**Senate Meeting Agenda**

Fifth Meeting of the Seventeenth Senate – Tuesday October 2nd, 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

**None**

1. New Business

Bill 8-18-F

Allocate $150 to provide student ID vouchers in the SGA offices

Bill 9-18-F

Allocate $1,500 to the Office of Study Away for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

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. Announcements and Adjournment

First Reading: October 2nd

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 8-18-F. Funding for Student ID Vouchers

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate $150 to provide student ID vouchers in the SGA offices.

WHEREAS: Test booklets, bubble sheets, and vouchers are some of the most accessible resources SGA provides to students, as well as being the resources SGA is most well-known for providing, and

WHEREAS: The entire university has been impacted by budget cuts. Students are, of course, the most vulnerable group affected by this, as tuition hikes grow to make up for the gaps in funding. This tuition increase can affect retention and enrollment, two pressing issues for WKU as a whole, and

WHEREAS: Although the ID voucher is a small cost comparably, even the cost of a replacement ID can impact a student’s ability to afford necessities. Since IDs are required to print on campus and to use meal plans and meal plan dollars, this cost is a potential burden that SGA could easily help alleviate, and

WHEREAS: The $150 will come from Senate Discretionary and will provide 15 more vouchers for the semester, and

WHEREAS: Any additional vouchers will carry over into the spring semester.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate $150 to fund additional ID vouchers.

AUTHORS: Cassidy Townsend

SPONSOR: SAVES Committee

CONTACTS: Cassidy Townsend, SAVES Chair

First Reading: October 2nd

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

Bill 9-18-F. Continuing a Partnership for Study Away Scholarships

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

allocate $1,500 to the Office of Study Away for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

Whereas: Study Away is an essential program that allows WKU students to travel to

different locations within the United States.

Whereas: The Office of Study Away reached out to SGA in order to continue our

partnership that has existed since 2011 to fund these scholarships.

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

University will allocate $1,500 from Scholarships in order to continue this partnership and

fund Study Away Scholarships for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

Authors: Harper Anderson, Administrative Vice President

Aubrey Kelley, Academic and Student Affairs

Sponsor: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Contacts: Jerry Barnaby, Director of Study Away

First Reading: October 2nd

Second Reading:

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:

**Special Announcements and Events**

1. There will be no Senate meeting next week, October 9th.