Senate Meeting Minutes

Sixth Meeting of the Twenty-Fourth Senate - Tuesday, September 24th, 2024

1. **Call to Order**
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on September 24th, 2024, at 5:02 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
      4. Senator Robinson
      5. Senator Sim
      6. Senator Wagoner
      7. Senator Young
      8. Senator Zing
   3. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers**
   1. Andrew Rash – Associate Director of Student Activities & Greek Life
      1. Rash spoke about discussing monetary needs and strategies with him if needed for legislation.
      2. Refer to the rules sheet he passed around when making purchases – see attached scan of rules.

* Senator Evans motioned to move out of bylaws
  + Second by Senator Whipple
* Motion by Senator Evans to move **Bill 3-24F** to unfinished business due to the urgency of this bill.
  + Second by Senator Lucas
* Voice Vote
  + Unanimous yes
* Motion by Senator Evans to move back into bylaws.
  + Seconded by Senator Whipple
* Senator Kurtz motioned to move out of bylaws
  + Seconded by Vice President Reed
* Motion to move **Bill 1-24 F** and **Bill 2-24 F** to before officer reports due to having time sensitive speakers.
  + Seconded by Senator Whipple
* Voice Vote
  + Unanimous yes
* Motion by Senator Kurtz to move back into bylaws
  + Seconded by Senator Whipple

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

1. Presentation by Vice President Reed, Chief of Staff Wright, Senator Kurtz, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. President:
   1. Details presented about event and new ideas
   2. Presented how they will be getting more people involved and what speakers will be attending
   3. This bill will fund the water and wristbands for the speakers
   4. Gave information about the foundation
   5. Amendment to add the Outreach Committee to the bill
2. Questioning:
   1. Senator Bryant asked what raffle ticket prices are and if people are willing to pay $6
      1. Yes!
3. Debate
   1. Speech in affirmation by
      1. Senator Farmer
         1. Great bill and something we are happy to support.
4. Voice Vote
   1. Unanimous Yes

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

1. Presentation by Senator Finch and others
   1. Bill is to support Jennings Creek Elementary school that was affected by the tornado
   2. Lots of their staff so WKU alum
   3. 90% of students are disadvantaged
   4. Have a drive set up in the SGA office
   5. This bill is for the funding of this drive!
   6. Open for any student outside of SGA
2. Questioning
   1. Senator Bryant
      * 1. What plans do you have for how you will advertise this drive?
           1. Spoke to one person in each Greek organization and will have it posted on the SGA Instagram
      1. Senator Farmer
         1. Did you want to ask for more money?
            1. Yes, but wanted to keep it feasible
3. Debate
   1. Affirmation by Senator Bryant
      * 1. Great way to give back to community and excited that most of their staff is wku alum
4. Voice Vote:
   1. Unanimous Yes

**5. Officer Reports**

1. President – **Sam Kurtz**
   1. Happy homecoming season and congratulations to the bill authors!
   2. Met with President Caboni today and brainstormed ideas and discussed issues we have seen on campus
   3. “Believe you can, we are halfway there!”
2. Vice President – **Dontè Reed**
   1. Talked expansion of the scholarships with President Caboni
3. Chief Financial Officer – **Ethan Taylor**
   1. Thank you to Rash for talking about rules that go along with spending!!
   2. Organizational Aid is due this Friday at 5:00PM
   3. Org Aid board meeting will likely be the first week of October.
   4. Each organization can win $500 per calendar year
4. Chief of Staff – **Anne-Marie Wright** 
   1. Calendly is up and ready on the website under the executive tab!
5. Chief Communications Officer – **Preston Jenkins**
   1. Happy Tuesday!
   2. Great meeting with President Caboni today
   3. Check your email if you reached out about participating in the behind-the-scenes video
   4. Working on announcement that voting is this Thursday and Friday.
   5. Any tips or ideas, let CCO Jenkins know!!
6. Speaker of the Senate – **Sarah Vincent**
   1. Office hours are due to Speaker Vincent’s mailbox by the next meeting.
      1. Must have 4 hours
      2. Use the honor system!! Don’t lie!!
   2. Senate retreat is October 11th from 5-7pm
   3. Academic college senator must meet with your dean once a semester
7. Secretary of the Senate – **Hadley Whipple**
   1. No report.

**6. Committee Reports**

1. Legislative Operations – **Hannah Evans**
   1. Meetings on Wednesdays at 5:30 in SGA conference room
2. Enrollment and Student Experience – **Savanna Kurtz**
   1. Scholarship information coming soon
   2. Tabling times are being worked on
   3. QR code to be made
   4. Working to expand community builder scholarship
3. Outreach and Public Relations – **Ryan Dilts**
   1. Working on getting a Photocircle ready for SGA
   2. Google drive for SGA to make it easier for new senators or executive meetings
4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – **Rush Robinson**
   1. No report.
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – **Megan Farmer**
   1. Meeting on Tuesdays at 4:00 in the SGA office.
   2. The event is tomorrow at jump air zone, and it is $10 to attend!
      1. 8-10 pm and will get 2hours
6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – **Sophia Bryant**
   1. Working on a world kindness day bill
7. Community Relations – **Annie Finch**
   1. Thank you for passing bills!
   2. If you want to get office hours, donate supplies!
   3. Pre-signed service hour form for Greek Life hours

**7. Special Orders**

1. Judicial Council Report – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. Fall elections are this Thursday and Friday – Please vote!
   2. Fall election party is this Friday at 11:30
      1. You can only enter through Minton doors!
2. Swearing in – **Ellen Henderson**
   1. **None**
3. University Committee Reports
   1. Student Life Foundation: **Donté Reed**
      1. No report.
   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. NIL might go to supreme court!
   5. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: **Malick Ibrahim, Megan Farmer, Rush Robinson**
      1. Park where you are supposed to park!
   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 3-24-F: A Bill to Fund the Mahurin Honors College Civic Engagement Book Project**

1. Presentation by Senator Lucas
   1. Was inspired by Richard Haste’s book – The Bill of Operations
   2. Is requesting $720.00 to help fund 50% of this project, the MHC is funding 25%, and the honors LLC is funding the other 25%.
   3. Got connected with their publishing team to lock in a price of $14.40 per book for the students at the Honors College
   4. Books will be housed in the MHC suite
2. Questioning
   1. Senator Bryant
      1. Why not have this book be required in the curriculum rather than us funding it?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: There is no required book for the course. We are wanting to keep that the same through this bill. Gives student another option within the list of books
   2. Senator Barton
      1. Do you think 100 books will genuinely be used?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: Reason why we are locked in at 100 books is because that is the deal that the publishing company agreed on. We also have 96 honors LLC students and over 200 Honors 251 students.
   3. Senator Finch
      1. Does the honors college have the funds to support more of the project?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: They may be open to discussion of this, but we are wanting to form this relationship with them
   4. Senator Wells
      1. Does this have to be purchased through the deal mentioned?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: You can only purchase up to 4 books at a time and if you purchase in bulk, the shipping becomes very expensive and would be more than the cost of the books.
   5. Senator Jerdon
      1. How long will this deal last?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: Unsure but they offered this deal specifically because we asked for it.
   6. Senator Farmer
      1. What is the incentive for anyone to get this book?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: On the PR side, he has already spoke with Preston about getting this posted. It is a great way to help educate students and will be promoted to the honors college.
      2. Do you think it is more beneficial to have students go to the library to get this book instead?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: We have a unit in the Honors 251 class where the students go to the library and learn these things anyway. Good way to help them engage with staff around the MHC. If they are reading about civic engagement, they are going to have conversations about it.
   7. Senator Yelton
      1. Can we store some of these books at the SGA office as well?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: Definitely up for discussion as this partnership expands.
   8. Senator Jerdon
      1. What is the timeframe on shipping?
         1. Senator Lucas Response: Not sure yet, bookstore and publisher seemed optimistic about having this done by the election season.
3. Debate
   1. Speeches in affirmation
      1. Senator Ralston
         1. It is important to remember we have an honors college senator for a reason, and this will foster a great relationship for the honors college.
      2. Senator Farmer
         1. Stated that Senator Lucas has made a very convincing argument, and she has seen the importance of this bill.
      3. Senator Dilts
         1. The amount of books is an investment, and we need to support this relationship with the honors college
      4. Senator Farmer
         1. Having a backlog of books is a good thing. I think it will reach the people it needs to reach.
   2. Speeches in Negation
      1. Senator Bryant
         1. Does not see 100 copies being necessary at all, not sure if people even have time to rent out books and read them
            1. Response from Senator Lucas

This was a problem we discussed, and we decided that this is something that will foster relationships with SGA as well as the publishing company.

* + - 1. The money could be used for an event rather than books that people may not even read.

1. Senator Barton motioned to table this bill
   1. Seconded by Senator Bryant
      1. Debate
         1. Speech in affirmation for tabling the bill
            1. Senator Ismail

Says it is a good thing so all the kinks can be worked out

* + - * 1. Senator Kurtz

Will give us more time to process this all

* + - 1. Speech in negation
         1. Senator Evans

Publisher takes long time to respond so this deal might not be there in 4 weeks.

* 1. Roll Call Vote to table the bill
     1. 16 votes for no
     2. 4 votes for yes
     3. 1 abstain

1. Senator Lucas amended his bill to request $576 to fund 40% of this project.
2. Roll Call vote
   1. 1 no
   2. 2 abstain
   3. 18 yes
3. This bill is passed!

**9. New Business**

**10. Announcements**

a. Come jump zone! – Senator Ismail

**11. Adjournment**

1. Senator Whipple made a motion to adjourn.
2. The motion was seconded by Senator Lucas.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.