**Senate Meeting Minutes**

3rd Meeting of the Twenty-First Senate – Tuesday, 7 September 2021

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Dr. Martha Sales spoke to the members of SGA about her position as the Interim Dean of Students. She discussed her role working for students to bridge the gap between students and administration. She challenged the members of SGA to be diligent in understanding their purpose and to approach their positions with a servant’s attitude. Dr. Sales emphasized the importance of SGA members acting as leaders, listeners, advocates, and changemakers to represent the entire student population.

Dr. Sales encouraged SGA members to reach out to her to discuss concerns and ideas. To set up an appointment, please email Dr. Sales at [*deanofstudent@wku.edu*](mailto:deanofstudent@wku.edu).

1. **Call to Order**

The Third Meeting of the Twenty-First Senate was called to order by Speaker of the Senate Tess Welch at 5:42 PM on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

1. **Roll Call**

Speaker Welch called roll. Twenty-two senators were present, three were absent.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the second meeting of the twenty-first senate were approved with unanimous consent.

1. **Officer Reports**

A. President – Matthew Wininger

i. Encouraged attendance at SGA-sponsored BAD Event 9/8/21 at 5 pm.

ii. SGA currently working with four other RSOs to host Hilltop Hangouts. First Hangout is on 9/24/21 and will feature a concert, food trucks, and cornhole. If interested in helping out, please contact Pres. Wininger.

iii. Looking to develop donor drive and opportunity fund in honor of SGA’s 55th Anniversary. Since SGA can receive private funds in this situation, we’re hoping to create fund by reaching out to past SGA members.

iv. Shout out to Sen. Reed, Sen. Blackmon, Sen. Bornefeld, and Sen. Feck for taking initiative and generating ideas last week.

v. Reminder to read daily news and the Herald. SGA can’t make change if we don’t know what’s happening on and off campus.

Sen. McCoun moved to limit reports to two minutes. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved with unanimous consent.

B. Executive Vice President – Me’Lon Craighead

i. If interested in serving on a Faculty Senate Committee, please contact EVP Craighead ([*melon.craighead766@topper.wku.edu*](mailto:melon.craighead766@topper.wku.edu))

ii. Faculty Senate Committee Openings are as follows: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (1), Colonnade General Education Committee (1), Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee (1), Academic Quality Committee (1), Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee (2), Preston Center Advisory Council (1)

C. Administrative Vice President – Reed Breunig

i. Encouraged Senators to vote in favor of passing 2021-2022 Budget so SGA can begin distributing funds.

ii. Shoutout to Director of PR Courtenay and Chief of Staff Raybourne for their hard work.

D. Chief of Staff – Parker Raybourne

i. Spoke about the details of first Hilltop Hangout: 9/24/21 @ 5PM on South Lawn, local artists will be in attendance and event will take place during Parent and Family Weekend.

ii. Please reach out to other organizations to encourage involvement in this event.

E. Director of Public Relations – Alexis Courtenay

i. Please join Remind: text “@sgapr2021” to 81010

ii. Attend Hilltop Hangout and bring 3 non-SGA friends, please email Director of PR Courtenay if you will not be in attendance or are interested in helping out.

ii. Continue to share graphics.

F. Director of Information Technology – Jamison Moorehead

i. Senate, Executive, and Judicial Council pages on SGA website have been updated

ii. Please look at your info on SGA page and let Director of IT Moorehead know if you have a different preferred name.

iii. Bylaws, bill template and resolution template have been updated.

iv. Hilltopper Concern Form has been added to website

G. Speaker of the Senate – Tess Welch

i. Praised members for engagement with Dr. Sales.

ii. Please leave placards in SGA Chambers.

iii. If you have ideas for legislation, please contact Speaker Welch. It is important to get the ball rolling now.

iv. Please come by during office hours: Thurs. 12:00-4:00, Fri. 2:00-4:00

v. Hoping to have voting system fixed by next meeting.

H. Secretary of the Senate – Elizabeth DeLozier

i. Senate meetings will be audio-recorded; the recordings will be deleted after approval of the minutes.

1. **Special Orders**

A. Judicial Council Report – Chief Justice Holden Schroeder

i. Upcoming election 9/13/21-9/14/21 to fill select senate seats and approve Constitutional amendments. Please spread the word and encourage voting.

B. Senator of the Month – Speaker Tess Welch

i. Senator of the Month Election will be occurring in two weeks.

1. **Unfinished Business**

A. Bill 1-21-F: SGA 2021-2022 Budget

i. Authorship Speech – AVP Breunig

a. Executive Board spent all summer working on this budget

b. EVP Breunig encouraged voting in favor of the proposed budget so SGA can begin distributing funds.

ii. Questions

a. A Question was raised as to the increase in Org Aid funding from last year, AVP Breunig responded that an anticipated increase in RSO activity in 2021-2022 warrants an increased allocation for funding.

b. In response to two questions about the Athletic Marketing Partnership, Breunig explained the allocated funds ($2,000) will pay for full SGA advertising for two months on all of WKU’s athletic webpages.

iii. Time was allowed for debate.

iv. One speech in affirmation was made.

v. Speaker Welch assumed unanimous consent to call to previous question.

vi. Bill 1-21-F was passed by the Senate (21-1).

1. **Announcements – Pres. Wininger**

A. If interested in serving on Student COVID Taskforce, please fill out application (via QR code).

B. Be thinking about which SGA committees you may be interested in serving on.

1. **Adjournment**

A. Sen. Baum moved to adjourn the meeting.

B. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.