Senate Meeting Minutes

Fifth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, September 17th, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on September 17th, 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 Barton
      2. Senator Carter
      3. Senator Gholston
      4. Senator Jerdon
      5. Senator Petty
      6. Senator G. Price
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
      1. Senator Bryant motioned to move out of bylaws
         1. Second by Senator Robinson
      2. Motion by Senator Bryant to move Resolution 1-24-F and 2-24-F from new business to unfinished business – this is due to the time sensitive nature of the Resolutions
         1. Second by Senator Robinson
      3. Voice Vote
         1. Unanimous yes
      4. Motion by Senator Bryant to move back into bylaws
         1. Second by Senator Robinson
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Attended conference in Lexington in secondary education!
   2. Keep up the good work!
2. Vice President – **Dontè Reed**
   1. Scholarships
      1. Live on the website
      2. Encourage your friends to apply
   2. Check out the legislation in new business!
      1. Reach out to Vice President Reed with any questions
   3. Appointment of Caroline Yates to Graduate Advisory Council
      1. Voice Vote: Unanimous yes
3. Chief Financial Officer – **Ethan Taylor**
   1. Organizational Aid is due in 10 days!
      1. Can email or place application in his mailbox
   2. Budget is updated and is posted on website
      1. Purchased a PS5 for the recreation room!
4. Chief of Staff – **Anne-Marie Wright** 
   1. List of everything in the office to get some ideas for legislation
   2. Speaker Vincent will email this to committee heads
5. Chief Communications Officer – **Preston Jenkins**
   1. Happy Taco Tuesday!
   2. Working on scholarship post for Instagram
   3. Senators/Committees, let him know if you are tabling so he can come take photos (or take pictures if he cannot attend!)
   4. Last call for senators who are interested in being interviewed
      1. Reach out to CCO Jenkins if interested
   5. Club promotion initiative
      1. Using Instagram to show what clubs are on campus
6. Speaker of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. Office hour sheets at the front desk of SGA office
      1. Member of exec cabinet must sign
      2. Turn it into Speaker Vincent’s office
   2. Reach out with guest speaker ideas!
   3. SENATE RETREAT OCTOBER 11th!!!!!
      1. 1-2 hours
      2. Dinner!
      3. Mandatory event – if unable to attend email Speaker Vincent or Chief Justice Henderson
   4. Apply for graduation if you are a senior!!
7. Secretary of the Senate – **Hadley Whipple**
   1. No report.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Hannah Evans**
   1. If you have any bills to review at a meeting, they must be emailed by 3:00PM (Wednesdays) and attend meeting in SGA conference room at 5:30PM
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Savanna Kurtz**
   1. Expanding Community Builder Excellence Scholarship to all schools in Kentucky.
3. Outreach and Public Relations – **Ryan Dilts**
   1. Ideas for possible events
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. Had a tri-meeting w mental health and DEI committees!
      1. Hilloween idea – October 29th from 11am-2pm
   2. Sustainability office funding bill
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Megan Farmer**
   1. Big event planned and hoping to get all committees on
   2. Resolutions to be discussed today
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Excited about the committee collab!
7. Community Relations – **Annie Finch**
   1. Any connections to BG high school please reach out to Senator Finch
   2. If you need any help with bills, please reach out!

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. Election results party is Friday, September 27th at 11:30PM
   2. Use doors by Minton
   3. Election packets due Tuesday at 8PM
2. Swearing in – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. Graduate Advisory Council
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Student Life Foundation: **Donté Reed**
      1. Addressing problems in Rodes Harlin Hall
   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, Sawyer Edmunds**
      1. No report.
   5. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Malick Ibrahim, Megan Farmer, Rush Robinson** 
      1. Meeting last Friday
      2. Digital parking permits will be available next year
         1. If interested reach out to Rush Robinson
   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**

**Resolution 1-24-F**

1. Presentation of Resolution by Senator Ismail:
   1. Resolution 1-24-F: Resolution to Support the Potter Children’s Home Initiative
   2. Fall semester fundraiser that raises money toward the initiative
   3. Goal is to have students on campus getting involved with multiple organizations
2. Questioning:
   1. N/A
3. Debate:
   1. No speeches in affirmation or negation
4. Voice vote:
   1. Unanimous yes

**Resolution 2-24-F**

1. Presentation of Resolution by Senator Ismail:
   1. Resolution 2-24-F: Resolution to Support a Soarin’ in September Fundraising Event
   2. First initiative of resolution 1-24-F
   3. Jump Air Zone – 40% of proceeds will go towards the initiative
      1. For WKU students Wednesday 25th from 8-10
2. Questioning:
   1. Question from Senator Robinson
      * 1. What are you doing to raise awareness seeing as how the event is in a week?
           1. Flyers have been made
           2. Posts will be made in related organizations
           3. Wants to make a video to promote!
3. Debate:
   1. Speech in affirmation from Senator Bryant – great opportunity to raise money and awareness!
4. Voice vote:
   1. Unanimous yes

**9. New Business**

**Bill 1-24-F: Funding for the SGA Pink Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness**

**Bill 2-24-F: Funding for the Supplies for Success Drive**

**10. Announcements**

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Robinson made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Finch.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.