Senate Meeting Minutes

Fourth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on September 10th, 2024, at 5:00 PM by Speaker of the Senate Sarah Vincent.
2. **Roll Call**
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Vincent
   2. Absences
      1. Senator Diltz
      2. Senator Gholston
      3. Senator Pabin
      4. Senator Petty
      5. Senator Young
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
   1. Guest Speaker: Dr. Martha Sales – Dean of Students
      1. Dr. Sales spoke about hearing and listening to your own voice. She encouraged us share our voice as well. One piece of advice she gave is to check on your strong friends although they might not be visibly struggling. As leaders, we need to make it normalized to talk about alternative resources. Dr. Sales also talked about the different struggles of students including, academic, financial, and political encounters.

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Remember to unite people during the election season.
      1. Working with people in Bowling Green to help educate students on how to register to vote (more info on this next week!)
      2. Post-election plans: working with Talley Counseling Center to provide support for those who are impacted by results of election.
      3. Be respectful and mindful during election process.
2. Vice President – **Dontè Reed**
   1. Happy Birthday Senator Wagner!
   2. Student Advocacy Group sent letter out today about on campus polling center
   3. Scholarships
      1. Meeting with enrollment today
      2. Looking for representative for focus group in Lexington
   4. Thanks for coming to tailgate!
   5. Student Life Foundation meeting on Thursday the 17th.
3. Chief Financial Officer – **Ethan Taylor**
   1. Email from advisor Rash sent to all of SGA
      1. Please read the document sent out
   2. Tangible and physical receipts are mandatory to maintain accuracy
   3. Organizational Aid: 17 days away from deadline
      1. Convey the initiatives SGA offers and encourage friends to apply
   4. CFO Taylor will be in office MWF 11-2 if anyone has questions
4. Chief of Staff – **Anne-Marie Wright** 
   1. New table in place of ping pong table
   2. Borrow-a-calculator Program:
      1. All have been rented!!
   3. Almost out of dental vouches – tell your friends!
5. Chief Communications Officer – **Preston Jenkins**
   1. Graphics are in progress
      1. Story post/Instagram post about the ID voucher
   2. SGA promotional video
      1. Looking for senators interested in being interviewed – email if interested
6. Speaker of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. She sounds sick. Speaker Vincent would like us to know she does not have the measles.
   2. Would like to see more legislation during the meeting
7. Secretary of the Senate – **Hadley Whipple**
   1. Committee secretaries send committee meeting minutes to Secretary Whipple and note any absences.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Hannah Evans**
   1. Meetings are Wednesdays at 5:30 in SGA office.
   2. Bills must be sent by Wednesdays at 3 PM to be reviewed.
   3. Whoever wrote the bill, or a committee member must be present when a bill is being reviewed
   4. Email final drafts of bill to the Speaker of the Senate, Sarah Vincent.
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Savanna Kurtz**
   1. Scholarship information coming soon
   2. Meetings are immediately following SGA meetings in the SGA office.
3. Outreach and Public Relations – **Ryan Dilts**
   1. Meetings are directly following the SGA meetings.
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. Meetings on Tuesdays at 4:00PM in room 3018.
   2. FUN FACT: They make refrigerators that require less energy than a lightbulb.
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Megan Farmer**
   1. Meeting on Tuesdays at 4:00 in the SGA office.
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Meetings are Mondays at 5:30 in the student activities workroom.
   2. If you have any questions reach out to Senator Bryant.
7. Community Relations – **Annie Finch**
   1. Meetings after SGA meetings in SGA office conference room.

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. Judicial Council Associate Chief Justice Appointment: Morgan Gammons
      1. Morgan is honored and excited to be here and serve in this way.
         1. Voice Vote: Unanimous yes
   2. Election code meetings are Thursday and Friday at 6:00pm in the SGA chambers
      1. Encourage your freshman friends to come to meetings even if unsure
   3. Election results party Friday September 27th at 11:30 PM
      1. Counts as an office hour
   4. Send absences in and check JC meeting minutes to see if excused.
2. Swearing in – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. Associate Chief Justice
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Master Plan Committee: **Garrett Price**
      1. No report.
   2. University Athletic Committee: **Kaison Barton, Sawyer Edmunds**
      1. No report.
   3. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Malick Ibrahim, Megan Farmer, Rush Robinson** 
      1. No report.
   4. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee: **Ryan Dilts**
      1. No report.
   5. Graduate Advisory Council: **Eli Carter**
      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**

**9. New Business**

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Ibrahim made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Whipple.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.