Senate Meeting Minutes

Eighth Meeting of the Twenty-Third Senate - Wednesday, October 18th, 2023

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, at 5:01 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sydney Denney.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Denney
   2. Absences
      1. Chief of Staff Kelley
      2. Senator Barton
      3. Senator Flatt
      4. Senator Padgett
      5. Senator Blood
      6. Senator Pierce
      7. Senator Ralston
      8. Senator Ray
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.

**4. Guest and Student Speakers**

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Quote of the Week: “It always seems impossible until it’s done.” – Preston Romanov, 2023
   2. President Kurtz thanked everyone for coming out to the tailgate yesterday and for attending Battle of the DJs! He stated that Exec is looking at the budget and hoping to have a more concert-like event in the spring. On Tuesday, SGA gave out 200 hamburgers and over 100 hotdogs.
2. Executive Vice President – **Annie Finch**
   1. EVP Finch is writing a bill for a Veteran’s Day 5K. If anyone has any Veterans in their family or is connected to ROTC at all, please reach out to EVP Finch.
3. Administrative Vice President – **Salvador Leon**
   1. OrgAid is meeting Wednesday October 19th at 8:45 PM.
   2. Shoutout to everyone who participated in Shenanigans, and to everyone who came out to the tailgate yesterday!
      1. OrgAid applications closed Monday at 5:00 PM
4. Chief of Staff – **Lyndsey Kelley** 
   1. No report – absent
5. Director of Public Relations – **Preston Romanov**
   1. Thank you to everyone who attended Topper Tuesday! It’s important that the Senate attend these events.
   2. Wednesday, October 19th 3:00 -6:00 PCAL Fall Festival Tabling
   3. BG Pride Saturday October 21st at Circus Square Park
      1. Shoutout to the Sustainability Committee for tabling today!
6. Director of Information Technology – **Aniya Johnson**
   1. No report.
7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – **Donte’ Reed**
   1. Scholarships are open!
8. Speaker of the Senate – **Sydney Denney**
   1. Caboni is coming on Halloween!! Please dress up and keep your costumes G-Rated. Please have questions ready for him!
      1. Motion by Senator Aberle to move out of bylaws
         1. Seconded by Senator Wright
            1. Point of Information: this meeting will **not** be rescheduled, just cancelled.
      2. Motion by Senator Plumb to cancel next week’s meeting
         1. Seconded by Senator Robinson
         2. Speech in affirmation by Senator Plumb:
            1. We shouldn’t have a meeting next week
         3. Vote via voice
            1. Unanimous yes
      3. Motion by Senator Wheat to move back into bylaws
         1. Seconded by Senator Taylor
9. Secretary of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. APPLY TO BE A TOP GUIDE! If you have any questions, reach out to Sarah! Encourage your friends to apply too ☺ Sarah’s number is (502)827-8828

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Meghan Pierce**
   1. No report.
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Anne-Marie Wright**
   1. No report.
3. Outreach and Student Experience – **Griffin Plumb**
   1. No report.
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. Tabling this week
   2. Senator Robinson’s committee sent out a survey in a student-all email this week. Please fill it out and encourage your friends to!
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Karley Solorzano**
   1. Getting transportation opportunities expanded for international students and disabled students.
      1. Working with the DMV for this
   2. Thanksgiving food drive for students on campus over Thanksgiving break
      1. Make sure to sign up for BG Pride
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Callison Padgett**
   1. No report.
7. Community Relations – **Maiah Cisco**
   1. Connor Ferguson met with someone about cancelling classes on Election Day next year on November 5th
   2. Working with Director Reed about scholarship
   3. Toy Drive with Boys and Girls Club

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Isaac King**
   1. Please be sure to turn in your absences. *Missed committee meetings are equal to a Senate absence.* 
      1. Absence forms can be found at this link: <https://www.wku.edu/sga/2018-2019-legislative/hoursexcuse.php>
   2. The Chief Justice Award goes to Senator Solorzano!
2. University Committee Reports
   1. Student Life Foundation – **Annie Finch**
      1. No report.
   2. Committee on Academic Quality – **Annie Finch**
      1. No report.
   3. University Athletic Committee – **Kaison Barton & Julia Duggins**
      1. No report.
   4. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – **Rush Robinson, Dylan Carmona, & Megan Farmer**
      1. No report.
   5. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee – **Tanner Blood**
      1. No report.
   6. Faculty Welfare Committee – **Thomas Pabin**
      1. No report.
   7. Graduate Advisory Council – **Ella Wooton**
      1. No report.
   8. Colonnade General Education Committee – **Kayla Distler**
      1. No report.
   9. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – **Carly Wheat**
      1. No report.
   10. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee – **Madison Payne**
       1. No report.
3. Swearing in – **Isaac King**
   1. No one to swear in.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Aberle made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Robinson.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.