Senate Meeting Minutes

Fourteenth Meeting of the Twenty-Second Senate - Tuesday, November 29 2022

1. **Call to Order** 
   1. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order at 5:01 PM on November 29th by Speaker of the Senate Julie Mishchuk.
2. **Roll Call** 
   1. Roll was called by Speaker Mishchuk.
   2. Senator Hensley was absent.
   3. Senator Pierce was absent.
   4. Senator Tomas was absent.
   5. Senator Tahiri was absent
   6. Quorum was met.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. **Guest and Student Speakers** 
   1. Senator DeLozier motioned to move authorship speeches and officer reports to two minutes.
      1. Explained it would keep things free and allow us to have the Christmas party in time!
      2. Approved with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Senator Denney motioned to move out of bylaws
      1. Motion approved with unanimous voice vote.
         1. Senator Denney motioned to move Bill 23-22-F, Bill 24-22-F, Bill 25-22-F, Bill 26-22-F, from new business to unfinished.
            1. Explained it is time sensitive.
            2. Motion approved with unanimous voice vote.
         2. Senator Collins motioned to consolidate the presentation, debate, and voting for the org aid bills.
            1. Motioned approved with unanimous voice vote.
         3. Senator Denney motioned to move Bill 25-22- F the first bill.
            1. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
   3. Senator Feck motioned back into bylaws.
      1. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
   4. Senator Collins asked us to make a final push on recyclops in order to reach the fifteen student minimum.
   5. Senator Denney asked us to not to forget to donate to the community relations drive.
5. **Officer Reports** 
   1. President – Cole Bornefeld
      1. Recognized Holden Schroeder who will be graduating in December.
         1. One of the longest serving chief justices.
   2. Executive Vice President – Garrison Reed
      1. No report.
   3. Administrative Vice President – Sam Kurtz
      1. Org aid is due Friday.
   4. Chief of Staff – Lauren Willett
      1. Made plant based cookies that are top ten allergen friendly.
   5. Director of Public Relations – Preston Romanov
      1. Instagram was the only platform used for PR this semester.
         1. Rationale was most people are on Instagram.
         2. We have reached +907% accounts since the summer.
         3. Has set a 2k goal for Instagram.
      2. Thank you for helping with PR.
   6. Director of IT - Aniya Johnson
      1. No report.
   7. Director of Enrollment and Student Experience – Donte’ Reed
      1. Had 96 scholarship applications.
         1. Had 8 winners who were notified today.
   8. Speaker of the Senate – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Contact part of legislation should be an actual contact.
      2. Every bill has to have a committee sponsor it.
         1. Bill 25-22-F does not have a committee sponsor.
      3. November office hours are due tomorrow.
      4. Will have a few resignations.
   9. Secretary of the Senate – Antonina Clementi
      1. No report.
   10. Parliamentarian - Meghan Pierce
       1. No report.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. Legislative Operations - Liz Delozier
      1. Please read over the legislation!
      2. Wished Senator Collins farewell as he will be leaving next semester.
   2. Enrollment and Student Experience - Jenna Wells
      1. Poetry event is going to be happening.
         1. Thank you to Rash for securing that.
   3. Outreach and Student Experience- Matt Gadd
      1. Turns out we will not need a bill for the narcan.
         1. Will be getting a grant from the state of Kentucky
      2. Narrowing down names for the spring.
   4. Campus Improvements and Sustainability – Will Hemenover
      1. Went over things to be addressed in the spring.
         1. Campus cup.
            1. Clean 4 Change non profit brought this idea to the committee.
         2. Pollinator garden
   5. Diversity Equity, and Inclusion – Ataullah Tahiri
      1. No report
   6. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing – Olivia Feck
      1. Give the cookies and cramming bill a read.
      2. Working on sensory friendly rooms.
         1. Need a bit more data from students
            1. Should it be only finals weeks or five days a week?
      3. Out of the darkness walk has been finalized.
   7. Community Relations – Caleb Collins
      1. Send the email about recyclops to everyone you know!
      2. Remember the winter wear drive!
7. **Faculty Senate Reports**
   1. SGA Representatives - Senator Liz Delozier, Senator Sydney Denney, Senator Will Hemenover.
   2. Senator Delozier
      1. No report
   3. Senator Denney
      1. No report
   4. Senator Hemenover
      1. No report
8. **Special Orders**
   1. Judicial Council Report - Holden Schroeder
      1. Thank you for the plaque!
   2. University Committee Reports
      1. Senate Executive Committee – Cole Bornefeld
         1. No report
      2. Student Life Foundation – Garrison Reed
         1. Has a meeting on December 4th.
      3. Preston Center Advisory Council – Garrison Reed
         1. No report
      4. Budget and Finance Committee – Sam Kurtz
         1. No report
      5. University Curriculum Committee – Brett Phelps
         1. No report
      6. Colonnade General Education Committee – Antonina Clementi
         1. No report
      7. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee – Ethan Huffaker
         1. No report
      8. Committee on Academic Quality – Mallory Hardesty
         1. No report.
      9. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee – James Cecil, Matt Gadd, Annalise Finch
         1. Appealed some tickets at the most recent meeting.
      10. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workgroup – Megan Farmer
          1. No report.
      11. Academic Calendar – Adan Canizalez
          1. No report
      12. University Athletic Committee- Matt Gadd, ShyAnte'e Williams
          1. No report.
      13. Budget and Finance Committee - Caleb Collins
          1. Need an alternate
             1. If you are still interested follow up
          2. Need two people willing to sit in on those meetings.
   3. Swearing in - Holden Schroeder
   4. Senator of the Month Election – Julie Mishchuk
      1. Form was sent out over email
      2. Senator Sydney Denney was the November Senator of the Month.
9. **Unfinished Business** 
   1. Bill 25-22-F. Funding for textbook voucher assistance for WKU Students.
      1. Senator Denney and Chief of Staff Willet provided a sponsorship speech.
         1. Asking for $750 to help students with textbook costs.
         2. Students can apply for this and explain their needs.
         3. Can be applied to WKU accounts.
      2. Senator Collins amended the bill to have the community relationship committee sponsor.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      3. Senator Huffaker moved to amend the bill adding a clause before the 1st whereas clause that the funds will come from the legislative discretionary budget.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      4. Senator Huffaker moved to amend the bill to add the legislative operations committee as a sponsor and include the second to last whereas clause will end in a comma and.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      5. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
   2. Bill 20-22-F. Organizational Aid Funding for The Western Kentucky University Chinese Club. Bill 21-22-F: Organizational funding for Western Kentucky’s Midnight on the Hill. Bill 22-22-F. Organizational Aid Funding for The Western Kentucky University College Republicans Club.
      1. AVP Kurtz presented the bills.
         1. The bills have already been passed by the org aid board.
      2. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
   3. Bill 23-22-F. Funding for the Office of Sustainability.
      1. Senator Hemenover presented the bill.
         1. It would allocate $1,000 to the food pantry.
            1. They are running low on food and personal products.
            2. The Office of sustainability does not receive any additional funding - they rely on this.
         2. Senator Robinson provided a speech in affirmation.
            1. Explained it benefits every student on campus.
         3. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
   4. Bill 24-22-F. Funding for the Cramming and Cookies Tabling Event.
      1. Senator Feck and Senator Finch presented this bill.
         1. This could potentially help alleviate the stress of finals week.
         2. Asking for $450 to cover treats.
         3. Will also have a raffle for message vouchers.
      2. Senator Briggs provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Want all the students to feel ready for their exams.
      3. Senator Padgett provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. People have had positive feelings for years.
      4. Senator Gibbs provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Said to make sure to invite our friends!
      5. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
   5. Bill 26-22-F. Funding for the Hilltopper Pride Network’s Donation Drive
      1. Senator Hardesty presented this bill.
         1. Explained this bill would allow for care packages for students who will be on campus over break.
      2. Senator Denney provided a speech in affirmation.
         1. Explaining that these students are often overlooked.
      3. Senator Collins moved to amend the bill from $300 to $500.
         1. Taken as friendly.
      4. Senator Leo’n motioned to add the word “and”.
         1. Taken as friendly
      5. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
10. **New Business**
11. **Announcements**
    1. Senator Feck said the cramming and cookies event will be 10 - 12:30 PM on Monday.
    2. Senator Phelps said the Talisman will be releasing their semester paper.
12. **Adjournment** 
    1. Senator Collins called for adjournment.
    2. The motion was seconded.
    3. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:52.