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# Senate Meeting Minutes

Twenty Sixth Meeting of the Twenty-Fifth Senate - Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## 1. Call to Order

- a. The regular meeting of the WKU Student Government Association was called to order on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:00 PM by Speaker of the Senate Hadley Whipple.

## 2. Roll Call

- a. Roll was called by Speaker Whipple.
- b. Absences
  - i. **Senator Carter**
  - ii. **Senator Okripo**
  - iii. **Senator Rodney**
  - iv. **Senator Yates**
- c. Quorum was met.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Minutes were approved.**

## 4. Guest and Student Speakers

- a. Jenny Griffith, Parking and Transportation joined by Brandy Griffith and Pam Miller.
  - i. They are ordering permits for Regents and Normal lot- most likely will be open in Spring of 2027.
  - ii. The Jones-Jagger Lots will be zoned for housing next school year.
  - iii. Transit is undergoing some changes due to rising diesel prices. It cost almost double this past month. If prices stay the same, there will be lots of discussions of where the program will go.
  - iv. Permits will not go on sale until closer to closer to July.
  - v. Senator Butler asked what was one thing that you think students should know about.
    1. Ms. Griffith answered that they offer on-demand transportation.
    2. Ms. Miller answered that she wants the whole student body to know about their transit systems.
  - vi. Senator Humble asked if there was a way that we could put together a survey to see student engagement with the transit system to see if there are routes; they could cut down due to rising gas prices.
    1. Ms. Miller answered that yes, that would be great.
    2. Ms. Griffith answered that they are working on the route systems to make the app more accurate.
  - vii. Student asked if NextStop is not active anymore.



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1. Ms. Griffith answered that yes, it should be, and that she will check it.
- viii. Senator Humble asked about Parking Structure 2 and how students are moved to park somewhere else.
  1. Ms. Griffith answered that it was not a decision made by Parking.
- ix. Senator Tucker asked how Hugh Pollard being torn down will affect that parking lot.
  1. Ms. Griffith explained that it will be blocked off by fences and explained the exact layout.
- x. A student guest asked about her concern for her disability passes when the transportation offices are closed.
  1. Ms. Miller answered that from 6pm-9pm the on-demand ADA services run.
- b. Chloe Ralston, Miss Cedar Creek 2026
  - i. Presented on her philanthropy, Petals for a Purpose.
  - ii. It is a nonprofit to bridge the gap between the elderly and the community by repurposing flowers to connect with nursing home residents.
- c. Zee Brown, Planned Parent Hood Generation Action
  - i. A movement of students who advocate for reproductive freedom. To achieve that, we teach students how to use their voice, vote, and contact their representatives.
  - ii. Zee's mission is to help students feel safe and supported.

### 5. Officer Reports

- a. President: **Rush Robinson**
  - i. Vote in the election and remember why you are doing it!
  - ii. If students do not see us as an organization that is here to help others, then we are null.
  - iii. There are no call sheets or bet sheets on the election.
  - iv. No meeting next week because it is Greek Week.
  - v. Come to Greek Jeopardy!
  - vi. The election party is tomorrow!
  - vii. Senator Tucker asked President Robinson what his favorite part of this year has been.
    1. President Robinson answered that he is proud of the appointments he has made to senators. They have done amazing things this past year!
  - viii. Senator Butler asked for any last words of advice.
    1. He answered to stay curious.
- b. Vice President: **Savanna Kurtz**
  - i. Report given via Facetime.
  - ii. She wishes she could be there for her last report!
  - iii. She says that she is praying for everyone during this time.
- c. Chief Financial Officer: **Gabriel Jerdon**
  - i. Thank you guys for a good year!
  - ii. If you have any bills that you need money to be rolling for, please hit me up by the end of the day.



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- iii. Pick up org aid checks.
- iv. We have \$71.17 left to spend.
- d. Chief of Staff: **Maggie Yelton**
  - i. Make sure you keep the office clean towards the end of the year.
  - ii. Thank you for coming to the banquet!
  - iii. Reach out if you want to chat!
  - iv. Good luck to everyone running!
- e. Chief Communications Officer: **Preston Jenkins**
  - i. Happy Tuesday!
  - ii. We have two events this week!
  - iii. On Thursday at 5:30pm there will be live music in the colonnades.
  - iv. On Friday at Centennial Mall, we will be tabling from 10:30-3:00 to get students registered to vote.
  - v. The AI Committee is looking for ways to get involved. They are looking to make videos to engage students. They are also looking into enterprise solutions for students to use. This will then potentially create a course for all students to learn how to properly use AI.
  - vi. Student Guest asked how they are planning to implement environmental safety features.
    - 1. CCO Jenkins answered by saying that he will bring that up to the committee.
  - vii. Senator Tucker stated that she does not believe in AI and what that looks like using their tuition money for it. Senator Rettig also agreed.
    - 1. CCO Jenkins stated that he will bring it up to the committee.
  - viii. Senator Butler asked what would happen if a student who was against AI refused to take the course.
    - 1. CCO Jenkins stated that he will bring it up to the committee.
  - ix. Senator Lucas pointed out that professors have different policies.
  - x. Senator Phelps stated that there are some departments that are pro-AI, and that it could be a good way to pilot the program.
  - xi. CCO Jenkins stated thank you for everyone's responses.
  - xii. Advisor Lauren stated that she can get CCO Jenkins in contact with Austin Peay's AI Professor.
  - xiii. Malachi and I are filming Monday at noon for the sunset event!
  - xiv. Ben and I are filming our rap for SGA resources soon.
- f. Speaker of the Senate: **Hadley Whipple**
  - i. Get your office hours in by the last meeting of the month (April 28<sup>th</sup>).
  - ii. Lots of opportunities for office hours!
  - iii. I will send out Senator of the Month.
  - iv. I am really proud of you and your hard work! We have been able to see very tangible changes on campus. So, thank you! We would not have SGA without the senators.
- g. Secretary of the Senate: **Karlee Powell**



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- i. Good luck with the elections! I will not be able to attend the last meeting / the swearing in of the new senate because I will be presenting my capstone project. So, this is my last meeting. Thank you guys for making my senior year amazing! I could not imagine it without SGA!

### 6. Committee Reports

- a. Legislative Operations Committee: **Caden Lucas**
  - i. STATS
  - ii. The most legislation since the 2018-2019 school year.
  - iii. Shoutout to my committee for the diligent effort.
  - iv. Thank you for your hard work!
- b. Enrollment and Student Experience: **Jakob Barker**
  - i. Thank you to the committee. Senator Barker announced his thanks to each of his committee members individually.
- c. Outreach and Public Relations: **Cayden Bailey**
  - i. Thank you to Exec and JC for an awesome year!
  - ii. Thank you to CCO Jenkins and my committee.
- d. Campus Improvements and Sustainability: **Emily Reinneck**
  - i. Keep filling out the housing and maintenance survey.
  - ii. Next Friday is the Earth Day celebration in Centennial Mall!
  - iii. Setting into Summer is on the last Tuesday of the school year.
- e. Action and Opportunity Committee: **Jade Ismail**
  - i. The UNO tournament went really well!
- f. Student Mental Health and Wellbeing / Campus Safety and Security: **Veronica Butler**
  - i. The Out of the Darkness Walk is this Saturday!
  - ii. Senator Butler expressed her honor of serving as committee chair and her thanks to everyone involved in their projects.
  - iii. The scholarship for CSASS Week will be announced soon!
- Senator Lucas highlighted Senator Butler's work as a first-year senator.
- g. Community Relations: **Bradley Wagoner**
  - i. Thank you for this last year.
  - ii. Super thankful for the committee.

### 7. Special Orders

- a. Judicial Council Report: **Sophie Stirling**
  - i. We had a hearing last night and the minutes were sent out today.
  - ii. JCs' responsibility to have judicial review over any comments, questions, or concerns. Discussion is encouraged, but disrespect is not. JC has full authority over all judicial procedures.
  - iii. I love WKU and this organization. I appreciate your hard work this semester.
  - iv. If you have any concerns, you can come to me.



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- v. Voting is open!
- b. Swearing In: **Sophie Stirling**
- c. University Committee Reports
  - i. Committee on Academic Quality: Jaden Marshall
    - 1. Meeting is next week.
  - ii. Master Plan Committee: Maggie Phelps
    - 1. No report.
  - iii. University Athletic Committee: Garrett Price
    - 1. No report.
  - iv. Parking and Transportation Services Appeal Committee: Evan Tuck, Jaden Marshall, Cayden Bailey
    - 1. Meeting tomorrow was cancelled.
  - v. Faculty Senate Budget and Finance Committee: Jakob Barker
    - 1. No report.
  - vi. Graduate Advisory Council: Senator Adegoju
    - 1. We met on Thursday and discussed how enrollment increased this spring semester. The goal is to continue to increase it.
  - vii. Colonnade General Education Committee: Caden Lucas
    - 1. No report.
  - viii. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: Will Derryberry
    - 1. Last meeting is next Tuesday.
  - ix. Faculty Welfare Committee: Ciin Lun
    - 1. The survey was sent out last month and they are reviewing it.
  - x. Student Life Foundation: Savanna Kurtz
    - 1. No report.

### 8. Unfinished Business

#### **Bill 21-26-S. Funding for the National Panhellenic Council Preview Day in partnership with the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.**

- Presented by Senator Tucker, Senator Lucas, and Guest Student Speaker Demani Bell.
- CFO Jerdon stated that NPHC received \$125 in the fall and did not apply in the spring. They would not be able to use Org Aid in the context of the bill.
- No speeches in affirmation or negation.
- Electronic Vote.
  - o Unanimous Yes.

Bill 21-26-S has passed.

#### **Bill 24-26-S. A Bill to Fund Massage Therapy Vouchers for Student Stress Relief During Finals Week.**

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- Presented by Senators Smith
- Senator Phelps asked if there would be a way to track how many entries.
  - o Senator Smith answered that they will be allowing one entry and use a wheel.
- COS Yelton asked how much each massage is.
  - o Senator Smith answered \$30.
- Senator Tucker motioned to amend the bill to add one voucher for \$30, moving the total to \$120.
  - o Taken as friendly.
- Senator Lucas spoke in affirmation that students already have talked to him about the vouchers, so it shows invested interest.
- No negation.
- Electronic Vote.
  - o Unanimous Yes.

Bill 24-26-S has passed.

### **Bill 25-26-S. Funding for the WKU Office of Sustainability Food Pantry.**

- Presented by Senator Tucker.
- POI to CFO Jerdon asked how much is left in the budget.
  - o CFO Jerdon answered that there is \$71.17
- No questions.
- Senator Phelps stated that Senator Tucker's initiative for No Hungry Hilltoppers is inspiring. She commends her.
- Senator Barker stated that it is cool when we can provide students in pressing ways is really powerful, and he applauds Senator Tucker.
- Senator Humble said thank you to Senator Tucker and that she is inspiring all of us.
- No negation.
- Electronic Vote.
  - o Unanimous Yes

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### **9. New Business**

a. N/A

### **10. Announcements**

Senator Harvey announced that it is Bike4Alz benefit night tonight.

Senator Morris announced First Gen and Juice is this Friday.



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Senator Bailey announced that the WKU Swim Club's first meet is this Friday.

Senator Humble announced to come to Setting into Summer.

Senator Derryberry announced to come to Greek Jeopardy.

CCO Jenkins announced to attend the event tomorrow night at the colonnades.

CFO Jerdon announced that if you passed a bill you need to follow up and spend money.

CJ Stirling announced to vote.

### **11. Adjournment**

- a. Senator Lucas made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- b. The motion was seconded by Senator Harvey.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29p.m.



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First Reading: 4/2/2026 -tabled  
Second Reading:  
Pass:  
Fail:  
Other:

**Bill 21-26-S. Funding for the National Panhellenic Council Preview Day in partnership with the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.**

- PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$500.00 for the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) Preview Day in partnership with the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.
- WHEREAS:** The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Fund, and
- WHEREAS:** The National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) is a registered student organization at Western Kentucky University and has proposed hosting a Preview Day event on April 30th, and
- WHEREAS:** The NPHC Preview Day will include campus tours, informational sessions regarding scholarships, campus life, and culture, as well as a panel of both students and faculty for attendants, and
- WHEREAS:** The event will be open to all prospective students and the purpose of the event is to enhance student recruitment, provide access to campus resources, and foster a welcoming and informative introduction to Western Kentucky University for all prospective students, and
- WHEREAS:** This partnership, and the funding therein, will serve to provide refreshments for the future Hilltoppers who will be attending this event, in the form of a Barbeque dinner following the adjournment of the preview day, and
- WHEREAS:** By creating this partnership, WKU SGA is communicating their continued dedication to the education of all students on our hill, both current and prospective.
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$500.00 for the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) Preview Day in partnership with WKU SGA.
- AUTHORS:** Rayna Taylor, National Panhellenic Council, President  
Amelia R. Tucker, Senator-at Large  
Caden Lucas, Junior Senator



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First Reading: 4/7/2026

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

Other:

**Bill 24-26-S. Funding for the WKU Office of Sustainability Food Pantry**

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$30.00 to the WKU Office of Sustainability Food Pantry.

**WHEREAS:** The money will come from Legislative Operations Committee, and

**WHEREAS:** The WKU Food Pantry provides access to food and toiletry supplies to Hilltoppers in need, and

**WHEREAS:** There is always need seen within the Food Pantry, and

**WHEREAS:** Meeting the physical needs of WKU students is part of how we help to ensure that there are no hungry hilltoppers and is always a worthy use of Legislative funds.

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$30.00 to the WKU Office Sustainability Food Pantry.

**AUTHORS:** Amelia R. Tucker - Senator at Large

**SPONSORS:** Legislative Operations Committee

**CONTACTS:** Dr. Leslie North - Office of Sustainability Director



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First Reading: 4/7/2026

Second Reading:

Pass:

Fail:

**Bill 25-26-S. A Bill to Fund Massage Therapy Vouchers for Student Stress Relief During Finals Week**

- PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$120.00 to purchase four massage therapy vouchers for students to promote stress relief during finals week.
- WHEREAS:** The money will come from the Legislative Discretionary Fund, and
- WHEREAS:** Finals week is a high-stress period for students, often impacting mental health, well-being, and academic performance, and
- WHEREAS:** Providing access to stress-relief services such as massage therapy can improve student wellness and help students better manage academic pressures, and
- WHEREAS:** The Health & Fitness Lab in the Preston Center offers massage therapy services that support physical and mental relaxation for students, and
- WHEREAS:** Allocating funds for four massage vouchers at \$30.00 each will provide selected students with an opportunity to decompress and recharge during finals week, and
- WHEREAS:** The Preston Health and Activity Center has agreed to donate three (3) one hour massage



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sessions for student usage as well, making the total number of massage vouchers available for WKU Students seven (7), and

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$120.00 for the purchase of four massage therapy vouchers at \$30.00 each to be distributed to students during finals week.

**AUTHORS:** Jackson Smith, Freshman Senator  
Carter Smith, Freshman Senator

**CONTACTS:** Health and Fitness Lab; Sabrina Pate, Office Coordinator

**SPONSOR:** Legislative Operations Committee