Senate Meeting Minutes

Fifteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, January 17, 2023

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:M on January 17th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers** 
   1. Speaker Mishchuk is taking requests for speakers this semester.
      1. She would like to have the title nine coordinator come in.
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. Gave thanks to everyone for a strong first semester!
         1. Passed legislation.
         2. Used funds.
         3. Success in increasing RA standard of living by EVP Reed.
      2. President Bornefield nominated Senator Denney to replace Senator Collins as head of the community relations committee.
         1. Senator Denney approved with unanimous voice vote.
      3. President Bornefield appointed Senator Tomas to be head of the diversity, equity, and inclusion committee.
         1. Senator Tomas approved with unanimous voice vote.
      4. President Bornefield nominated Dylan Carmona to serve one of the senate vacancies.
         1. Senator Carmona approved with a unanimous voice vote.
      5. President Bornefield nominated Cade Holcombe to serve one of the senate vacancies.
         1. Senator Holcombe approved with a unanimous voice vote.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. Good to see everyone back on campus!
      2. It is going to get busy quickly so feel free to contact EVP Reed if you need anything!
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Legislative discretionary has been being used.
      2. Spent roughly $7000.
         1. Gave money to various organizations and events across campus.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Bills will be going through for the dental voucher programs.
         1. 660% increase in use of dental vouchers.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. Director of PR Romanov is looking forward to the next semester.
      2. Continued SGA Instagram presence during winter break.
      3. Very proud of accomplishments from the first semester.
      4. SGA polos are in production.
      5. Would like to take a group picture.
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. Great to be back on campus.
      2. Website and legislative archive is updated.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. No report.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Four resignations due to study abroad and scheduling conflicts.
         1. Jenna Wells
         2. Caleb Collins
         3. Barrett Gibbs
         4. Attaluah Tahiri
      2. Office hours for January are still due.
         1. Senator Pierce motioned to cancel January office hours.
            1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
         2. Have another available seat in the senate and need an enrollment committee chair.
            1. Stay focused on big projects within committees.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. No report.
   10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
       1. Please take a refresher course on Robert’s rules of orders.
       2. Parliamentarian Pierce motioned to move out of by laws.
          1. Moved the election of the chief justice before the sixth order of business.
          2. Senator Pierce motioned to amend the motion to also include moving up the swearing in of new officers.
             1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
          3. Parliamentarian Pierce motioned to move back into law.
             1. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
       3. Chief Justice Election
          1. Justin Goins ran for the position of chief justice.
          2. Successfully elected to chief justice position.
          3. President Bornefield swears in Chief Justice Goins.
       4. Chief Justin Goinns swore in new senators.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. Need a committee head.
      2. This semester goes very quickly.
      3. If you would like to get something done go ahead and get the ball rolling.
      4. LOC reviews bills and resolutions before they go to the floor to be voted on.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. Need to fill a vacancy.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. Tabaling until out of Redbull for students.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. If you are a current member, stay after the meeting to determine a time.
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Juan Tomas
      1. February is Black History Month and would like to plan some events on campus to celebrate this.
      2. Will be doing the Act of Kindness.
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Will be working on mental health awareness week for the end of the semester.
   7. Community Relations – Sydney Denney
      1. It is the first year of the community relations committee.
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 - Justin goinn
      1. The judicial council needs an associate chief justice.
   2. University Committee Reports
      1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
         1. President Caboni announced good retention numbers for the first semester.
      2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
         1. Improved quality of life and stipends for RAs.
            1. Will be getting completely free housing.
            2. Will also be getting a raise.
      3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      4. Budget Executive 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. No report.
      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. University Athletic Committee- Matt Gadd, ShyAnte'e Williams
          1. No report.
      13. Budget and Finance Committee - Caleb Collins
          1. Need an alternate
             1. If you are still interested follow up
          2. Need two people willing to sit in on those meetings.
   3. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Speaker Mischuk awarded Senator Denney the senator of the month for November certificate.
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Announcements**
    1. Senator Leo’n advertised Chai Chat within the international office.
       1. Senator Leo’n will be doing that this Thursday at 3:00 PM in the honors college.
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Pierce called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.