Senate Meeting Minutes

Ninth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, October 18th 2022

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:04 PM on October 18th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. All senators present.
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers** 
   1. Senator Pierce motioned to move out of by laws.
      1. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
      2. Pierce motioned to move bill 8-22 F and bill 12-22 F from new business to unfinished business.
      3. Both bills are time sensitive.
      4. Bills were moved.
   2. Senator Pierce motioned to move back into bylaws.
   3. Senator Finch announced that if you ever need anything find her to have a chat!
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. No report.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. No report.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. The org aid board is meeting Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the conference room.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Thank you to all senators who did the office hours at the front desk.
      2. Make sure you are keeping the office clean.
      3. The cornhole boards are finished and being moved back into the office.
         1. Will definitely be available by the homecoming game.
      4. Two students are participating in the earn a computer program.
      5. The SGA promise scholarship
         1. This is a promise to students that we will be there and help them come to school.
            1. $7000 total.
      6. The first generation student scholarship
         1. $6000 total.
      7. Winter and summer term scholarship
         1. $6000 total.
      8. Summer internship scholarship
         1. $4500 total.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. No report.
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. The website is in the process of being updated.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. No report.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Speaker Mishchuk opened up the discussion to the Senate about moving up legislation in the agenda and
      2. The senator was asked if they preferred having monthly guest speakers or weekly ones.
         1. Got good feedback.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. Committee secretaries please your minutes to antonina.clementi075@topper.wku.edu.
   10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
       1. No report.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. No report.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. Waiting to hear back from The Talisman on a promotional art competition.
         1. Senator Farmer has reached out about the art competition for recruitment promos.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. Waiting on a meeting with HRL to write legislation and see what the committee is able to do.
      2. Trying to figure out how to do T-shirts and coming up with a bill that provides funding so people can wear the SGA logo around campus.
      3. Will be filming a video at the Shaq concert for promotion of WKU.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. Dr. Schulte attended the meeting this week.
         1. Schulte gave the committee advice on working with the net zero building committee.
      2. Campus Improvement and Sustainability is looking into adding a representative to WKU’s master plan committee to assist in the building of the new business college.
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
      1. Brainstorming ideas regarding students with disabilities.
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Talked about the survey that was sent out.
         1. The Survey's goal is to see an average of student mental health at WKU.
         2. Has 89 responses so far.
         3. Please continue to send out the survey to anyone you know on campus.
   7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
      1. A bill will be introduced regarding safety awareness week.
      2. A bill has been sponsored for SGA to partner with Recyclops to provide vouchers for off campus students.
      3. Community relations is working on bringing in community leaders to speak to the committee.
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
   1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier, Senator Sydney Denney, Senator Will Hemenover.
   2. Senator Delozier
      1. No report
   3. Senator Denney
      1. No report
   4. Senator Hemenover
      1. No report
8. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report - Holden Schroeder
      1. The judicial council is meeting this week to discuss absences.
   2. University Committee Reports
      1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
         1. No report
      2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      4. Budget and Finance Committee – Sam Kurtz
         1. No report
      5. University Curriculum Committee – Brett Phelps
         1. No report
      6. Colonnade General Education Committee – Antonina Clementi
         1. No report
      7. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – Annalise Finch
         1. If anyone has issues with access to disability parking let Senator Finch know.
      8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
         1. Changed the wording in certain grading requirements.
      9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
         1. Meeting tomorrow at 3:00 PM.
         2. Need a replacement for former Senator Cecil.
      10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
          1. No report
      11. Student Engagement Committee
      12. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
          1. No report
   3. Swearing in - Holden Schroeder
      1. Chief Justice Schroder swore in Senator Edlin and Senator Hess to the office of student ambassador.
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Senator Pierce was presented with her certificate for September senator of the month.
      2. The senator of the month election for October will take place on October 25th.
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 6-22-F. A Bill to Amend The Constitution.
      1. The executive cabinet presented this bill.
         1. President Bornefield explained that the bill would prevent all executive cabinet members from receiving SGA scholarship budget funds.
         2. This is a consensus that the executive board is here to serve students and the students should come first.
      2. Senator Denney provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining this is something that is very necessary and she provides her full support.
      3. Senator Taylor provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Speaking from personal experience, he explained he viewed it as corrupt.
      4. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Resolution 1-22-F. Resolution to Support selling personal safety items at WKU
      1. Senator Collins presented the bill.
         1. Explaining it would allow safety items to be sold in convenience stores at WKU.
            1. Senator Farmer motioned to change the “are” to “as” - taken as friendly.
            2. Senator Pierce motioned to amend the third whereas clause and add a, and - taken as friendly.
      2. Senator Huffaker provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Having it through a third party is a good solution and does not encourage the apparent liability concerns.
      3. Senator Farmer provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining it would improve safety no matter how safe the campus appears.
      4. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
   3. Bill 8-22-F. Funding for the ISEC Fall Festival
      1. Senator Hawkins presented this bill.
         1. Allows for interactive activity for students in DSU.
            1. Helps get students in the Halloween and Homecoming spirit.
      2. Senator Farmer provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining we should support ISEC (Intercultural Student Engagement Center).
      3. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
   4. Bill 12-22-F. Funding for the Winter Study Abroad Scholarship
      1. Student Blackmon presented the bill.
         1. This is the first piece of student legislation this year.
         2. The problem to be solved is that winter study abroad is one of the least supported study abroad programs.
         3. This may be the first opportunity for many to go abroad due to covid.
      2. Senator Delozier motioned to amend the bill from $5000 to $2500.
         1. A speech in affirmation was given.
         2. Senator Vuleta provided a speech in negation.
            1. Explaining the number would become insignificant.
         3. Senator Pierce provided a speech in affirmation.
            1. Explaining that it makes more sense and is more in line with other study abroad scholarships..
         4. Senator Wells provided a speech in affirmation.
            1. Explaining that other programs should be more depending on the season and length of the term. For example, fall and spring terms usually have costs associated.
         5. Senator Tahiri provided a speech in negation.
            1. $500 is not enough money for a student who would like to study abroad and we have an obligation to support our senators.
         6. Senator Huffaker provided a speech in affirmation.
            1. Students have other opportunities to receive study abroad money.
         7. Senator Tomas proposed an amendment to have three around $800 scholarships.
            1. Senator Canizalez provided a speech in negation.
            2. The amendment fails.
         8. Senator Pierce motioned to limit all speeches on this bill to thirty seconds.
         9. Senator Gadd motioned to the previous question. It passed.
         10. The amendment passes.
      3. Senator Feck motioned to table the bill for the next meeting so the bill author can meet with Director of Enrollment and Student Experienc Reed.
         1. The motion failed.
      4. Senator Robinson provided a speech in negation.
         1. The winter term and summer term scholarships are already provided.
      5. Senator Collins provided a speech in negation.
         1. This bill is too much money too soon. The funds are only available to a very small group of students.
      6. The bill fails.
10. **New Business**
    1. Bill 9-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution
    2. Bill 10-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution
    3. Bill 11-22-F. Funding for the WKU Pride Center
11. **Announcements**
    1. Senator Collins announced the Recyclops bill will be moved up next week.
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Pierce called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.