Senate Meeting Minutes

Thirteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, November 15 2022

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:00 PM on November 15tht by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Senator Gadd was absent.
   3. Senator Finch was absent.
   4. Senator Clark was absent.
   5. Senator Phillips was absent.
   6. Senator Robertson was absent.
   7. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers** 
   1. Senator Pierce motioned to move out of bylaws.
      1. Senator Huffaker motioned to move resolution 2-22 F from new business to unfinished business.
         1. A vote today is optimal so the project can begin in the next week.
         2. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.
      2. Senator Tomas motioned to move Bill 19-22 F from new business to unfinished business.
         1. The bill is time sensitive.
         2. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.
   2. Senator Hardesty motioned to move back into by-laws
      1. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.
   3. Senator Pierce motioned to move officer reports to two minutes.
      1. Would help facilitate using time wisely.
      2. Senator Collins said there was also a basketball game!
      3. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. Thanks to everyone who came out for the campus safety walk!
         1. The event was successful.
      2. Saturday presentation of the military scholarship went well.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Thanks to everyone who came out for the campus safety walk!
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Org Aid bills are coming up!
      2. Org Aid applications
         1. The W-9 forms need to be signed by advisors.
            1. This means that bills can not be written.
            2. Please spread the word about the signature.
      3. WKU is trying to improve our alumni outreach. Especially with local alums.
      4. Shoutouts
         1. Tate Sine Won academics director!
         2. Ethan Taylor Involved in Greek life!
      5. It is okay to feel overwhelmed, do not be afraid to reach out!
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Really great candidates for the military scholarship!
      2. Great turnout for the Veterans day brunch.
         1. Would like more SGA involvement for future events.
      3. Several students are taking advantage of the computer program.
      4. The SGA Christmas Party will be November 29th.
         1. Directly after the meeting.
         2. Food and dress are TBD.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. New post went up today!
         1. Talked about WKU activities over Veterans Day.
      2. Posts this week
         1. Safety walk recap
         2. Recyclops post
      3. Org aid is due December 1st.
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. No report.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. No report.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Committee updates
         1. Please spend money!
         2. DEI will work on a bill for winter wear for the refugee community.
      2. Roberts Rules
         1. Questioning
            1. Do not need to say point of information
         2. Amendments
            1. Very clearly state we are striking these words and are adding these words in.
      3. Spring
         1. Working on nicer placards.
         2. Constitutional amendments to increase transparency.
         3. Work on improving election laws.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. No report.
   10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
       1. No report.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. Review of the bills up.
         1. Career scholarship discussion is one of the bills.
      2. Have wait times posted outside of restaurants.
      3. Jonesville funding for on campus dining.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. Meant with the Talisman to discuss the poetry event.
         1. Thinking Valentine's Day 2023.
         2. Once the building is decided, they can begin to take submissions.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. No report.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. A spot for the pollinator garden has been finalized.
      2. Please be utilizing the food pantry on campus!
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
      1. The bills today will allow further partnerships and jacket drives for marginalized groups.
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Covered everything that is being planned for Mental Health Awareness Week.
         1. Suicide prevention walk.
            1. The week before finals on a Sunday.
         2. Getting into contact with HRL to potentially do a projection screen.
         3. Adding Zumba classes into the week.
      2. Senator Feck has cupcakes for after the meeting!
   7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
      1. Please be advertising about recyclops!
         1. Need to spread it quickly so that there are enough applications.
      2. Winter wear donation
         1. Will be partnering with United Way and potentially ROTC
         2. In need of socks, scarves, and hats.
            1. Bring those to the office and drop them in the box for your team.
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. No report
   2. University Committee Reports
      1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
         1. No report
      2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
         1. Next meeting will be held at the beginning of December.
      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 – Ethan Huffaker
         1. No report
      8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
         1. Had a meeting today.
            1. Discussed clarifications for faculty discipline.
      9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
         1. No report.
      10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
          1. No report.
      11. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
          1. No report
      12. Add athletics williams?
      13. Add budget - collins
          1. Updated a salary model for professors that will be implemented in the next year.
          2. Need an SGA alternate
             1. If your interested please contact Senator Collins
   3. Swearing in - Holden Schroeder
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Form will be sent out next week.
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 18-22-F. Funding for the GFCB and WKU Career Fair Scholarships.
      1. Senator Denney and EVP Reed provided a sponsorship speech.
         1. They explained it would help to promote engagement after career fairs.
         2. Has been extremely successful in the past.
            1. Doubled attendance at career fairs.
         3. Encompases all majors and minors.
      2. Senator Collins provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining it is a great opportunity for students and encourages students to come.
      3. No negation speeches offered.
      4. Senator Pierce provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining that the money could go for example to a new suit for a student which helps them seek our careers.
      5. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Bill 19-22-F. Funding for Jonesville Academy Scholars’ Meals.
      1. Senator Tomas and Senator Leo’n provided a sponsorship speech.
         1. Gave some background on Jonesville Academy.
            1. Jonesville is for young men who are men of color.
         2. Needed funding for fresh passes for scholars.
         3. It will be a great opportunity to have a look when it comes to diversity.
         4. SGA has helped this group with funding in the past.
      2. Senator Pierce motioned to amend the raise the amount to raise from $500 to $750.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      3. Senator Collins provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. The success of Jonesville Academy is amazing and we should support them.
      4. No speeches in negation offered.
      5. Senator Pierce provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Reaching children at a young age is key to helping students overcome obstacles.
      6. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
   3. Resolution 2-22-F. Resolution to Support the Implementation of Wait Times Signs Outside of University Restaurants
      1. Tyler Hopkins, a WKU student, presented a sponsorship speech for the resolution.
         1. Stickers on the ground could represent wait times.
         2. Will be presented to the WKU restaurant group on November 16th, 2022.
      2. Senator Gibbs provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Talked about personal experience of being late to class or unable to eat because of the wait times.
      3. No speeches in negation were offered.
      4. Senator Huffaker provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining he has not been able to get Panda Express at all this semester.
      5. Senator Farmer motioned to amend the word force to waiting which can cause students to choose.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      6. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
10. **New Business**
    1. Bill 20-22-F. Organizational Aid Funding for The Western Kentucky University Chinese Club
    2. Bill 21-22-F: Organizational funding for Western Kentucky’s Midnight on the Hill
    3. Bill 22-22-F. Organizational Aid Funding for The Western Kentucky University College Republicans Club.
11. **Announcements**
    1. Senator Collins announced for teams to meet to come up with a name.
    2. Senator Robinson announced the 5K this weekend.
    3. Senator Tomas asked to come to Jonesville academy and present the check, take a picture.
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Pierce called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:45.