**Senate Meeting Agenda**

Second Meeting of the Seventeenth Senate – Tuesday September 11th, 2018

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Officer Reports

President – Stephen Mayer

Executive Vice President – Garrett Edmonds

Administrative Vice President – Harper Anderson

Chief of Staff – Will Harris

Director of Public Relations – Noah Moore

Director of Academic and Student Affairs –

Director of Information Technology – Paul Brosky

Speaker of the Senate – Asha McWilliams

Secretary of the Senate – Andrew Merritt

1. Committee Reports

Academic and Student Affairs –

Campus Improvements –

Legislative Research –

Public Relations –

Diversity and Inclusion –

Sustainability – Jayden Thomas

SAVES –

1. Special Orders

University Committee Reports

Judicial Council Report

Guest/Student Speakers



1. Unfinished Business

**Vote on Budget**

**Bill 1-18-F**

Amend the Bylaws to effectively track office hours for Senate and Executive members

1. New Business

**Resolution 1-18-F**

Support the amendment of the WKU Student Code of Conduct such that it is commensurate with established law and university policy

**Resolution 2-18-F**

Establish and support the right of WKU students to record, via audio and/or video, their meetings with university staff and faculty

**Bill 2-18-F**

Allocate $1,385.00 from Senate Discretionary for the funding of Potter College’s Fall Festival

**Bill 3-18-F**

Allocate $500.00 from Senate Discretionary for the Bowling Green Pride Festival

**Bill 4-18-F**

Amend the to accurately reflect the structural needs of the organization

**Bill 5-18-F**

Amend the Constitution ensure the Speaker of the Senate serves as an unbiased moderator of Senate proceedings

1. Announcements and Adjournment

First Reading: September 4th

Second Reading: September 11th

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 1-18-F. A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of

Western Kentucky University.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to effectively track office hours for Senate and Executive members.

WHEREAS: Section 2.8, titled “Office Hours”, will be added to the Bylaws and state “Office hours for Senate and Executive members will be recorded individually, and then reviewed by the Speaker and/or Secretary of the Senate. If office hours have not been completed, individuals in violation of their duties will be submitted to Judicial Council for review.”, and

WHEREAS: Both Senate and Executive members need to be held accountable for proper completion of their office hours, and

THEREFORE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to

amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to effectively track office hours for Senate and Executive members.

AUTHORS: Conner Hounshell, Senator

Amy Wyer, Senator

Kara Lowry, Senator

SPONSOR: Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS:

First Reading: September 11th

Second Reading:

Pass:

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Other:

Resolution 1-18-F. Resolution to Amend the Student Code of Conduct

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the amendment of the WKU Student Code of Conduct such that it is commensurate with established law and university policy.

WHEREAS: Line 15 of the Student Code of Conduct currently states “refusal to comply with directions, requests, or orders by University officials” which can be interpreted to allow any university official to order any student to comply with any direction, and

WHEREAS: That power should not be granted to university officials without more clear guidelines, in order to uphold the guidance set forth in the WKU Student Code of Conduct that states the code should not “be interpreted to cover any general category of behavior not mentioned herein unless that conduct is otherwise prohibited by law” , and

WHEREAS: The WKU SGA has an obligation to protect the rights and interests of students.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the amendment of Line 15 of the Student Code of Conduct to restrict “directions, requests, or orders by University officials” to only those which would be in line with pre-established university policy and law.

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First Reading: September 11th

Second Reading:

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Other:

Resolution 2-18-F. Resolution to Affirm Students’ Right to Record

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to establish and support the right of WKU students to record, via audio and/or video, their meetings with university staff and faculty.

WHEREAS: The law of the State of Kentucky explicitly allows recording any conversation so long as at least one party to the conversation consents, and thus allows anyone to legally record their own conversations

WHEREAS: No university policy currently exists that prohibits, requires, or encourages students recording their meetings with employees of the university, and these recordings would serve as an important layer of protection to all parties involved

WHEREAS: The WKU SGA has an obligation to ensure students can adequately provide for their own defense in the case of allegations of misconduct rising from these meetings

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University establish and support the right of students to record their own meetings with any university staff or faculty.

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First Reading: September 11th

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Bill 2-18-F. Funding for Potter College’s Fall Festival

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,385.00 from Senate Discretionary for the funding of Potter College’s Fall Festival.

WHEREAS: Potter College’s Fall Festival is an annual celebration of fall and PCAL that is open to the entire campus community. This year’s theme is “Live the Magic of Potter College.” Each year the festival has fall snacks, booths by PCAL departments that include arts and crafts, free goodies, and photo booths, and free t-shirts, and

WHEREAS: The allocated funds will purchase t-shirts, pumpkins, apples and cider from Jackson’s Orchard, popcorn, and other miscellaneous supplies, and

WHEREAS: The SGA logo will be on the t-shirts and all other advertising for the Fall Festival.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky

University will allocate $1,385.00 to Dean’s Council of Students Fall Festival.

AUTHORS: Kara Lowry, Senior Senator

Tommy Sullivan, Events and Recruitment Co-Chair of Dean’s Council of Students

Ivy Saunders, President of Dean’s Council of Students

Conner Hounshell, Senior Senator

SPONSOR: Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS: Emily Houston, Events and Recruitment Co-Chair of Dean’s Council of Students

First Reading: September 11th

Second Reading:

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Other:

Bill 3-18-F. Funding for the Bowling Green Pride Festival.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $500.00 from Senate Discretionary for the Bowling Green Pride Festival on October 20, 2018.

WHEREAS: The Bowling Green Pride Festival will be an event on October 20, 2018 in Circus Square Park, hosted by the Bowling Green Fairness group, and

WHEREAS: The allocated money will name SGA as a Silver Sponsor, where our name and logo will appear on the t-shirt and website, and

WHEREAS: The funding is necessary as SGA’s purpose is to represent all students of Western Kentucky University, including members of the LGBTQ+ community which are currently not legally protected in the Bowling Green community due to the lack of a Fairness ordinance, and

WHEREAS: This event is being coordinated by the Bowling Green Fairness group, who advocates for LGBTQ+ member rights, including those of Western Kentucky University students, and

WHEREAS: This is the second pride festival in the local Bowling Green community, and SGA was an inaugural sponsor, and

WHEREAS: The sponsorship would also provide a tabling space for the WKU SGA Committee for Diversity and Inclusion at the festival to speak about their efforts.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $500.00 from Senate Discretionary for the Bowling Green Pride Festival on October 20, 2018.

AUTHORS: Conner Hounshell, Senator

Mark Clark, Senator

Kara Lowry, Senator

SPONSOR: Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS: Dr. Patricia Minter

First Reading: September 11th

Second Reading:

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Other:

Bill 4-18-F. A Bill to Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of

Western Kentucky University.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to accurately reflect the structural needs of the organization.

WHEREAS: Section 7.2.3, under section 7.2 titled “Duties of the Committee Chair”, currently states “Meet with the Speaker of the Senate at least twice a month, pursuant to Article V, Section 2.1, of the SGA Constitution.”, and

WHEREAS: It shall be replaced with “Meet with the Speaker of the Senate once a month, or at a different interval agreed upon between the individual Committee Chair and the Speaker of the Senate.”, and

WHEREAS: The meetings between the Speaker of the Senate and the Committee Chairs does not need to be so frequent for all SGA Committees, especially since the Speaker of the Senate receives minutes from each Committee weekly, and

WHEREAS: The “Article V, Section 2.1, of the SGA Constitution” referenced either no longer exists or is irrelevant to this statement,

THEREFORE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to accurately reflect the structural needs of the organization.

AUTHORS: Mark Clark, Senator

SPONSOR: Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS: Asha McWilliams, Speaker of the Senate

First Reading: September 11th

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Other:

Bill 5-18-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of

Western Kentucky University.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to ensure the Speaker of the Senate serves as an unbiased moderator of Senate proceedings.

WHEREAS: Section 3.2.4. under section 3.2 titled “Qualifications.” currently states, “The Speaker of the Senate shall be elected from the Senate during the Spring Semester for the next academic year.”, and

WHEREAS: The Constitution does not specify that even though the Speaker of the Senate is a duly elected member, they do not have a vote in Senate proceedings, and

WHEREAS: The common law belief has been that Speaker has no voting powers, except in the instance of a tie-breaker vote, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.3.1.1 under Section 3.3 titled “Duties of the Speaker of the Senate.” shall be added to state that “The Speaker has no voting powers, except in the instance of a tie-breaker. In such an instance, the Speaker may cast a vote only to break the tie.”,

THEREFORE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to ensure the Speaker of the Senate serves as an unbiased moderator of Senate proceedings.

AUTHORS: Asha McWilliams, Speaker of the Senate

SPONSOR: Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS: Jacob McAndrews, Chief Justice of the Judicial Council

**Special Announcements and Events**

1. Fall Elections will be held September 17th-18th on TopNet
2. An Election Results Party will be held at 11:30pm in the Senate Chambers on Tuesday September 18th