WKU Student Government Association

# Meeting Minutes

# November 5, 2019

## Opening

The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:00pm on November 5, 2019 in Downing Student Union by Speaker of the Senate Nathan Terrell.

## Present

28 Senators were present when the Senate was called to order.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

## Officer Reports

President Will Harris:

* Nomination for Senator Symone Whalin to serve as Committee for Diversity and Inclusion head
  + Nomination approved 31-0-0-1

Executive Vice President Garrett Edmonds:

* 2 committees needing student representation: University Curriculum Committee and Academic Quality Committee. Senators David Meridian and Shelby Robertson volunteered to serve the committees.
* Possible food drive going into the first week of December with the Office of Sustainability, keep an eye out to pass along information to increase student engagement
* Student financial wellness survey, asking for help reaching students – specifically with PR

Administrative Vice President Kenan Mujkanovic

* First Org Aid committee meeting today – legislation will be on the agenda next week

Chief of Staff Aubrey Kelley

* No Report

Public Relations Ashlynn Evans

* Graphics for Org Aid and scholarships are on Instagram, keep reposting those to increase the number of applicants!

DAC Abby Norvell

* Spread the word about our scholarships!
* Graduate students are able to apply

IT Director Paul Brosky

* No Report

Speaker of the Senate Terrell

* Send Legislation by Sunday 11:59pm so it can be added to the agenda and sent to the legislative body. Be sure to have a sponsor and have LRC check its constitutionality before

Secretary of the Senate Brenna Mathews

* Friendly reminder that office hours began this week so be sure to get one hour per week – as it is in the constitution

## Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Head

Campus Improvements Committee Head Matt Barr

* No Report

LRC Committee Head Josh Zaczek

Public Relations Committee Head Brigid Stakelum

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Head Symone Whalin

* No report

Sustainability Committee Head Jillian Kenney

* Jessica Williams – organizer of the climate strike. Sunday 3-4:30

SAVES Committee Head Hope Wells

* Come see Hope after the meeting for info on the SAVES Committee!

JUDICIAL Council

* The Veto from the eighth meeting:
  + The resolution was
  + The bylaws superseded the
  + Pending approval of the university
    - Would simply be a symbol

Guest/Student Speakers

* Student Jay Wells has been meeting with graduate students and senators of the legislative body. Last semester when the budget cuts were made and the CAPE cuts were occurring, there was a large outcry about Dean Snyder. However, the budget cuts are affecting student workers and graduate assistants who are currently in programs. The staff and student workers are being affected through less hours, being let off, and lower wages. If any senator is interested in helping Jay Wells by creating a committee to advance the interests of student and staff labor, please let him know.

## Unfinished Business

Bill 5-19-F Continuing a Partnership for Study Away Scholarships moved into Unfinished Business.

1. AVP Mujkanovic spoke in favor as author of this bill
   1. Moved into questioning
      1. Survance asked why should the 1500 go to the study away office rather than go towards the SGA scholarship fund
      2. CoS Kelley replied that this is funding a scholarship to help give study away scholarship options as there is only one for study away opportunities on campus
   2. Moved into debate
      1. Senator Meridian spoke in favor of the bill. This bill is not controversial and should not really be debated by the body.
   3. Moved into voting
      1. Bill was approved in a 32-0 vote

## New Business

List the items to be discussed at the next meeting.

## Announcements

EVP Edmonds: Apply to be the chair for the Committee of Academic and Student Affairs (CASA)! We need to fill this position before we can assign senators to a committee

## Adjournment

Motion made by Senator Whalin for adjournment – second by Senator McCoun

Approved 27-0-0-5 vote

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm by Speaker of the Senate Nathan Terrell

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