SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The thirteenth meeting of the fifteenth Senate was called to order by Nathan Cherry at 5:02 pm on January 31st, 2017.

- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

- **President- Jay Todd Richey:** Dr. Timothy Caboni will be the 10th President of Western Kentucky University. The Rally for Kentucky Higher Education will take place Monday, February 13th from 1pm to 3pm at the state Capitol building. The focus of the rally will focus on restoring funding to universities and funding need-based financial aid. There will be a Civil Health Forum, Wednesday, February 1st from 3:30pm to 4:30 pm in the Faculty House.

- President Jay Todd Richey's appointments Andrea Ambam, Shantel Pettway, Asha Wasuge, Kenan Mujkanovic, Will Hurst, Hizareth Linares, Lillian Nellan, Flavio Chavarri, and Blake Bowden as Senators At-Large are approved.

- Chief Justice Cody Cox swears in Andrea Ambam, Shantel Pettway, Asha Wasuge, Kenan Mujkanovic, Will Hurst, Hizareth Linares, Lillian Nellan, Flavio Chavarri, and Blake Bowden as Senators At-Large.

- President Jay Todd Richey's appointment of Yasmin Sadrinia as an Associate Justice is approved.

- Chief Justice Cody Cox swears in Yasmin Sadrinia as an Associate Justice.

- President Jay Todd Richey's appointments of Andi Dahmer and Morgan Wysong to MyCampusToo committee chair and Public Relations committee chair, respectively, are approved.

- Chief Justice Cody Cox swears in Andi Dahmer and Morgan Wysong to MyCampusToo committee chair and Public Relations committee chair, respectively.

- **Executive Vice President- Kate Hart:** If you are a returning senator who was not appointed to a university committee, let Kate know for a new committee assignment. Cody Cox is the SGA nomination for Coming Home King.

- **Administrative Vice President- Hannah Neeper:** The Organizational Aid committee will begin meeting next week.

- **Chief of Staff- James Line:** Will be working with the committee chairs and working on getting students to attend the Rally for Kentucky Higher Education.

- **Director of Public Relations- Murphy Burke:** If you are interested in attending the Rally for Kentucky Higher Education, fill out the Google document. If you want to poll the student body about any issue, let Murphy know. There will be a statement from SGA in regards to the immigration ban. There will likely be an event on February 15th to show support to those directly affected by the immigration ban.

- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Josh Knight:** The Earn-A-Computer program will resume for this semester. If you are interested in being the Academic Affairs committee chair, let Josh know.

- **Director of Information Technology- Abhishek Bose:** No report.

- **Speaker of the Senate- Nathan Cherry:** New committees will be set next week. If you would like to discuss any legislation ideas or need help with legislation, let Nathan know.

- **Secretary of the Senate- Kara Lowry:** If you miss a meeting, make sure to fill out a Senate absence excuse form. All the meeting minutes are posted on the website.

- **Campus Improvements- Zach Jones:** Campus Improvements committee will not be meeting this week.

- **Legislative Research- Brian Anderson:** If you need any help researching legislation ideas, contact Brian.

- **Public Relations Morgan Wysong-** If you have any tabling ideas, let Morgan know.

- **Student Affairs Emily Houston-** Student Affairs committee will not be meeting this week. The Earn-A-Computer application has increased the service hours needed from 35 to 40 hours.

- **MyCampusToo Andi Dahmer-** MyCampusToo's first meeting will be after the Senate meeting. Will be transitioning away from forums and start more tabling. The Campus Letters Program will be a main focus this semester that will focus on delivering letters to President Ransdell and future President Caboni about issues that marginalized students feel are important.

- **Sustainability Savannah Molyneaux-** Sustainability meetings will be Thursday from 5:30-6:30. The Earth Day festival will be April 20th.

- **University Committee Report-Stephen Mayer, Hannah Neeper:** Preston Health Advisory Council- Starting to discuss more ways to improve the Preston Center. If you are interested in this committee, contact Kate; Finance and Budgeting Committee- Discussed heating and cooling issues in different buildings on campus.

- **Judicial Council Report- Cody Cox:** The election codes will be finalized by next Monday. If you have any suggestions for improving the election codes, let Cody know. The next Judicial Council meeting will be next Monday at 6:30 pm.

- **Student Speaker- Madison Keller:** Email Madison if you are interested in helping with the project regarding mental health awareness among international students.

- **Student Speaker- Nick Conrad:** The Topper Pub and Grill is now serving alcohol. The E-sports team received the headsets that SGA funded. The E-sports team will be having a viewing event in Night Class on Saturday at 1:30 pm.

- **Student Speaker- Francisco Serrano:** There will be a public forum with immigration lawyers in response to the immigration ban. If you would like to help with the forum or have any question ideas for the lawyers, let Francisco know. The forum will take place February 13th. If you would like more information about volunteering with Feeding for America, contact Francisco.

- **Student Speaker- Dillon McCormick:** Reached out to an immigration lawyer in Bowling Green to have her come to campus to offer legal advice to immigrant students on campus.

- **Student Speaker- Andi Dahmer:** OPA will be having a craft drive on March 8th from 10-2 in Centennial Mall. If you would like to donate crafts, let Andi know.

- **Announcement- Jody Dahmer:** Urges senators to not wait until the last couple of meetings to write legislation and utilize discretionary funds.

- **Announcement- Will Hurst:** If you are interested in helping with the E-sports team's event on Saturday, let Will or Nick know.

- **Announcement- Flavio Chavarri:** If you are wanting to discuss the recent immigration ban and how to help, contact Flavio.

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.