SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

* The thirteenth meeting of the seventeenth Senate was called to order by Asha McWilliams at 5:00 pm on February 5th.
* Jayden Thomas stated that the Earth Day is actually on April 18th, not April 15th.
* The minutes from the last meeting was approved by unanimous consent.
* **Guest Speaker Jennifer Smith**
* She is the Assistant to President Caboni in Government Relations. She came to explain what is happening in Frankfort. This is a short session occuring right now. The long sessions are focused on the budget, which includes funding of public universities. Sometimes bills will be passed that require appropriation in the next upcoming session. Bills have very long paths to become an actual law. She suggests that a plan of 6-7 people knowing what to talk about when meeting with the representatives. Treat them with respect and kindness as they are real people. They are very busy with meetings. They may say no to some ideas. Introduce each person in the room, especially the constituents. Follow up the visits with a thank you email or a thank you note. She believes that the most important thing when visiting is that it is something you believe in.
* **President Stephen Mayer**
* (via Garrett Edmonds due to sickness) He apologizes for his absence. He has already stated why he nominated the new senators. He asks each senator to come up and introduce themselves
* **Mark Webster Jr.**
* He is a junior. He comes from a different background with low income households and getting out of low income households. Transitioning to WKU, he believes he has developed into more of a man through involvement and adjustment to college. He feels students can benefit from the resources of SGA. He will do the best he can for students.
* He is confirmed 21-0.
* **Troy Davis II**
* He is a freshman majoring in computer science. He thought about applying for SGA, and he is heavily involved on campus. He feels he can let some of his colleagues be heard that feel like they don’t have a say in things. He believes diversity lies in thinking together. He believes he can be a voice for all minorities on campus. He thinks he could implement more historical recognition for those from a minority background.
* He is confirmed 21-0.
* **Damon Mansfield**
* He wants to join SGA in which he has seen changes that he likes and changes he does not like. He wants to make a positive change on campus.
* He is confirmed 21-0.
* **Lucas Knight**
* He has been in SGA for four years. He missed it and wanted to come back because he has seen many positive changes on campus. He spent his time away in many other campus organizations.
* He is confirmed 21-0.
* **Parker Raybourne**
* He is a freshman with a major in Political Science. He wants to look into providing freshmen with more opportunities on campus and teaching them how to be more involved.
* He is confirmed 13-6-2.
* **Josh Zaczek**
* He is a Political Science and Economics major. He is also on the Mock Trial team at WKU. He feels a government should serve people and make their lives easier.
* He is confirmed 21-0.
* **Ashlynn Evans**
* She wants to be a part of SGA because she wants to expand the SGA presence around campus. There are many students that don’t know what SGA does for them.
* She is confirmed 14-4-3.
* **Jillian Kenney**
* She is a double major in German and International Affairs. She is the secretary for the Sustainability committee. She hopes to reduce discrepancies among groups on campus. She is a part of QSU, and they are often not a part of other campus events because they feel as if they do not belong. She wants to make all students feel that they belong.
* She is confirmed 21-0.
* They are all sworn in.
* Stephen spoke to the committee chairs to see their recommendations. He is nominating their recommendations.
* **Ashylnn Evans-Nominee for PR Chair**
* She applied for the PR chair because she and Bridget spoke often. She would work the PR table often, and she had many people attend the Senate meetings from that. She has some ideas to continue from Bridget to be more involved on campus events. She discusses her experience with tabling. She wants to further improve the social medias as that could be efficient in reaching more students.
* She is confirmed 21-7-1.
* **Amy Wyer-Nominee for SAVES Chair**
* She has been in leadership positions in SGA before, including the Director of Public Relations last year. She wants to improve the initiatives of women in the workplace. She wants the Title IX standards to be improved. Some students that rely on the buses also have night class that ends at 9:15PM, and the buses no longer run then. She says that sexual assault and self harm are not political issues, so everyone should be able to work towards figuring out how to have these conversations.
* She is approved 26-2-1.
* They are sworn in as chairs.
* The Tobacco Free Task Force meets tomorrow. The Board of Regents meets on Friday. He will see everyone at the Rally for Higher Education.
* **Executive Vice President Garrett Edmonds**
* He gives some details for the Rally for Higher Education. See him for all details of the trip. Sign-ups will end tonight, so apply tonight if you would like to go. He is concerned about the budget model going forward with the international colonnade requirement.
* **Administrative Vice President Harper Anderson**
* There are no changes on the budget from OrgAid. She describes Bill 3-19-S corrections with each amount that are to be corrected. If there are any funding bills, send them to Harper.
* **Chief of Staff Will Harris**
* He ordered more Scantrons for this semester. He is keeping a close eye on the quantities of office supplies.
* **Director of Public Relations Noah Moore**
* He is excited to have Ashlynn Evans as a PR Chair. The SGA Member of the Week is Jayden Thomas. They will get the ball rolling this week along with the PR committee meeting.
* **Director of Academic and Student Affairs Aubrey Kelley**
* The scholarships are now on the website. They did not convert to a word document. The format does not matter as much as the content. She will be working with IT to send out a mass email.
* **Director of Information Technology Paul Brosky**
* The scholarships are online. See him with any questions.
* **Speaker of the Senate Asha McWilliams**
* She wants to meet all of the new senators after the meeting to learn a little about how SGA works.
* **Secretary of the Senate Andrew Merritt**
* He explains office hours to the new senators. He tells everyone to continue to get office hours and make sure to send him the minutes any time there is a committee meeting.
* **Committee of Academic and Student Affairs Chair Amanda Harder**
* She needs at least three people on her committee. If you are interested, let her know. She wants to increase study hours, increase places on campus to study, and attempt to start the textbook library.
* **Campus Improvements Chair Matt Barr**
* He wants at least one new committee member. They are working on the safety walk and new printers.
* **Legislative Research Chair Trevor Huffman**
* (via Will Harris) There is no committee meeting today.
* **Public Relations Chair Ashlynn Evans**
* No report
* **Diversity and Inclusion Chair Mark Clark**
* He is accepting any committee members. See him if you have any interest or questions.
* **Sustainability Committee Chair Jayden Thomas**
* The meeting times are on Thursdays in the SGA conference room. They will be continuing to work on Earth Day. Fix-It Fest will be on DATE. He met with Dr. Tougas to look into more Topper Transit lines and extending lines to 9PM. They will be meeting in Potter Hall on Friday.
* **SGA SAVES Chair Amy Wyer**
* There is no meeting this week. See her with any interest or questions.
* **University Committee Reports**
* **Amy Wyer-Preston Health Advisory Council**
* The name will be changing for IMREC. They are finalizing the 3rd Phase of Preston renovations.
* **Judicial Council Report-Chief Justice Jacob McAndrews**
* No report
* **Guest/Student Speakers**
* None
* There is a motion to move out of the bylaws to move bills up. It is passed.
* There is a motion to move Bills 1-19-S, 3-19-S, and 4-19-S to Unfinished Business. It is passed.
* There is a motion to move back into the bylaws. It is passed.
* **Bill 1-19-S**
* The Bill passes 28-0.
* **Bill 3-19-S**
* There is a friendly amendment to add all of the organizations receiving funded in the therefore clause. It is accepted.
* The Bill passes 26-0-1.
* **Bill 4-19-S**
* The bill passes 26-0-1.
* **Announcements**
  + The Forensics Team will be having an event soon. Contact Ashlyn Jones for more information.
  + The WKU Spirit Masters will be having a Meet and Greet on February 27th. Contact Will Harris for more information.
  + The Emergency Management Core Group needs an SGA member, so see Logan Hornback to attend those.
  + The Arabic Club is presenting at 6:30 today.
  + The Residence Hall Association and CAB are having a Silent Disco tomorrow from 6-8PM.
  + Dance Big Red is March 29th. See Amanda Harder to join the SGA team.
* The meeting was adjourned at 6:21.