**Senate Meeting Agenda**

Seventh Meeting of the Seventeenth Senate – Tuesday October 23rd, 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 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. New Business

Bill 14-18-F

Allocate $1,496.66 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Women in Science and Engineering, PE Majors Club, and Student Affairs Graduate Association.

Bill 15-18-F

Allocate $150.00 to Campus Improvements for the catering of Subway for the Campus Safety Walk.

1. Announcements and Adjournment

First Reading: October 15th

Second Reading: October 23rd

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: October 23rd

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: October 23rd

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

First Reading: October 23rd

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 14-18-F: Organizational Aid Funding for Western Kentucky University Women in Science and Engineering, PE Majors Club, and Student Affairs Graduate Association.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,496.66 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Women in Science and Engineering, PE Majors Club, and Student Affairs Graduate Association.

WHEREAS: Women in Science and Engineering will be allocated $500 for promotional materials for elementary school visits.

WHEREAS: PE Majors Club will be allocated $496.66 to attend a conference in Lexington, KY.

WHEREAS: Student Affairs Graduate Association will be allocated $500 for transportation to a conference in Louisville, KY and two scholarships to help students attend a conference in Myrtle Beach, SC.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $1,496.66 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Women in Science and Engineering, PE Majors Club, and Student Affairs Graduate Association.

AUTHOR: 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 23rd

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 15-18-F. Funding for the catering of food for the WKU Campus Safety Walk.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $150.00 to Campus Improvements for the catering of Subway for the Campus Safety Walk.

WHEREAS: The money will come from the food budget and will pay for Subway to provide sandwiches and drinks for attendees; and unused funds will be returned to the food budget, and

WHEREAS: This event will take place on November 14 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 catering of Subway for the WKU Campus Safety Walk.

AUTHORS: Matt Barr, Transfer/First-Generation Senator

Garrett Bunch, Senator

Erika Puhakka, Senator

Miles Moskwa, Senator

Carlos Gomez, Senator

SPONSOR: Campus Improvements

CONTACTS: Nena Shomler, WKU Restaurant Group Marketing Director

**Special Announcements and Events**

1. The Campus Safety Walk will be November 14th at 6PM. It will be starting at Centennial Mall.