Senate Meeting Agenda

Seventh Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, October 15th, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on October 15th, 2024, at 5:03 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sarah Vincent.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Vincent
   2. Absences
      1. Senator Gholston
      2. Senator Ibrahim
      3. Senator Isamil
      4. Senator Jerdon
      5. Senator Petty
      6. Senator Robinson
      7. Senator Sim
      8. Senator Young
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
5. Professor Sedrick Newburn
   1. Professor Newburn spoke about a new program where alumni sign up to become career consultants. The student alumni ambassadors are working on a marketing event to get the word out about this. Professor Newburn is hoping that SGA will work with SAA on this. He spoke on how helpful it would be for young alumni to be connected with knowledgable alumni.
   2. If you are interested in learning more about this program, go to the WKU alumni association website and head to the hilltoppers at work tab.
   3. An opportunity was given for questions to be asked.

* Senator Bryant motioned to move out of bylaws
  + Seconded by Senator Farmer
* Senator Bryant motioned to move **Bill 7-24-F** from new business to unfinished business due to the extreme time constraint.
  + Seconded by Senator Farmer
* Voice Vote
  + Unanimous yes
* Senator Dilts motioned to move back into bylaws
  + Seconded by Senator Bryant

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President: **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Congratulations to everyone who danced in Shenanigans.
   2. Nominations
      1. Demani Bell – at large seat
         1. Bell spoke on how he is excited to get more involved and shared some of his involvements. He is excited to join SGA and is interested in the student experience committee as well as others. He was very involved in high school and is excited to transition that to his western experience.
         2. Quesitoning – none
         3. Debate – none
         4. Voice Vote
            1. Unanimous yes
      2. Sydney Rettig – non-traditional seat
         1. Transfer student from another university. She is very excited about this opportunity to be on SGA. Was on the speech and debate team at previous school and is planning on joining the one here.
         2. Questioning – none
         3. Debate – none
         4. Voice Vote
            1. Unanimous yes
   3. The graduate student seat and ISEC seat is still open, if you know anyone that would be interested in this please pass their name along to Sam.
   4. Met with Faculty Senate Executive Committee
      1. Exploring an idea of an overall college fee rather than a class fee, President Kurtz will have an updated report for the senate next week
   5. Academic Calendar
      1. If you have any concerns please share them
2. Vice President: **Donté Reed**
   1. Thank you for respectfully listenting to Professor Newburn.
      1. VP Donte Reed is working with SAA
   2. Pink walk is Thursday, October 17th, from 5:30-7:30
      1. There will be a raffle at the event
      2. Continue to share the Pink Walk post
   3. Sigma Phi Epsilon has a haunted house this week so if you need anything, text VP Reed
   4. Be sure to keep your academic and mental status in check.
3. Chief Financial Officer: **Ethan Taylor**
   1. Great job utilizing the legislative discretionary.
   2. Please return PHYSICAL RECEIPTS to CFO Taylor
      1. They can either be placed in his mailbox or handed to him in his office.
4. Chief of Staff: **Anne-Marie Wright**
   1. Thanksgiving Break runs right into finals week which leaves us about one month of meetings left.
      1. Wanting to do an event for Thanksgiving and Christmas
   2. Presidential speakers is at 7 today, come if you want to!
5. Chief Communications Officer: **Preston Jenkins**
   1. Join SGA photocircle if you have any photos CCO Jenkins could use.
   2. Please repost the SGA Instagram posts on your stories.
   3. CCO Jenkins will be out of town next week.
6. Speaker of the Senate: **Sarah Vincent**
   1. Submitting legistlation
      1. What is submitted, should be FINAL. Please triple check your work.
      2. Best submitted as a word doc or a pdf
   2. Absences
      1. Four senators have already hit the 3 unexcused absence mark and are going to be sanctioned to judicial council.
      2. If you did not attend the senate retreat, and did not email Speaker Vincent, you were counted as unexcused.
   3. Moving up legislation
      1. This SHOULD NOT be common practice at this point. Bills should sit in new business for a week so it can be reviewed.
      2. We are at the point in the semester where we should have ample time to submit bills.
   4. Speaking out of order in the meetings
      1. Do not speak unless called on. If you would like to speak, raise your placard and she will call on you.
7. Secretary of the Senate: **Hadley Whipple**
   1. Please attend your committee meetings.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations Committee: **Hannah Evans**
   1. If you want a bill on the agenda next Tuesday, it must be sent by 3pm tomorrow.
2. Enrollment and Student Experience: **Savanna Kurtz**
   1. Is currently sending out an email with tabling signups for the new scholarships.
   2. Please come to the pink walk and reshare the post.
3. Outreach and Public Relations: **Ryan Dilts**
   1. Photocirle is up and running, please join it.
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability: **Rush Robinson**
   1. No report.
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: **Megan Farmer**
   1. Wanting to update the flags outside of the honors college, so if you know who to contact, let me know.
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing: **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Proud of her committee for their bills
7. Community Relations: **Annie Finch**
   1. Last day of supplies for success! It went so well.
   2. If anyone wants to help with the Veterens Day 5K, please reach out.

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report: **Ellen Henderson**
   1. If you have excessive absences, be prepared to be reached out to by judicial council.
   2. If you get censured twice, you are removed from SGA.
   3. Please fulfil the duties that you swore to uphold.
2. Swearing In: **Ellen Henderson**
   1. Senator at Large and Non-traditonal Senator
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Student Life Foundation: **Donté Reed**
      1. Pink Walk: first 100 students will get a free t-shirt
         1. There will also be burgers
   2. Committee on Academic Quality: **Donté Reed**
      1. No report.
   3. Master Plan Committee: **Garrett Price**
      1. No report.
   4. University Athletic Committee: **Kaison Barton**
      1. Second meeting is tomorrow!
   5. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Malick Ibrahim, Megan Farmer, Rush Robinson**
      1. No report.
   6. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee: **Ryan Dilts**
      1. No report.
   7. Graduate Advisory Council: **Caroline Yates**
      1. No report.
   8. Colonnade General Education Committee: **Chloe Ralston**
      1. No report.
   9. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: **Jax Price**
      1. No report.
   10. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee: **Bradley Wagoner**
       1. No report.
   11. Faculty Welfare Committee: **Savanna Kurtz**
       1. No report.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**Bill 5-24-F**: Funding for the HilltopPeers Program Participation Incentives

1. Presentation by Senator Bryant and Senator Wells
   1. This bill is for fifteen $10 vouchers for the on campus Spencer’s coffee. This program pairs people with similar interests based on their google forms they filled out.
2. Questioning
   1. Senator Farmer
      1. Will the second whereas clause mean that the vouchers will be supplied each month?
         1. Senator Bryant and Well’s response: This is the trial run since there is only a month left in the semester. This bill is for the first wave of pairings.
   2. Senator Norman
      1. How will the pairings be made?
         1. Senator Bryant and Well’s response: There is a google form that has them specify what each student is looking
   3. Senator Price
      1. Are you looking to ask for more money each semester?
         1. Senator Braynt and Well’s response: If it is a success, yes.
   4. Senator Barton
      1. Does one voucher cover two students or one?
         1. Senator Bryant and Well’s response: It covers two students!
   5. Senator Wagoner
      1. How are you planning on getting students excited about this?
         1. Senator Braynt and Well’s response: Through social media, we have spoken with Preston about this.
   6. Senator Yates
      1. If you have 15 vouchers, what about the people who do not get a voucher?
         1. Senator Bryant and Well’s response: They will not get one, it is a first come first serve basis.

* Senator Farmer motioned to amend the third whereas clause from “each month” to “this November.”
  + Seconded by Sentor Lucas
* Voice vote
  + Unanimous yes

1. Debate
   1. Affirmations
      1. Senator Farmer
         1. This is an interesting idea and enjoyed how it helps people get connected to others.
   2. Negations
      1. None
2. Voice Vote
   1. Unanimous yes

**Bill 6-24-F**: Funding for Topper Chef, a Mental Health and Wellness Event

1. Presentation by Senator Wells and Senator Farmer
   1. Tex-mex themed cooking class in which the $300 is requested to cover the ingredients. There are 21 spots which are a first come first serve basis. It is hands on for those participating as well as the students helping to participate this.
2. Questioning
   1. Senator Lucas
      1. How do you plan to facilitate the purchasing of the food?
         1. Senator Farmer’s response: We are going to get sent a recipe and reccomendations on what to purchase.
   2. Senator Bryant
      1. Do we not already have cleaning supplies?
         1. Senator Farmer’s response: Yes, but we are replenishing what cleaning supplies we use.
   3. Senator Norman
      1. What about the students who have dietary restrictions?
         1. Senator Farmer’s response: They can still participate because of the variety different components of the food we are providing.
   4. Senator Price
      1. Are you sure it will take all $300 for this?
         1. Senator Farmer’s response: Yes, based on the calculations of about $13 per plate.
3. Debate
   1. Affirmations
      1. None
   2. Negations
      1. None
4. Voice Vote
   1. Unanimous yes

**Bill 7-24-F.** Funding for the SGA Hill-O-Ween Event

1. Presentation by Senator Farmer and Senator Bryant
   1. We will have lots of different tables set up and hosted by each committee. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about SGA

* Senator Farmer motioned to add Senator Dilts as an author to this bill
  + Seconded by Senator Whipple
* Voice vote
  + Unanimous yes
* Senator Dilts motioned to amend the bill to add $20 to the fourth wheras clause for decoration and to add a whereas clause stating that the outreach committee will be tabling with energy drinks.
  + Seconded by Senator Whipple

1. Questioning
   1. Senator Lucas
      1. Will the other organizations uave t0 get a table and chairs set up?
         1. We are allowing them to come and join if they want but they will be in charge of that themselves.
2. Debate
   1. Affirmations
      1. Senator Zing
         1. It is great that you all are inviting the student organizations.
   2. Negations
      1. None
3. Voice Vote
   1. Unanimous yes

**9. New Business**

**Resolution 5-24-F.** Resolution to Support displaying the flag of Myanmar outside of the Mahurin Honors College.

**Bill 8-24-F.** Funding for the Bowling Green Pride SGA Table.

**Bill 9-24-F.** Organizational Aid Funding Fall 2024

**Bill 10-24-F.** Funding for the Borrow-a-Calculator Program.

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjournment**

Sentor Dilts motioned to adjourn

Seconded by Senator Lucas

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm

First Reading: 10/1/2024

Second Reading: 10/15/2024

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 5-24-F. Funding for the HilltopPeers Program Participation Incentives**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

allocate $150.00 to purchase fifteen $10.00 on-campus Spencer’s Coffee

vouchers.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary fund, and

WHEREAS: HilltopPeers is an initiative designed to foster meaningful connections

among students by connecting them with one another based on their academic interests, professional goals, and or hobbies, and

WHEREAS: Generated pairings will be announced on the first Monday of this November, with the

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee responsible for this task,

ensuring organized and consistent updates to all participants, participation is

voluntary and the number of parings per month will be dependent upon the

number of students interested, and

WHEREAS: It is anticipated that the vouchers will serve as a tangible reward and motivation

for students to join and engage with the program, and

WHEREAS: The Spencer's Coffee vouchers will be exclusively for the on-campus Spencer's

location: this promotes campus connectivity and ensures a safer and more convenient meeting area for participants, and

WHEREAS: The coffee vouchers will be kept at the Student Government Association desk and

will require a signature from both HilltopPeer student pairs, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will allocate $150.00 to purchase fifteen $10.00 on-campus Spencer’s

Coffee vouchers.

AUTHORS: Jenna Wells, Senior Senator

Sophia Bryant, PCAL Senator

SPONSORS: Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Outreach and Public Relations Committee

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First Reading: 10/1/2024

Second Reading: 10/15/2024

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 6-24-F. Funding for Topper Chef, a Mental Health and Wellness Event**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

allocate $300.00 to fund Topper Chef.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Fund, and

WHEREAS: The theme of the cooking event will be Tex Mex, and

WHEREAS: The $300.00 will be used to purchase the main recipe ingredients (ex. chicken,

rice, vegetables, etc.), paper plates, utensils, and cleaning supplies utilized during the class which are owned by the Applied Human Sciences Department, and

WHEREAS: This event would be hosted on Thursday, November 4, 2024, in Academic

Complex room 2002 from 4:00pm until 7:30pm (including cooking time and dining time), and

WHEREAS: The cooking class would be limited to twenty-one students on a first-come, first-

serve, sign up basis. Students would be able to sign up through a Microsoft form

distributed via the WKU SGA Instagram and website, and

WHEREAS: Topper Chef will be a one-night cooking class that provides an engaging activity

and space for Hilltoppers to explore how cooking can promote physical health and

mental well-being, all while building connections with fellow students.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky will allocate

$300.00 to fund Topper Chef.

AUTHORS: Jenna Wells, Senior Senator

Megan Farmer, Senior Senator

SPONSORS: Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Outreach and Public Relations Committee

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First Reading: 10/15/2024

Second Reading: 10/15/2024

Pass: Yes

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 7-24-F. Funding for the SGA Hill-O-Ween Event**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

allocate $286.68 for the SGA Hill-O-Ween Event.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Budget, and

WHEREAS: The SGA Hill-O-Ween Event will feature tables from the different SGA committees and various registered student organizations to promote fun and sustainable Halloween-related activities, and

WHEREAS: The event will be held on October 29 at 2:00PM in Centennial Mall, University RSOs will be invited to table alongside SGA via an email, and

WHEREAS:    $24.00 will be spent on brown paper bags, $107.68 will be spent on 64 succulents ([Amazon link for succulents](https://www.amazon.com/Shop-Succulents-Rosette-Succulent-Collection/dp/B0CTQ69289/ref=sr_1_3_sspa?crid=29XVNF12IEABV&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.YiQKTbQvj5NtNw1yxyH-jy8LnRI18sFiZNRr7vruMYvO4-CB6TBfhpxsqz-bx8-urrEuC-iGjq5hJx2Vl_awkNVsxZlck53MVmNIZYFhKGysf4IXrCIRKqg1nDjU3dvnaUnIp-PhatnvAfjFYK1SkuPLsKdmjrr_-dpxRfI7-NOzZHiBnwksNUvALiB_X_TRjqmBtQy9pzJha9RGQZZ5jKw5IYU269fAkRrCCTsaBDK9pBziPpiyslRtXZXIU8Qc1O9hzZe6tYTT-uDkE0pQTdTZKDWuFQc8TRzCrdoHWx0.XwH4mMH4mRX9ra7hz3--5_eXRhlgNmRH0Y0y4Mj_jm4&dib_tag=se&keywords=succulents&qid=1727131130&sprefix=succulents%2Caps%2C123&sr=8-3-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGY&th=1)), $60.00 will be spent on 4 bags of candy, $75.00 will be spent to purchase mini pumpkins, and $20.00 will be spent on decorations.

WHEREAS: The Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee table will be the first table and will hand out brown paper bags for students to collect other items with, and

WHEREAS: The Student Mental Health & Wellbeing Committee table will have a ​￼​pumpkin painting station, and

WHEREAS: The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee table will have a succulent station where students can decorate the pots the succulents come in with Sharpies from the SGA office, and

WHEREAS: The Enrollment and Student Experience Committee and the Community Relations Committee will each have a table with a bowl and two bags of candy to hand out to students, and

WHEREAS: The Outreach and Public Relations Committee will provide energy drinks, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $286.68 for the SGA Hill-O-Ween Event.

AUTHORS:

Rush Robinson, Junior Senator

Sophia Bryant, PCAL Senator

Savannah Kurtz, Sophomore Senator

Jenna Wells, Senior Senator

Megan Farmer, Senior Senator

Ryan Dilts, Senator

SPONSORS:

Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committee

Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee

Community Relations Committee

Enrollment and Student Experience Committee

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

CONTACTS:

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First Reading: 10/15/2024

Second Reading: 10/22/2024

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Resolution 5-24-F. Resolution to Support displaying the flag of Myanmar outside of the Mahurin Honors College.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

support the representation of the Burmese and Chin students by displaying the flag of Myanmar outside of the Mahurin Honors College.

WHEREAS: These is not currently a flag of Myanmar outside of the Mahurin Honors College to represent these students, and

WHEREAS: There are currently 18 flags representing the different demographics of the student body of Western Kentucky University, and

The flags outside of the Mahurin Honors College are as follows: South Korea, Paraguay, Canada, Kuwait, LGBTQIA+, Costa Rica, United States, Nigeria, Japan, United Kingdom, Greece, Spain, Bangladeshi, Sengal, Bahamas, Oman, Italy, India, Australia, and

WHEREAS: The Chin Student Association has voiced that they would feel proudly represented by Western Kentucky University with the flag of Myanmar displayed alongside the flags outside of the Mahurin Honors College.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University supports the representation of the Burmese and Chin students by displaying the flag of Myanmar outside of the Mahurin Honors College.

AUTHORS: Van Zing, Gordon Ford College of Business Senator

Megan Farmer, Senior Senator

SPONSORS: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

CONTACTS: Van Zing, President of the Chin Student Organization,Van.Zing167@topper.wku.edu

First Reading: 10/15/2024

Second Reading: 10/22/2024

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 8-24-F. Funding for the Bowling Green Pride SGA Table.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

allocate $10.00 to sponsor an SGA table at Bowling Green Pride.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Budget, and

WHEREAS: The event will take place on Saturday, October 26th from 12 pm to 5 pm, and

WHEREAS: The funds will be used to cover the $10.00 vendor fee for a 10’ x 10’ booth space at Bowling Green Pride.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will allocate $10.00 to sponsor SGA tabling at Bowling Green Pride on October 26th.

AUTHORS: Megan Farmer - Senior Senator

SPONSORS: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

CONTACTS: Dr. Audra Jennings, [audra.jennings@wku.edu](mailto:audra.jennings@wku.edu)

First Reading: 10/15/2024

Second Reading: 10/22/2024

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 9-24-F. Organizational Aid Funding Fall 2024**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

allocate funding to the selected Registered Student Organizations (RSOs).

WHEREAS: $10,000.00 from the Organizational Aid budget will be allocated to the following RSOs: Iota Phi Theta, Pre-Law Student Association, Alpha Kappa Psi, Asian American Association, Educator’s Rising Collegiate, ASME Club, Dance Big Red, Elevated Faith Ministry, Beta Alpha Psi, Agricultural Education Society, Bike4Alz, Phi Beta Sigma, Habitat for Humanity, HOLAS, WKU American Medical Student Association, Ultimate Frisbee Club, American Institute of Architecture Students, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Hacky Sack Club, Queer Student Union, Sigma Alpha Iota, Chinese Music Club, Philosophy Club, Pre-Dental Society, Why Knot Us, ASCE Club, Tau Beta Pi, Financial Planning Association, Hilltoppers for Christ, Recreation Majors Club, Student Water Professionals, Lacrosse Club, Women in Science and Engineering, KY Association of Nursing Students, Association of Computing Machinery, Midnight on the Hill, National Association of Black Journalists, Horticulture Club, Global Brigades, PCAL Dean Council of Students, Delight Ministries, Delta Sigma Pi, Chinese Club, Ecology and Conservation Club, HonorsToppers, St. Thomas Aquinas, Student Accessibility Ambassadors, Women’s Lacrosse Club, American Choral Directors Association, Real Estate Investment Club, Hilltopper Astronomy Club, Broadcast Education Association, Mock Trial Team, Horseman’s Association, Bridge Club, Major Redz Dance Team, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Big Red Rocketry Association, and

WHEREAS: The Organizational Aid Board has conducted careful analysis of the submitted applications, finding respective financial need in all Registered Student Organizations listed above, and

WHEREAS: Each Registered Student Organization shall be granted an allocation between $100 and $500 from the Organizational Aid Budget.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate$10,000.00 from the Organizational Aid budget to the aforementioned Registered Student Organizations.

AUTHORS: Ethan Taylor, Chief Financial Officer

SPONSORS:

CONTACTS: Organizational Aid Board, ethan.taylor043@topper.wku.edu (Chair)

Hannah Evans, Member

Gabriel Jerdon, Member

Guan Zhou Sim, Member

Malick Ibrahim, Member

Rush Robinson, Member

Jax Price, Member

First Reading: 10/15/2024

Second Reading: 10/22/2024

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 10-24-F. Funding for the Borrow-a-Calculator Program.**

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $540.00 to the Borrow-a-Calculator program.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Fund, and

WHEREAS: $540.00 will go towards the purchase of 5 TI-84 calculators from Amazon, and

WHEREAS: Students can come to the SGA office to rent a calculator for the time they need it, with one semester being the maximum borrowing period, and

WHEREAS: The students will provide their name, phone number, Toppermail, and WKU ID number to be able to borrow a calculator.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $540.00 for the Borrow-a-Calculator program.

AUTHORS: Kaison Barton, Senior Senator

Donte Reed, Student Body Vice President

SPONSORS:

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