The third meeting of the 12th senate was called to order at 5:03 pm on September 10, 2013. There were 18 out of 19 senators present. There was a motion to approve last week’s minutes. Passed.

**Guest Speakers: WKU Athletics**

Hello, what we have handed out to you is our updated tailgating map and press release. Some of these parking changes are because of the brand new Alumni Center that will now be in use. Because of this, there will be more free spaces around campus on a first come first serve basis at 8am on game day. The ESPN game tailgating rules will be different and that information will be sent out soon. Let me know if you have any questions.

**Officer Reports**

* President Keyana Boka

I’m glad to see all new candidates. I am also happy to say that in the Newsweek best college rankings, WKU’s ranking went up. Picnic with president is coming up so please rsvp. The executive officers got to tour the new DSU and I am excited about were the new senate chambers will be. Tonight for first read we have the 24 hour dining place on campus resolution and if you can, sign the petition going around on campus. Also, the international seat constitutional amendment is up for second read. Fall elections are next week so please spread the word and make sure to vote on Topnet on September 17th and 18th.

* Executive Vice President Mark Reeves

I am thrilled to have so many candidates for all of the different positions. Like Keyana said, we have the amendment for Navitas up for second read. We want to represent the international student community in SGA. I want to thank everyone for signing up for the university committees and keep me posted on how they go. Please show up and show your enthusiasm to be involved. As you know, SGA represents all students and we want to serve them well. I have some updates: Provost Emslie wants to revive value added system, the university senate is interested in reviving plus minus system, and the chairman of academic quality isn’t interested in making any decisions until she hears from SGA. It will probably be coming up soon so think about where you stand and throw out your ideas. The university senate is interested in splitting itself and if they change we want to make sure we are still represented in the mix. Also, a priority registration change is being pushed by the provost to set up a two tier system. Also, the provost is proposing a change in how people change their major for the interest of the registrar. It is not a big change for students. Dine with decision makers will be November 4th and we already have a few confirmations. I am still working on it.

* Administrative Vice President Nicki Seay

Organizational Aid is going to sponsor the 24 hour food petition and we will have an open forum next week in order gain more information on the topic. Org-aid will meet this Wednesday. Applications will be up soon. I have ordered scantrons for the office. ID vouchers will be up for first read next week

* Speaker of the Senate Paige Settles

Welcome candidates! If you came in late please see the secretary. Remember that fall retreat is coming up soon. If you are a committee member please attend those meetings. As we are having our first bill with possible debate, just remember to please stand up for debate and we will proceed in positive to negative fashion in debating.

**Staff Reports**

* Chief of Staff Brad Cockrel

Just a few reminders: our office is open from 8-5 and we would love you to come in and give us some suggestions.

* Director of Public Relations Laura Harper

Applications are pouring in. I know we just got a lot of attention from The Herald. All publicity is good publicity. And we are working on long term public relation strategies.

* Director of Academic Affairs Hannah Garland

I am still working on the society of distinguished graduates and will have more information soon.

* Director of Information and Technology Sara Hazelip

I have added a new picture of Keyana and her letter to the students. I have also added the minutes, the new judicial review, the study abroad and away applications and development grants and have changed some stuff on the home page.

**Committee Reports**

* Academic Affairs Megan Skaggs

Priority deadline for scholarships are printed online. We will be having meeting today.

* Campus Improvements

Nothing new to report, we will be meeting same time same place.

* Legislative Research Ashlee Manley

We will be having a meeting after senate.

* Public Relations Mallory Treece

Committee will meet right after this. We will be working on tactics to get students to vote in the upcoming election.

**Special Orders**

* Judicial Council

I have written a new opinion on the revised amendment and have deemed it to be allowable. Informational meeting right after senate for all of the candidates.

**Unfinished Buisness**

* Resolution 1-13-F

Author’s speech: Mark and Keyana

The purpose of this amendment is to guarantee international representation in the senate, and further our university motto of international reach. We would be first Kentucky university to have an international seat in on our senate. I have talked to a lot of student organizations and have gotten a lot of positive feedback. This amendment would be specific to Navitas and ESLI students. International students pay twice as much as we do to attend WKU and thus they should be included in SGA.

Like Keyana said, we just want to represent a body that is underrepresented. This is not just us making more and more senate seats. The goal is to give these students a voice. They pay so much for this university.

Technical question: When will this be voted on?

Mark: This would be ratified during this fall’s selections.

Debate:

Senator Costa: I am rising against this bill. I sympathize with The Herald. We should be trying to diversify SGA but we should be going and talking with these students, not just giving them a seat. There are no international students running for senate right now and that is because of our lack of reaching out. They pay more yes but, not just to WKU. I asked the former head of ESLI and they told me that honestly, these students don't have time to dedicate to SGA and are not interested in student life. They are here to learn English. They aren't barred from running so what we need to do is reach out more. There are better things that we can do than just give them a seat. Diversification does not happen overnight, we need to change things.

No further debate.

There was a call for a division of the house and it was seconded.

The resolution was passed with a 17 to 2 vote.

There was a motion to adjourn and it was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.