**Senate Meeting Agenda**

Sixth Meeting of the Seventeenth Senate – Tuesday October 16th, 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 – Aubrey Kelley

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 – Matt Barr

Legislative Research – Trevor Huffman

Public Relations – Brigid Stakelum

Diversity and Inclusion – Mark Clark

Sustainability – Jayden Thomas

SAVES – Cassidy Townsend

1. Special Orders

University Committee Reports

Judicial Council Report

Guest/Student Speakers



1. Unfinished Business

Bill 10-18-F

Amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to prevent the allocation of funds to events and/or organizations of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and their respective chapters

1. New Business

Bill 11-18-F

Allocate $1,400 from Organizational Aid for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Jump Rope Club, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

Bill 12-18-F

Allocate $150.00 to Campus Improvements for the Campus Safety Walk Posters/Advertising Materials

Bill 13-18-F

Allocate $2,000 to create a recurring First-Generation Scholarship

1. Announcements and Adjournment

First Reading: October 2nd

Second Reading: October 15th

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 10-18-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 prevent the allocation of funds to events and/or organizations of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and their respective chapters.

WHEREAS: Section 6.1.2 will be added and state “Events and/or organizations of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and their respective chapters, shall not be funded by SGA.”, and

WHEREAS: The previous statement under Section 6.1: “Funding Restrictions,” will be titled Section 6.1.1, and continue to state “The Student Government Association may allocate funds solely to areas which benefit student learning. All students may be required to finance a portion of these expenses by supplementary income.”, and

WHEREAS: Such organizations do not process their finances through the Student Activities Office, like many other Registered Student Organizations, and

WHEREAS: A declining Student Government Association budget calls for the proper allocation of funds to those organizations most in need, and mentioned organizations have adequate funds from alternative sources, 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 prevent the allocation of funds to events and/or organizations of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and their respective chapters.

AUTHORS: Amy Wyer, Senator

Mark Clark, Senator

SPONSOR: Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

CONTACTS:

First Reading: October 15th

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 11-18-F: Organizational Aid Funding for Western Kentucky University Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Jump Rope Club, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,400 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Jump Rope Club, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

WHEREAS: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be allocated $500 for their annual “Mr. Devastating” Scholarship Pageant.

WHEREAS: Jump Rope Club will be allocated $500 for new ropes to use at the International Center.

WHEREAS: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will be allocated $400 for their Scholarship Pageant Meet and Greet, and International Conference at Northern Kentucky University.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $1,400 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Jump Rope Club, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

AUTHORS: Harper Anderson, Administrative Vice President

SPONSOR: Organizational Aid Committee

CONTACTS: Alea Luckett, Member of Organizational Aid, Senator

Nathan Terrell, Member of Organizational Aid, Senator

Hope Wells, Member of Organizational Aid, Senator

Erika Puhakka, Member of Organizational Aid, Senator

Abbey Norvell, Member of Organizational Aid, Senator

First Reading: October 15th

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 12-18-F. Funding for the advertisement of the WKU Campus Safety Walk.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $150.00 to Campus Improvements for the Campus Safety Walk Posters/Advertising Materials.

WHEREAS: The money will come from senate discretionary and will pay for posters/handouts for the walk; any funds unused will be returned to Senate Discretionary, and

WHEREAS: The SGA logo will be used on all promotional materials used, and

WHEREAS: This event will take place in Centennial Mall on November 14th at 6:00PM, and

WHEREAS: Students will have the ability to tour campus and its facilities, as well as pose questions to WKU administrators and to gain a comprehensive understanding of the features implemented to keep students safe here at WKU, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $150.00 for the advertisement of the WKU Campus Safety Walk.

AUTHORS: Matthew Barr, Campus Improvements Chair

Garrett Bunch, Senator

Erika Puhakka, Senator

Miles Moskwa, Senator

Carlos Gomez, Senator

SPONSOR: Campus Improvements Committee

CONTACTS: Brian Kuster, Vice President of Enrollment & Student Experience

First Reading: October 15th

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 13-18-F. Funding for the First-Generation Scholarship of SGA

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $2,000 to create a recurring First-Generation Scholarship; a scholarship for full-time students whose parents did not achieve a bachelor’s degree and who have significant financial need.

WHEREAS: First-generation college students have significant challenges to successfully achieving a degree not faced by many other students including lack of financial resources and guidance, and

WHEREAS: A first-generation college student is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as a student from a family where neither parent holds a bachelor's degree, and

WHEREAS: This scholarship seeks to help these students access the opportunity to get an education, and

WHEREAS: A large pool of potential scholarship candidates exists on WKU’s campus as according to the 2017 WKU Fact Book, in the fall of 2016, an estimated 34.8% of First-Time, First Year students were First-Generation Students and many students within the WKU TRiO Student Support Service Center whose mission is to increase college retention and the graduation rates of first-generation and low-income students, and

WHEREAS: Members of the SGA and the authors of this bill will be ineligible for this scholarship unless an external review panel is created; made up of students not associated with SGA and selected in conjunction by the Director of Academic and Student Affairs and the Administrative Vice President of SGA to review applications of the SGA member and/or authors who may choose to apply and submit the winning names to the Director of Academic & Student Affairs who will then notify the winners, and

WHEREAS: Eligibility for the scholarship will be limited to first-generation college students who are enrolled full-time, and

WHEREAS: The SGA Academic & Student Affairs Committee shall determine how many recipients will receive scholarship funding for this semester as to benefit the maximum number of students possible, and

WHEREAS: This scholarship, once approved will become a permanent and recurring scholarship within SGA every academic year, and the funding of $2,000 will be allocated to this scholarship each academic year unless increased by future legislation, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $2,000 to create the First-Generation Scholarship, a recurring scholarship for students whose parents did not achieve a bachelor’s degree and who have significant financial need.

AUTHORS: Matthew Barr, Campus Improvements Chair

Ashlynn Evans, WKU Student

SPONSOR: Campus Improvements Committee

CONTACTS: Dr. Aaron Wichman, WKU Psychological Sciences Department

Chris George, Director of WKU Support Services

Harper Anderson, SGA Administrative Vice President

Aubrey Kelley, Director of Academic & Student Affairs

**Special Announcements and Events**

1. None