**Senate Meeting Agenda**

Sixteenth Meeting of the Seventeenth Senate – February 26th, 2019

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 – Amanda Harder

Campus Improvements – Matt Barr

Legislative Research –

Public Relations – Ashlynn Evans

Diversity and Inclusion – Mark Clark

Sustainability – Jayden Thomas

SAVES – Amy Wyer

1. Special Orders

University Committee Reports

Judicial Council Report

Guest/Student Speaker



1. Unfinished Business

Resolution 1-19-S

Support the removal of the Confederate marker on Western Kentucky University’s campus.

1. New Business

Bill 8-19-S

Allocate to allocate $90 dollars to buy supplies that the Sustainability committee will use for their Earth Day activity.

Bill 9-19-S

Allocate $2,160 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Midnight On The Hill, Chinese Students and Scholars Association, International Association of Business Communicators, National Dance Education Organization, and Black Women of Western.

Bill 10-19-S

Amend the Constitution to allow Senators to use tabling as an acceptable alternative for their office hour.

Bill 11-19-S

Allocate $1,000 to the WKU Mock Trial team to assist in sending them to the Opening Round Championship Series tournament.

1. Announcements and Adjournment

First Reading: February 19th

Second Reading: February 26th

Pass:

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Other:

Resolution 1-19-S: Resolution to Support the Removal of the Confederate Marker on Western Kentucky University’s Campus

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the removal of the Confederate marker on Western Kentucky University’s campus.

WHEREAS: A Confederate marker was reinstalled along College Heights Boulevard near the Kentucky Museum after its temporary removal during the construction of Hilltopper Hall. The marker describes Bowling Green as the former state capital of the Confederacy, although Kentucky never withdrew from the Union and remained largely neutral, and

WHEREAS: The marker was created in 1952, coinciding with the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. This is a common characteristic of Confederate markers in that they were erected during times of racial tension like the Civil Rights Movement, and

WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University has a long history of racism, dating back to its construction on land taken from African Americans in the Jonesville community, and continuing to this day with multiple acts of overt racism on campus and in the community, as well as poor university ratings on racial equity, and

WHEREAS: This marker is a reminder of oppression against people of color, especially black individuals. Western Kentucky University’s campus should not be a place of glorifying our nation, state, and community’s racist past, but a place welcoming to all students, including students of color. The removal of this marker would indicate the university’s commitment to inclusivity, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the removal of the Confederate marker on Western Kentucky University’s campus.

AUTHOR: Conner Hounshell, Senator

Symone Whalin, Senator

Kara Lowry, Senator

SPONSOR: Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

CONTACTS:

First Reading: February 26th

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Other:

Bill 8-19-S. Funding for the Sustainability Committee’s Earth Day activity.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $90 dollars to buy supplies that the Sustainability committee will use for their Earth Day activity.

WHEREAS: The money will come from Senate Discretionary and will be used to buy terracotta pots, paint, and paint brushes.

WHEREAS: Students would be able to design their own mini pot to take home and will be a fun way for students to engage in the festival.

WHEREAS: All money not used will be returned to Senate Discretionary.

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

University will allocate $90 dollars to buy supplies that the Sustainability committee will use for their Earth Day activity.

AUTHORS: Jayden Thomas, Sustainability chair

SPONSORS: Sustainability Committee

CONTACTS:

First Reading: February 26th

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Bill 9-19-S: Organizational Aid Funding for Western Kentucky University Midnight On The Hill, Chinese Students and Scholars Association, International Association of Business Communicators, National Dance Education Organization, and Black Women of Western.

Purpose: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $2,160 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Midnight On The Hill, Chinese Students and Scholars Association, International Association of Business Communicators, National Dance Education Organization, and Black Women of Western.

Whereas: Midnight On The Hill will be allocated $500 to help purchase materials for their Finale Event to benefit St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Whereas: Chinese Students and Scholars Association will be allocated $450 to help fund their annual Spring Festival on campus.

Whereas: International Association of Business Communicators will be allocated $360 for travel and fees to attend a conference in Nashville, TN.

Whereas: National Dance Education Organization will be allocated $500 for student scholarships to attend the American College Dance Association Conference in Mississippi.

Whereas: Black Women of Western will be allocated $350 to help fund their Student v. Faculty Basketball Game.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $2,160 from Organizational Aid for Western Kentucky University Midnight On The Hill, Chinese Students and Scholars Association, International Association of Business Communicators, National Dance Education Organization, and Black Women of Western.

Author: Harper Anderson, Administrative Vice President

Contacts: Emily Anne Pride, 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: February 26th

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Other:

Bill 10-19-S. A Bill to Amend the Constitution the Student Government Association of

Western Kentucky University

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution to allow Senators to use tabling as an acceptable alternative for their office hour

WHEREAS: Section 3.2.5 States Senators must “Be able to post a minimum of one (1) set office hour per week” there is no set description for what constitutes an office hour, and

WHEREAS: Section 3.2.5.1 will be added to state “An office hour may be substituted by a Public Relations tabling event no more than four (4) times per semester with prior approval from the Public Relations Chair”, and

WHEREAS: The office hours’ main purpose is a time for students to interact with their Senators it only makes sense to allow Senators the option to personally talk with students and hear their concerns at tabling events, and

WHEREAS: This would only be allowed under certain conditions such as 1. A senator wishing to fulfill their office hour by tabling would need prior approval from the Public Relations chair as to not “overbook” the table, and 2. A Senator may not substitute their hour more than four (4) times in any given semester, and

WHEREAS: This, would allow SGA to be represented publicly by more than just the PR committee and better connect to the student body and will give the student body an opportunity to meet more of their elected representatives, and

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

University amend the Constitution to allow Senators to use tabling as an acceptable alternative for their office hour

AUTHORS: Ashlynn Evans, Public Relations Chair

Matt Barr, Campus Improvements Chair

Noah Moore, Director of Public Relations

SPONSORS: Public Relations Committee, Campus Improvements Committee

CONTACTS: Jacob McAndrews, Chief Justice of the Judicial Council

First Reading: February 26th

Second Reading:

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Other:

Bill 11-19-S. Funding for the WKU Mock Trial team to attend ORCS

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $1,000 to the WKU Mock Trial team to assist in sending them to the Opening Round Championship Series tournament.

WHEREAS: The money will come from Senate Discretionary, and

WHEREAS: Mock Trial is a team that provides aspiring lawyers with invaluable trial experience, and

WHEREAS: This will be the first time the team will be able to represent Western Kentucky University at the Opening Round Championship, and

WHEREAS: The competition will take place the weekend of March 15th-17th, and

WHEREAS: The tournament requires a $250 registration fee, hotel rooms for three nights, and transportation to the tournament. The cost of attending this tournament without assistance would be prohibitive to many of the students, and

WHEREAS: SGA will be credited on all social media posts regarding the tournament, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $1,000 from Senate Discretionary Funding to the WKU Mock Trial team to assist in paying for the tournament expenses.

AUTHORS: Jacob McAndrews, Chief Justice

Asha McWilliams, Speaker of the Senate

SPONSORS: Committee for Academic and Student Affairs

CONTACTS:

**Special Announcements and Events**

1. Dennis Chaney will be attending Senate to discuss the tobacco-free initiative on Tuesday, February 26th
2. A Student Ambassador from the Office of Study Abroad and Global Learning will be giving a presentation on Tuesday, March 12th
3. Dr. Tougas will be attending Senate to discuss Parking and Transportation changes for the upcoming school year on Tuesday, March 19th