Polloza video on the Instagram
		1. Like and comment on that video.
	2. Music will start at 3PM and end at 9PM.
	3. Great job at the Rally for Higher Ed
		1. It was a cool and informative time.
	4. Congrats to Emaun for joining Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.
	5. Banquet is next week!
5. Vice President: **Donté Reed**
	1. We had a total of 236 applications which is amazing.
	2. If you have any questions about exec feel free to meet with me.
6. Chief Financial Officer: **Ethan Taylor**
	1. Budget updates are on the website.
	2. Org aid checks are ready.
	3. $888.07 left in legislative discretionary.
7. Chief of Staff: **Anne-Marie Wright**
	1. Banquet is at Gerards tavern on April 8th at 5:00PM.
	2. You can join us at jump air zone after the banquet.
8. Chief Communications Officer: **Preston Jenkins**
	1. Thank you to everyone for checking out the Instagram post!
	2. Updates on T-shirts
		1. The shirt design got denied so we are reworking them.
9. Speaker of the Senate: **Sarah Vincent**
	1. No report.
10. Secretary of the Senate: **Hadley Whipple**
	1. No report.
11. **Committee Reports**
	1. Legislative Operations Committee: **Caden Lucas**
		1. Final meeting to pass anything is April 15th and that is due on Tuesday.
	2. Enrollment and Student Experience: **Savanna Kurtz**
		1. Scholarships are due tomorrow and tell your friends to apply.
		2. If you want to help grade let me know.
	3. Outreach and Public Relations: **Ryan Dilts**
		1. No report.
	4. Campus Improvement and Sustainability: **Rush Robinson**
		1. Commons said no to visibility strips.
	5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: **Megan Farmer**
		1. No report.
	6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing: **Sophia Bryant**
		1. No report.
	7. Community Relations: **Jenna Wells**
		1. Bunny hop is Saturday from 11-2.
12. **Special Orders**
	1. Judicial Council Report: **Morgan Gammons**
		1. Went over election codes.
		2. Election code meetings are April 4th and 7th at 7:30pm
	2. Swearing In: **Morgan Gammons**
		1. None

University Committee Reports

1. Student Life Foundation: **Donté Reed**
	1. Meeting with Caboni coming up regarding housing.
2. Committee on Academic Quality: **Donté Reed**
	1. Had a meeting today at 4:30.
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. No report.
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. Faculty Welfare Committee: **Savanna Kurtz**
	1. No report.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**Bill 17-25-S:** Funding for the 2025 Mental Health Week

Presentation: The Mental Health Committee

* Outlined the weeks events and what it will contain. This will help to raise awareness for the mental health of the student body.

Questions:

* President Kurtz: Could we add $11 for dog treats?
	+ Response: We would be open to doing that!

Ammend bill to adding $11.17 for various supplies.

Speeches

* None

Voice Vote:

* Unanimous yes

 **Bill 18-25-S:** Funding for Burgers at SGA-Pollooza

Presentation:

* Burgers at SGA Polloza

Questions:

* None

Speeches:

* None

Voice Vote:

* Unanimous yes

**Bill 19-25-S:** Funding for SGA-Pollooza Event Tabling

Presenation:

* $150 for SGA Polloza Tabling Promotion

Questions:

* None

Speeches:

* None

Voice Vote:

* Unanimous yes

**Bill 20-25-S:** Funding for Recycled Vases for Tabling at WKU’s Earth Day Event

Presentation: Senator Robinson

* Earth Day is April 25th and we are planning on taking recycled bottles to make vases.

Questions

* Vice President Reed: Can I donate bottles?
	+ Yes

**Bill 21-25-S:** A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution

Presentation: Chief Justice Gammons

* We will be amending the constitution to rename DEI Committee to Action and Opportunity Committee. The function of this committee is a bit different but is outlined in the reformation.

Questions:

* None

Speeches:

* None

Voice Vote:

* Unanimous yes

VOTE ON MOVING ELECTION TIMES BACK to 8:30Pm

Voice Vote

* Unanimous Yes

**9. New Business**

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Senator Robinson**

**Seconded By Senator Whipple**

**Voice Vote**

* **Unanimous yes**

First Reading: 3/25/2025

Second Reading: 4/1/2025

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 17-25-S.** **Funding for the 2025 Mental Health Week.**

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

allocate $439.07 for the 2025 Mental Health Week.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Fun​d, and​​     ​

WHEREAS: The money will be divided between events happening during Mental Health

Week from April 28​th​-May 2​nd​ to promote positive mental health​ among the student body of WKU, and

WHEREAS: Monday of Mental Health week we will host Motivational Monday with a tabling

event from 10:30​am​-12:30pm in Centennial Mall where we​ will​​​be ​g​iving​​ out cupcakes with motivational messages and spread information about the rest of our events that week, and

WHEREAS:        $41.91 will be spent on three boxes of 24 count cupcakes from [Walmart](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Freshness-Guaranteed-Special-Order-Basic-Cupcakes-24-Count/535097776?wmlspartner=wlpa&selectedSellerId=0&wl13=282&gclsrc=aw.ds&adid=22222222277535097776_161193766053_21214199653&wl0=&wl1=g&wl2=c&wl3=697173827980&wl4=pla-2348450966064&wl5=1017702&wl6=&wl7=&wl8=&wl9=pla&wl10=8175035&wl11=local&wl12=535097776&veh=sem_LIA&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwvr--BhB5EiwAd5YbXmOuvFzsvNdPDy1X5R7p0aS7qZAqT5Uv9ot-4hQ9TqQEmvQoAzQm_BoCE-0QAvD_BwE) and

$6.99 will be spent on toothpick flags to place in the cupcakes which we will write motivational messages on, and

WHEREAS: Wednesday falls on Denim Day on which we will host a Denim Walk from 5pm to

6:30pm where we will advocate for sexual assault prevention and raise money for Hope Harbor, and

WHEREAS: We will have two raffle basket prizes, as well as the chance to win Uber

vouchers, and

WHEREAS: $299.00 will be used for the to purchase a 10.2-inch iPad from the [WKU](https://wku.bncollege.com/Electronics-Noncommissionable/Non-Commission/Apple-Hardware/iDevices/10-2-inch-iPad-Wi-Fi-64GB---Space-Gray/p/637468719)

[Bookstore](https://wku.bncollege.com/Electronics-Noncommissionable/Non-Commission/Apple-Hardware/iDevices/10-2-inch-iPad-Wi-Fi-64GB---Space-Gray/p/637468719) for the first raffle prize, $65​.00​ will be used to purchase an [Owala](https://www.amazon.com/Owala-Insulated-Stainless-Steel-Push-Button-Marshmallow/dp/B0BZYCJK89/ref%3Dsr_1_4?crid=7ZRSQ5O7MK8X&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.1elCiL9DYsoTcVPYi6DpsPJk1Xeb2wa_Wxg219Ur2lUubqZvJHDgTnJvG3hPRrNo2huawAcxOikb2bADs-2hJF7L-lPzXQ4QTyMCATN2CmwPPNv5NqgK07zBlCES89oq4BXZWePnmvqA8y0KaNazlNDmqo2rKQF6peIWftESLMzd_Vh2ziWitoefCFfHw-7kBQxihYGr63T-WIAH6UhtNcc7y79caeHGTwvhInFeL8pHlWy1IxWLnQrxKJ_8p1WnkUFY9HuBft_dCir5o_LtegzH3KLUhbVtduqL9s33wbSt7wYCZBHLB6QiSEVGcJCtC9aGQDOtAQsDdPzB4BE5aIfO8tKel3P8xjSFczCRx0U.C-uITf6NpaZAUaA2IxaneHlSby8IQ_p7lGtcDTUImQw&dib_tag=se&keywords=owala&qid=1741729116&s=home-garden&sprefix=owala%2Cgarden%2C114&sr=1-4&th=1) water bottle ($29.99), a [yoga mat](https://www.amazon.com/Gaiam-Essentials-Fitness-Exercise-Easy-Cinch/dp/B07H9PDL2Y/ref%3Dsr_1_4_sspa?dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.xaQn5LivaADn7cc6PxzQx63Rfq_kdzBjW8CetSOf70LGGmcrnoVBHDjITI9iHp80g9dc_avYULMqOUOYKZWxYMzzPqQ2gBnwhMSqmQharLUFy9Cvk34oOXecdlrvRBnvfvtR-Nw4EBYFdYElsbj8WAgifr_uIwdfQHgA15aCcXcMNDlqupYc2F4GcRe0c8hAuqfYfKCZy84zZR5RkxfAXQ_FahKa-s7e5wEND8DxQgG3h9bqGNjrKYoNvl9xE21sOTMlrfpBYpzGE0dLfBAVD3asvBqDaIU5GNnffqFKdGk.0rokZCDl95SkWd2yC3HVybQsDAtxHWtfgDiSH16g5pI&dib_tag=se&keywords=YOGA%2BMAT&qid=1741729730&sr=8-4-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&th=1) ($21.98), and snacks for the other raffle basket, and

WHEREAS: Friday we will host a dog yoga event with dogs from the Humane Society on

South Lawn, and

WHEREAS: $15​.00​ will be used to purchase water bottles for both the Denim Walk and dog

yoga and safety pins to make denim ribbon pins for the Denim Walk.

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

University will allocate $439.07 for the 2025 Mental Health Week.

AUTHORS: Sophia Bryant, PCAL Senator

John King, CEBS Senator

Molly Ricke. Senator At La~~e=~~rge

Julianna Mitchell, Senator At Large

SPONSORS: Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

CONTACTS: Sophia Bryant, sophia.bryant929@topper.wku.edu

First Reading: 3/25/2025

Second Reading: 4/3/2025

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 18-25-S: Funding for Burgers at SGA-Pollooza**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $200 for Burger Supplies to use at the Poll-ooza event.

WHEREAS: The $200 will purchase patties, buns, condiments, and plates, and

WHEREAS: Burgers will be served free of cost to students on a first come, first serve basis, and

WHEREAS: Any senator can help grill, and

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Budget.

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

University will allocate $200 for Burger Supplies to use at the Poll-ooza Event.

AUTHORS: Savanna Kurtz, Sophomore Senator

Rush Robinson, Junior Senator

Gabe Jerdon, At Large Senator

SPONSORS: Enrollment an Student Experience Committee

Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS: Savanna Kurtz savanna.kurtz482@topper.wku.edu

First Reading: 3/25/2025

Second Reading: 4/1/2025

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill19-25-S. Funding for SGA-Pollooza Event Tabling**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $150.00 for the Student Enrollment and Experience Committee to table for SGA-Poll-ooza Event

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

WHEREAS: The tabling will aim to encourage students to apply for SGA scholarships, vote in the election, and be made aware of the upcoming events Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: The tabling event will use the Spin-the -Wheel to pass out different prizes such as uber vouchers, SGA merch, candy, chips, and energy drinks, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $150.00 for SGA-Pollooza Tabling

AUTHORS: Chloe Ralston, Senator-At-Large
Demani Bell, Senator-At-Large
Ciin Lun, Freshman Senator
Savanna Kurtz, Sophomore, Senator

SPONSORS: Enrollment and Student Experience Committee

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First Reading: 4/3/2025
Second Reading: 4/15/2025
Pass:
Fail:
Other:

**Bill 20-25-S: Funding for Recycled Vases for Tabling at WKU’s Earth Day Event**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $99.00 to purchase supplies for tabling at WKU’s Earth Day Event

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

WHEREAS: The money will be used to purchase two trash cans ($51), sandpaper and abrasives ($12), paint brushes ($8), [glass bottle cutter](https://a.co/d/dEwuC1O) ($28), and

WHEREAS: We will collect glass bottles from restaurants and establishments around Bowling Green, and

WHEREAS: The recycled bottles will be sanitized, de-labeled, and cut into a vase shape if necessary, and

WHEREAS: The Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee will table at WKU’s Earth Day Event on April 25th, and

WHEREAS: The recycled bottle-turned-vases will be offered to students to paint on and customize as they wish,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $99.00 to purchase supplies for tabling at WKU’s Earth Day Event

AUTHORS: Rush Robinson, Junior Senator

SPONSORS: Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee

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

 Dr. Leslie North, WKU Director of Sustainability

First Reading: 4/3/2025

Second Reading: 4/15/2025

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 21-25-S: A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the name and format of The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI)

WHEREAS: The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will be renamed to “The Action and Opportunity Committee (A&O)”, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University’s Faculty DEI Workgroup Committee changed its name to the Action & Opportunity Workgroup, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6. of the Student Government Association Constitution reads:

 “The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) shall”, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6 of the Student Government Association Constitution will be amended to read: “The Action and Opportunity Committee (A&O) shall”, and

WHEREAS: The format of WKU’s Engagement and Opportunities Committee will change,

and

WHEREAS: There is no longer a Chief Diversity Officer position title at Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: The members of the A&O Committee will be divided among each existing Student Government Association committee (excluding the Legislative Operations Committee), and

WHEREAS: As the Student Government Association, we should strive for action and opportunity in everything that we do to serve the diverse student body of Western Kentucky University, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6. of the Student Government Association Constitution describes the function of The Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee as:

 “3.8.6. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI) shall:

3.8.6.1. Be composed of a number of Senate members as assigned by the Speaker.

3.8.6.2. Serve the student body by addressing matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Western Kentucky University.

3.8.6.3. Perform duties as delegated by the Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.

3.8.6.4. Have the Committee Chair or a delegate meet with the Chief Diversity Officers at least once a month.”, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.8.6 of the Student Government Association Constitution will be amended to read:

“3.8.6. The Action & Opportunity Committee (AOC) shall:

3.8.6.1. Be composed of a number of Senate members as assigned by the Speaker. 3.8.6.2. Serve the student body by focusing on making tangible, lasting improvements in students’ lives, including mental health advocacy, social matters, and academic support.

3.8.6.3. Perform duties as delegated by the Senate or the consensus of the Executive Cabinet.

3.8.6.4. Have the Committee Chair or a delegate meet with the Chief Engagement & Opportunity Officers at least once a month.”

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

 University will amend its Constitution.

AUTHORS: Megan Farmer, Senator At Large

 Jade Ismail, Sophomore Senator

 Morgan Gammons, Chief Justice

SPONSORS: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

 Judicial Council

 Executive Cabinet

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