



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

Senate Meeting Minutes

Second Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, August 27th, 2024

1. Call to Order

- a. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on August 27th, 2024, at 5:03 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sarah Vincent.

2. Roll Call

- a. Roll was called by Speaker Vincent
- b. Absences
 - i. Senator Robinson
 - ii. Senator Petty
 - iii. Senator Sim
 - iv. Senator Yelton
 - v. Senator Gholston
- c. Quorum was met.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes were approved.

4. Guest and Student Speakers

5. Officer Reports

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**

- a. He first nominated 4 members for the Judicial Council, chosen by himself and Chief Justice Henderson. He then nominated 5 people for vacant Senate seats.

b. **Aziz Umarov**

- i. Mechanical Engineering Student, worked at a law firm for a year and a half, wants to be connected to politics in some way
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote

c. Unanimous Yes

d. **Madison Payne**

- i. Wanted to continue the legacy left by our previous Chief Justice, dedicated to preserving the tradition of the SGA constitution
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote

e. Unanimous Yes

f. **Neil Cain**

- i. Worked with previous Chief Justice King and was drawn in because of that. Has plans to attend law school and has served as parliamentarian for his fraternity. Passionate about advocating for others.



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1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote
- g. Unanimous Yes
- h. **Sam Dorris**
- i. Senior at WKU majoring in Political Science. He serves as the president of the Pre-Law Association. He is very involved within his major.
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote
- i. Unanimous Yes
- j. **Garrett Price: Senator At-Large**
- i. Transfer student, passionate about advocacy and providing a voice for those who don't have one
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote
 - ii. Unanimous Yes
- k. **Hadley Whipple: Ogden College Senator**
- i. Very involved on campus in specific groups, but wants to serve the greater campus in general
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote
 - ii. Unanimous Yes
- l. **Megan Farmer: Senior Senator**
- i. Megan served on SGA last year but was not reelected this past spring. She is excited to potentially be a member again.
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote
 - ii. Unanimous Yes
- m. **Kaison Barton: Senator At-Large**
- i. Kaison served as a Senator last year and feels he can represent the athlete community well.
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote
 - ii. Unanimous Yes
- n. **Caden Lucas: Honors College Senator**
- i. Caden is very involved on campus and is a passionate member of the Honors College. He holds a generational love for the University.
 1. Questioning
 2. Debate
 3. Voice Vote
 - ii. Unanimous Yes
- i. Vice President – **Donte' Reed**
- a. Hopefully next week scholarship breakdown can be presented



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- b. Stop by the SGA office! The ping pong table has been donated to the student lounge on the first floor of DSU.
- ii. Chief Financial Officer – **Ethan Taylor**
 - a. Budget Presentation
 - i. The budget was sent out one week before this meeting per the Constitution. Legislative Spending, Maximum Efficiency, and Collaboration are the budgeting goals for the year
 - 1. Questioning
 - 2. Debate
 - 3. Voice Vote
 - ii. Unanimous Yes
 - b. Organizational Aid applications are live and close September 27th. They can be turned in to the SGA front desk *or* to CFO Taylor’s email.
 - i. OrgAid board members need to be appointed ASAP. Please email CFO Taylor if you are interested.
 - ii. CFO Taylor has a class during his required Budget Executive Committee, so he needs a Senator to volunteer to be an additional representative. Reach out via email.
 - c. CFO Taylor is also in charge of the website! He’s doing his best.
- iii. Chief of Staff – **Anne-Marie Wright**
 - a. Welcome Preston Jenkins! President Kurtz made the executive decision to appoint Preston over the summer.
 - b. 67 dental vouchers and 32 ID vouchers will be available this year.
 - c. The office has been organized! If you acquire anything or take anything out, you’ll know where to put them.
 - d. The desk in the back is now empty! Any Senator can utilize that.
 - e. Ping Pong table is now in the Rec Room downstairs.
 - f. Half of each Exec member’s office hours will be posted with an open-door policy during that time.
- iv. Chief Communications Officer – **Preston Jenkins**
 - a. Made several posts and stories this summer
 - b. Wants to grow the IG following
 - c. Planning election graphics now
- v. Speaker of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
 - a. New Senators – don’t forget to come see me!
 - b. Legislation and presentation materials need to be submitted at 12:00 noon on Mondays before the meeting.
 - c. If you want to be Secretary, please text me at (502) 827 – 8828
 - d. Committee Chair Nomination Approval
 - i. Legislative Operations: Hannah Evans
 - ii. Enrollment and Student Experience: Savanna Kurtz
 - iii. Outreach and Public Relations: Ryan Dilts
 - iv. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Megan Farmer
 - v. Mental Health and Wellbeing: Sophia Bryant
 - vi. Community Relations: Annie Finch
 - 1. Questions
 - 2. Debate
 - 3. Unanimous Yes
- vi. Secretary of the Senate – **Vacant**
 - a. N/A



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6. Committee Reports

1. Legislative Operations – **Hannah Evans**
 - a. N/A
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Savanna Kurtz**
 - a. N/A
3. Outreach and Public Relations – **Ryan Dilts**
 - a. N/A
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Vacant**
 - a. N/A
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Megan Farmer**
 - a. N/A
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
 - a. N/A
7. Community Relations – **Annie Finch**
 - a. N/A

7. Special Orders

1. Judicial Council Report – **Ellen Henderson**
 - a. Election codes will be presented next week
 - b. Ellen's Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday afternoons
 - c. Absences: submitted through the SGA website
 - d. Check the JC minutes to see if you are excused or unexcused
 - e. CJ Henderson has a class ending at 4:55 but she is gonna BOOK it down the hill
2. Swearing in – **Ellen Henderson**
 - a. Judicial Council, Senators, and Committee Chairs
3. University Committee Reports
 - a. VP Reed let the Senate know that he is finalizing University Committee Appointments and will present them next week.
 - b. There will be a new committee formed! More details coming soon.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

- a. Senator Bryant made a motion to adjourn.
- b. The motion was seconded by Senator Farmer.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.