Senate Meeting Minutes

Eleventh Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, November 1 2022

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:02 PM on November 1st by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Senator Taylor was absent
   3. Senator Wells was absent
   4. Senator Clark was absent
   5. Senator Sine was absent
   6. Senator Padgett was absent
   7. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. Thank you to everyone who helped with the tailgate!
         1. Next tailgate is set for November 12th
            1. Reach out to Chief of Staff Willett if you would like to help. Her email is [lauren.willett029@topper.wku.edu](mailto:lauren.willett029@topper.wku.edu).
      2. Campus safety walk set for November 12th.
         1. Will be held from 7 - 8 PM.
         2. Administrators will be joining SGA.
      3. Barnes and Noble corporate office is coming to WKU regarding the big red backpack program.
         1. Requested six student representatives to provide feedback
            1. Senator Meghan Pierce and President Cole Bornefeld will be there.
            2. Please send Cole Bornefeld an email if you are interested in walking. You can contact him at [cole.bornefeld060@topper.wku.edu](mailto:cole.bornefeld060@topper.wku.edu).
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Senator Gadd and Senator Williams nominated for University Athletics committee.
         1. Appointees approved with unanimous voice vote.
      2. Senator Huffaker was nominated to the Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities committee.
         1. Senator Pierce provided a speech in affirmation
         2. Appointee approved with unanimous voice vote.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Thanks to everyone who came out to the Homecoming tailgate.
      2. Budget is updated on the website.
      3. Senator Shoutout!
         1. Senator Gadd
            1. Working very hard on narcan overdose and preventing deaths like the senior at Bowling Green High.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Tailgate was a great success!
         1. Need to get more senators to show up.
            1. Would be great to have extra senators around to answer questions.
      2. The Hilltopper Hero scholarship is closed.
         1. Received a total of 39 applications.
         2. Will be reviewed in person and presented at the November 12th military appreciation game.
      3. The office is out of scantrons, and will be offering more.
      4. Want to highlight resources a bit more.
         1. Chief of Staff Willett prompted senators' thoughts on programs.
            1. Potentially an Instagram Q and A.
            2. Having pamphlets.
            3. Certain resources may fit under certain committees and delegate it as needed.
      5. Thank you again for your support last week.
         1. Special shoutout to Senator Leo’n.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. Thank you to everyone who took part in Homecoming.
      2. Seeing an increased amount of engagement with Instagram.
         1. Recent posts have reached over 200 likes.
         2. The challenge is to tell students what it is that the Student Government does.
      3. This month, hit it hard on org aid applications.
      4. Scholarships have gone live.
         1. Deadline is December 2nd.
         2. Students are being given a month, scholarships need to be marketed to students.
      5. Tabaling
         1. Will have tabling opportunities before finals week.
      6. This Thursday is the final offering of the self defense class.
      7. The polos ordered is in process - hoping to get them at the latest before Thanksgiving.
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. Minutes are updated.
      2. The scholarships now live underneath the scholarship tab.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. Will be building a team to create scholarships.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Lots of office hours are missing.
      2. Going to go a little bit lighter on guest speakers.
      3. A Lot of money is still left in the budget.
         1. Start planning big events.
            1. Do not try to rush bills.
      4. You can motion to cancel meetings or motion to make them over zoom.
         1. Motion by sen Hardesty on not meeting during finals week.
            1. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
         2. Motion by Senator Pierce to cancel the meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd. It is ineffective to run over zoom.
            1. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
         3. Senator Hardesty motioned to cancel office hours for December.
            1. Passed by unanimous voice vote.
      5. The last meeting will be pajama dress code.
   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. The legislation on the agenda.
      2. Bill 14 and 22 F
         1. No funding involved in either
         2. One amend the bylaws and the other rearranges senator positions and making senators different.
      3. If you are waiting to do your legislation - please do it!
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. The art competition
         1. “Capture the Hilltopper Spirit” is the name.
         2. Winner will be announced over socials.
      2. Senator Pierce is in communication with the Talisman regarding slam poetry.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. Narcan bill
         1. Need to figure out an exact plan
         2. One of the only Universities in Kentucky without Narcan
      2. Received more Red Bull
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. This Thursday at 1:00 PM meeting with other clubs regarding the pollinator garden.
      2. Please go to the Campus safety walk.
         1. Important that SGA stands with campus.
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
      1. Working on a resolution on accessibility for disabled students
         1. Having specific seating for disabled students.
      2. Next semester, more students from Iraq will be studying at WKU.
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Senator Briggs and Senator Williams are doing a lot of work to help out the committee and make sure they are able to table.
      2. Senator Williams is starting out the initiative of creating an ISEC graduate program.
         1. Please reach out if you're interested in helping.
      3. Looking into sensory friendly rooms on campus for students who are neurodivergent or who have a sensory processing disorder.
   7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
      1. Recyclops bill is being implemented.
         1. Bill will be rolled out a later bit later due to the fact the spring semester does not start till January 17th.
         2. If anyone can help make a flyer digitally contact Senator Collins.
      2. Community relations is meeting tomorrow to discuss the idea of “Hilltopper Holiday Helpers”
         1. It will be a drive to encourage students.
         2. If you have any interest contact Senator Collins.
   8. Senator Patel motioned to move out of bylaws
      1. Senator Patel motioned to move 16-22-F.
      2. Waiting another week could affect the scholarships.
      3. Senator Delozier provided a negation speech.
         1. There is not enough clarity on what this bill means for the budget.
      4. Vote via voice was conducted.
         1. On a vote of 11 yes - 12 no - 4 Abstentions .
            1. Abstentions go to the majority vote
      5. Bill fails.
   9. Senator Patel moved back into bylaws.
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. No report
      3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      4. Budget and Finance Committee – Sam Kurtz
         1. Meeting was held today.
         2. Nothing was passed.
         3. Major ideas
            1. Considering the ability to present your apartment to the budget committee at Western and propose your apartment needs more funding.
      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
         1. No report
      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. Appealed some stuff.
      10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
          1. Talked alot about the Jonesville exhibit.
      11. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
          1. No report
   3. Swearing in - Holden Schroeder
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Senator Leo’n is the October senator of the month!
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 14-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association.
      1. Senator Huffaker provided a sponsorship speech for the legislation.
      2. Senator Hardesty presented a speech in affirmation
         1. Explaining we should reward Senator Huffaker’s dedication.
      3. Senator Pierce provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Could result in a judicial censure.
      4. Bill passed with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Bill 15-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
      1. Senator Huffaker, Senator Leo’n, Senator Patel provided a sponsorship speech.
         1. Bill provides clarity.
      2. Senator Denney and Sentor Collins moved to add a clause that added a section on graduate senators
         1. Not taken as friendly.
         2. Senator Denney provided an affirmation speech.
         3. Senator Huffaker provided a negation speech.
            1. Needs to include interested students.
         4. Senator Collins provided an affirmation speech.
            1. Explaining their are more graduate students than Gatton students.
         5. Taken as friendly.
      3. Senator Gibbs amended the final whereas clause so that there will be no timeframe with the bill.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      4. Senator Gibbs amended the final whereas clause.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      5. Senator Rush Robinson motioned to table the bill.
         1. On a vote of 22 yes and 4 nos the bill is tabled.
10. **New Business**
    1. Bill 16-22-F. A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
    2. Bill 17-22-F. Funding for the Midnight on the Hill Organization.
11. **Announcements**
    1. Senator Pierce encouraged everyone to get their flu shot.
    2. Senator Collins announced that HOLAS will be having a Day of the Dead event on Thursday night.
    3. Senator Robinson tomorrow 9 AM - 4 PM - DSU room 1043 flu shots.
    4. Senator Farmer will be singing the National Anthem at the basketball game.
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Collins called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:25.