

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The second meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on September 5th, 2017.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** There will be a trip to Frankfort for all senators in the Spring, around the first week of classes, on Wednesday or Thursday. We will be having individual meetings with the legislatures while in Frankfort. The trip will count as an excused absence from classes. If you have any further suggestions for the trip, let Savannah know. There are still several spots open on the University Committees.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** Senate elections will take place on the 11th and 12th (next Monday and Tuesday). There is now a formal application for senator appointments on the SGA website, in response to senator Hurst's bill proposal last week. President Dahmer encourages everyone to read the constitution and bylaws and clarifies some points she had received questions on. She discusses the differences between censor, censure, and judicial review. She also touches on the procedure involved in the impeachment process. The term quorum is also explained. These terms are all in the constitution and bylaws and were brought to President Dahmer's attention, if anyone has further questions, feel free to ask her. Campus Improvements and SGA Saves still have committee chairs available. If you're not elected, any student on campus can still write legislation or join a committee. There is a counseling and testing center, if anyone needs to talk to someone after the tragedy this past weekend.
- Dillion McCormick motions for Isaac Keller to be appointed as an associate justice.
- Isaac Keller's appointment is approved by unanimous consent.
- Associate justice Jacob McAndrews swears in Isaac Keller as an associate justice.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** Voting on the budget.
- Lucas Knight motions to approve the budget.
- The budget is approved by unanimous consent.

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- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** There will be an election results party next Tuesday in the senate chambers. The party will start around 11:30 and there will be doughnuts, milk, and juice.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Amy will be giving a campaign 101 session after this meeting for anyone running for a senate seat. Photos will be taken over the next couple of weeks for the SGA social media sites. There will be an SGA booth in Centennial Mall during the election.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Emily Houston:** All of the SGA scholarships are posted. The deadline for Study Abroad, Summer Term, and Scholar Development scholarships is October 31st. The earn a computer program is also up. Those will be granted on a rolling basis as soon as someone gets 40 service hours and fills out the application.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** The scholarships and minutes are on the website. If anything needs to be changed, let Smita know.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Last week, Speaker Richardson made a mistake by going back into debate after a bill has failed, that will not happen moving forward. September 15th at 4:00 is the senator retreat, dress is casual.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Senators need to start getting office hours the week of the 12th, which is next week. Senators must get one office hour each week.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** No report.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** Join the committee if you want to.
- **Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** All of the scholarships are on the website, join the committee if you want to.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Divya Gangavelli:** A subcommittee on diversity is being formed.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** Volunteering with game day recycling started last Saturday and was successful. If you're interested in doing that in the future, contact Elizabeth Gafford (elizabeth.gafford@wku.edu). Ian is also trying to do an event around no shave November. Applications for officer positions will go out once everyone is assigned to a committee. Their next meeting is Thursday at 5:30 in the SGA chambers.

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- **University Committee Report – Amy Wyer:** Amy Wyer is on the Preston Committee. They meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7am. The Preston Center phase three plans will be announced soon. The basketball courts will likely be shut down during winter break.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** If anyone running for a senate seat has questions about the election codes, contact Chief Justice Annalicia Carlson or any other member of the judicial council.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 3-17-F**
- Emily Houston made a friendly amendment adding Dr. Jeffrey Budziak as a contact.
- Bill 3-17-F is passed with unanimous consent.
- **Announcement – Ryan Richardson:** Bill 7-17-F will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Announcement – Dallas McKinney:** The White Squirrel weather station has launched an app today, “White Squirrel Weather”. The app is run by WKU meteorology students.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:35 pm.