Senate Meeting Minutes

Tenth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, October 25th 2022

The United Way of Southern Kentucky, Tornado Crisis & Recovery Non-profit addressed the senate before the call to order. Sarah Davis, an alumna of Western Kentucky University, was the representative from The United Way of Southern Kentucky, Tornado Crisis & Recovery Non-profit. The United Way of Southern Kentucky encompasses ten counties within the region. The United Way provides help for people in need, in times of crisis or not. Covid-19 brought struggles to young students in areas of resources, language barriers, and isolation. The United Way encouraged us to attempt to fundraise for the non profit.

You can contact United Way of Southern Kentucky, Tornado Crisis & Recovery Non-profit by phone at (270) - 843 - 3205 or email [sdavis@uwsk.org](mailto:sdavis@uwsk.org) or [info@uwsk.org](mailto:info@uwsk.org), for questions or to be added to the email on volunteer opportunities.

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:22 PM on October 25th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Senator Wells was absent.
   3. Senator Farmer was absent.
   4. Senator Wiliams was absent.
   5. Senator Wright was absent.
   6. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
   2. Add vote count to last week’s minutes.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers** 
   1. Senator Collins moved to suspend the bylaws.
      1. Senator Collins motioned to move bill 13-22 F from new business to unfinished business.
         1. Senator Collins explained the bill is time sensitive.
         2. No speeches in negation were offered.
         3. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
   2. Senator Hardesty motioned to move back into bylaws.
   3. Senator Leo’n invited people to collaborate with him and SARC on improving the campus.
   4. Senator Pierce requested a point of privilege to stop eating candy during the meeting.
      1. On a vote of 6 yes - 22 no - 2 abstentions the motion does not pass.
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. Listening tour has been going well.
         1. Has contacted 10 student organizations so far.
         2. Some of the sororities have reported that response time for the police has been long.
      2. WKU has recently started a farm to fresh group if anyone is interested in helping.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Senator Helland was nominated to the parking and transportation committee.
         1. No speeches in affirmation offered.
         2. No speeches in negation offered.
         3. Senator Helland’s nomination was approved via unanimous voice vote.
      2. Senator Robinson was nominated to the parking and transportation committee.
         1. No speeches in affirmation offered.
         2. No speeches in negation offered.
         3. Senator Robinson’s nomination was approved via unanimous voice vote.
      3. Two more committees are in need of being filled
         1. The university athletics committee
            1. Will discuss different athletic programs and schedules.
            2. Need a male and a female representative for the committee.
         2. The faculty welfare and responsibility committee.
            1. Talk to EVP Reed if interested in this committee.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Org aid meant last week.
         1. Passed funding for the Chinese Club and midnight on the hill.
      2. The tailgate tent for this weekend has been purchased.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. The Hilltopper Hero Scholarship is due Friday.
         1. Currently at 20 applicants.
      2. Office hour opportunity
         1. Need desk workers on Wednesday and Friday.
            1. 3:30 - 5 PM on Wednesday.
            2. Any time Friday.
      3. Chief of Staff Willett will not be in office a lot of this week due to homecoming.
         1. Chief of Staff Willet thanked senators for her nomination, for voting, and for social media promotion of her homecoming campaign.
      4. Chief of Staff Willett provided an opportunity to walk in the Homecoming parade at 5:00 PM on Friday.
         1. No interest for this year.
         2. Suggested next year (2023 Homecoming) SGA could have a float for Homecoming.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. Shaq's promotional video is the highest liked post on WKU SGA instagram.
      2. Self defense class coming up on November 3rd from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
         1. Last opportunity for a self defense class.
      3. The Hilltopper Hero Scholarship is due Friday at 5:00 PM.
      4. Org aid applications are due December 1st.
      5. The scholarship application will be going live soon.
      6. Good luck to everyone this homecoming week!
         1. Please take lots of pictures to feature that SGA is involved in other organizations if you are involved in the Friday parade or Saturday tailgate.
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. Legislative archive and minutes have been updated.
      2. The committee assignments are being added to the website.
      3. The regional ambassadors will also be added to the website.
      4. New graphics for the resource page will be created soon to allow for more pictures.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. Applications for a number of new scholarships are ready to be released.
         1. The goal is by the next meeting they can be voted on.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Office hours are due on Monday.
      2. Committee head meeting is immediately after this meeting.
      3. If you want to make an amendment to legislation it needs to be very specific.
         1. For more details, take a look at new senator orientation.
      4. Committee head evaluations were just sent out.
         1. It is completely anonymous.
         2. Should take about five minutes.
         3. The responses will be closed by the end of the week.
      5. Next week will be evaluations of exec.
   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. Senator Delozier encouraged students to come to LOC who are looking for help building bills and resolutions.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. No report
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. The meeting with Housing and Residence Life will occur on Thursday.
      2. Narcan legislation will hopefully be here soon.
      3. More Red Bull will be acquired for the tailgate on Saturday.
      4. Outreach and Student Experience would be happy to sponsor any bills.
      5. Brainstorming a potential spring concert similar to the Shaq concert.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. Campus Improvement and Sustainability will be meeting with David E. White this Thursday or next Thursday.
         1. They will be discussing the new business college and the pollinator garden.
      2. If you have ideas about improved safety on campus please contact Senator Hemenover at [will.hemenover461@topper.wku.edu](mailto:will.hemenover461@topper.wku.edu).
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
      1. Working on disability legislation.
      2. Senator Tahiri wished everyone a Happy Diwali!
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. The survey is still going well.
      2. Senator Feck will keep you updated on tabeling opportunities.
   7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
      1. Senator Collins spoke on his experience at the table of commerce.
         1. Collins spoke further on the recyclops bill to be discussed later this meeting.
      2. Margaret Glasar will be attending the Community Relations meeting tomorrow at 5:30 PM in the SGA office to discuss what her vision was for the community relations meeting.
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
   1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier, Senator Sydney Denney, Senator Will Hemenover.
   2. Senator Delozier
      1. The Glasgow campus recently celebrated 20 years.
      2. Faculty is receiving a 2% raise.
      3. A weather committee is coming together to discuss more standard rules on canceling class.
   3. Senator Denney
      1. First meeting was attended.
      2. All of WKU will transition to Blackboard Ultra by 2025
         1. Gordon Ford College will transition by next fall.
   4. Senator Hemenover
      1. No report
8. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report - Holden Schroeder
      1. Meant and discussed 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. Faculty will receive a universal two percent raise.
      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
      8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
         1. No Report
      9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
         1. Senator Gadd
            1. Will be reviewing the parking tickets tomorrow.
      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
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Nominations are being sent out.
         1. Please take time to nominate someone who is passionate about the organization.
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 9-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution
      1. Senator Pierce presented this bill.
         1. Pierce explained it would fix the constitution to properly represent what is done.
         2. The bill would make it official that appointments are made by the executive cabinet and change it so other executive officers need to be officially appointed by the first senate meeting.
      2. No speeches in affirmation offered.
      3. No speeches in negation offered.
      4. Speaker Mishchuk moved to the previous question.
      5. Bill was passed with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Bill 10-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Student Government Association Constitution
      1. Senator Pierce presented the bill.
         1. The legislation would officially allow the Executive Vice President to make appointees to university committees.
      2. Senator Hardesty provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. She explained it is what we are already doing.
      3. No speeches in negation offered.
      4. Speaker Mishchuk moved to the previous question.
      5. Bill was passed with unanimous voice vote.
   3. Bill 11-22-F. Funding for the WKU Pride Center
      1. Senator Pierce presented the bill
         1. Pierce explained the funding that was unable to be used for pride could be used for the pride center.
         2. The pride center is currently looking for funds for snacks, furniture, and arts and crafts supplies.
      2. No speeches in affirmation offered.
      3. No speeches in negation offered.
      4. Speaker Mishchuk moved to the previous question.
      5. Bill was passed with unanimous voice vote.
   4. Bill 13-22-F. Funding for Off-Campus Recycling Vouchers
      1. Senator Collins presented the bill.
         1. Recyclops is a new business coming to Bowling Green.
         2. They are the only current recycling company in Bowling Green.
         3. Can be difficult to move recycling and find places to dispose of it.
      2. Senator Leo’n motioned to amend the bill
         1. In the 2nd whereas clause, make the application to request the service.
         2. Taken as friendly.
      3. Senator Huffaker motioned to add a sixth whereas clause that read:
         * 1. In order to preserve the integrity of the post service-survey and avoid conflicts of interests no current member of the student government association shall receive these services.
           2. Taken as unfriendly.

Senator Collins explained that even if one member of SGA lives in the fraternity house the fraternity would be ineligible to receive that service.

* + - * 1. Senator Huffaker explained he wants it to help the average student
        2. Add Briggs amendments.
        3. Senator Hardesty provided a speech in affirmation for the amendment.

Explaining it would help students.

* + - * 1. Senator Gibbs proposed the following amendment, In order to preserve the integrity of the post-service survey and avoid conflicts of interest, no current member of SGA shall apply for these services

Senator Collins now takes the motion as friendly.

* + - 1. Senator Hemenover provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining there have been lots of challenges to getting off campus students the ability to recycle.
         2. Would be more of a trial run which could possibly lead to convincing the university.
      2. No speeches in negation offered.
      3. Senator Huffaker provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Would help emphasize recycling as a WKU community.
         2. Will serve as a pilot bill.
      4. Speaker Mishchuk moved to the previous question due to a one sided debate.
      5. Bill was passed with unanimous voice vote.

1. **New Business**
   1. Bill 13-22-F. Funding for Off-Campus Recycling Vouchers
   2. Bill 14-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association.
   3. Bill 15-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University
2. **Announcements**
   1. Speaker Mishchuk awarded Senator Padgett, who dressed up as advisor Rash, the prize for best costume.
   2. Senator Feck announced that tonight is the last night to request an absentee ballot if you live in the state of Kentucky.
   3. Senator Denney announced there are still five spots open for the self defense class on November 3rd.
   4. Senator Denney announced that you should contact her if you want a homecoming towel.
   5. Senator Collins invited the senate to Thursday night bible study.
3. **Adjournment** 
   1. Senator Hardesty called for adjournment.
   2. The motion was seconded.
   3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.