Senate Meeting Agenda

Eighth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on October 22nd, 2024, at 5:01 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 Petty
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.

**4. Guest and Student Speakers**

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Nomination for ISEC Senator: Emaun Riley
      1. Speech: Freshman on the hill with a marketing major, passion is be a leader for the young committee. He wants to be a CEO of a marketing agency. He also wants to improve the tutoring program.
      2. No questions or speeches.
      3. Voice vote
         1. Unanimous yes
   2. Met with Caboni today to discuss upcoming events.
   3. Make sure to show up at all the events that we have coming up!
2. Vice President – **Dontè Reed**
   1. Thank you for everyone that showed out to the Pink Walk!
   2. Happy Birthday to Chloe Ralston who showed out on her 21st BDAY to pink walk!
   3. Scholarship meeting with Kentucky Rising Leaders.
      1. Spoke about getting transportation reimbursement for those traveling.
      2. If you are interested going to advertise that, reach out!
      3. The university may give us money for this rather than it coming out of SGA’s budget
      4. More information to come on this! Keep spreading the word.
3. Chief Financial Officer – **Ethan Taylor**
   1. Budget update
      1. Have used a bit over $2,000 on legislative discretionary
   2. Organizational Aid will be presented tonight
4. Chief of Staff – **Anne-Marie Wright** 
   1. End of semester party is CHRISTMAS THEMED!!
      1. November 19th after the senate meeting at 7:00PM
      2. If you have any allergies/dietary restrictions, please fill out the form.
   2. If you want to use Uber vouchers for legislation, you can!
5. Chief Communications Officer – **Preston Jenkins**
   1. No report.
6. Speaker of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. Office hours are due before the first meeting of November
   2. Forms are at front desk and turn them into Speaker Vincent’s mailbox (make sure to get an exec member to sign)!
7. Secretary of the Senate – **Hadley Whipple**
   1. No report.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Hannah Evans**
   1. Be prepared to attend the LOC meeting tomorrow at 5:30 if you sent in a bill
   2. Nomination for parliamentarian: Senator Caden Lucas
      1. Voice Vote
         1. Unanimous yes
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Savanna Kurtz**
   1. Scholarships are due so keep your friends updated!
3. Outreach and Public Relations – **Ryan Dilts**
   1. Working on a big event coming up
   2. Google drive is up and posted if you need to access any old bills or need to create tabling lists!
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. Hill-o-ween is the senate’s event so please show out!
      1. Tuesday, October 29th in centennial mall from 1-3PM
   2. Fun fact: there are 72 acres of grass on campus
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Megan Farmer**
   1. Met with the talisman today!
   2. Please come to Spooktober event on Monday, October 28th for some fun Halloween events!
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Check your inbox for the HilltopPEERS form if you are interested.
   2. Share it with your friends.
7. Community Relations – **Annie Finch**
   1. Meeting after the senate meeting
   2. Going over logistics for Veteren’s Day 5K bill if you have any ideas or questions

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. No report.
2. Swearing in – **Ellen Henderson – completed by President Kurtz in her absence** 
   1. **ISEC Senator and Parlimentarian**
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Master Plan Committee: **Garrett Price**
      1. No report.
   2. University Athletic Committee: **Kaison Barton** 
      1. No report.
   3. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Malick Ibrahim, Megan Farmer, Rush Robinson** 
      1. There are parking rules about times you can and cannot be parked places
      2. Make sure you are up to date on the parking rules!
   4. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee: **Ryan Dilts**
      1. No report.
   5. Graduate Advisory Council: **Donte Reed**
      1. No report.
   6. Colonnade General Education Committee: **Chloe Ralston**
      1. No report.
   7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: **Jax Price**
      1. No report.
   8. Strategic Plan Implementation Committee: **Bradley Wagoner**
      1. No report.
   9. Faculty Welfare Committee: **Savanna Kurtz**
      1. No report.

**8. Unfinished Business**

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

1. Presentation: Senator Zing and Senator Farmer
   1. This resolution came about due to students noticing that some countries are not represented outside of the Honors College. Myanmar
2. Questions:
   1. Senator Barker
      1. Do all the flagpolls already all have flags on them?
         1. No, there is one open.
   2. Senator Robinson
      1. Do we meet the criteria that is required for hanging a flag?
         1. Yes!
   3. Senator Lucas
      1. Which flagpoll is it?
         1. The back left.
   4. Senator Norman
      1. Is there a plan to hang more flags?
         1. Yes, once this is passed we will continue this showcase of support.
3. Debate
   1. Affirmation
      1. Senator Lucas
         1. This is a great way to show our support for the underrepresented students on campus.
      2. Senator Ismail
         1. This is an important cause to Senator Ismail and thinks it sends a great message.
4. Voice Vote
   1. Unanimous yes

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

1. Presentation: CFO Taylor
   1. These applications were graded based on punctuality, financial dependence, and their application. This was a long process and they worked hard!
2. Questions
   1. None
3. Debate
   1. None
4. Voice Vote
   1. Unaninmous yes

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

1. Presentation: Senator Barton
   1. The Borrow-a-calculator program was a huge success but some classes require a different type of calculator. We want to provide calculators all students can use. Also trying to even out the disparities between calculators. Requesting money to purchase this to expand the program.
2. Questions
   1. Senator Lucas
      1. Are you seeing more students rent the calculator for extended time?
         1. This information was drawn out 3-4 weeks ago but have not had updated data since. Up to 28 users now.
   2. Senator Norman
      1. Would you be open to doing scientific calcuators?
         1. I am open to this idea however the TI-84 is more needed over a scientific calculator.
   3. Senator Bailey
      1. Is it one week at a time rental?
         1. Yes, then people can re-rent them
   4. Senator Barker
      1. Can we amend the third whereas clause to add “a weekly re-check in period?”
         1. Taken as friendly, unanimous yes
      2. Will there be any online reminder for when the calculator is due?
         1. Right now there is just a date saying when it is due and the desk workers will try to text them to remind them.
      3. Senator Lucas
         1. When do we get to that point where a student has to pay for the price of the calculator?
            1. We have never had to give a student more than a grace period. If they have it for longer than 2 weeks overdue with no response, it will be handed to the police
      4. Senator Barker
         1. Is there an instruction manual that comes with the calculator?
            1. Yes.
3. Debate
   1. Affirmation
      1. Senator Redig
         1. This is a great bill for people who do not have it. I think it is super equitable.
   2. Negation
      1. None
4. Voice Vote
   1. Unanimous yes

**9. New Business**

**Bill 11-24-F.** A Bill to Fund the Pack the Pantry Food Drive Kickoff

**Bill 12-24-F.** A Bill to fund the Modern Languages’ Día de Los Muertos Celebration

**Bill 13-24-F.** Funding for the Veterans Day 5K Event

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjournment**

- Senator Robinson motioned to adjourn this meeting

- Senator Lucas seconded

- Voice Vote

- Unanimous yes

First Reading: 10/15/2024

Second Reading: 10/22/2024

Pass:  Yes

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

WHEREAS: 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:  Yes

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:

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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:  Yes

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 with a weekly re-check in 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

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