

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The third meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on September 12th, 2017.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** Andi just attended the Governor’s Conference on Post-Secondary Education. There she learned that this year is a budget year, meaning our rally for higher education holds more importance this year. The rally will likely be the last week of January or the first week of February. It will be a cross-state effort with all major public universities. We are also having strategic planning on our campus as we have a new president. Students can be involved in this as well. There are still open positions for committee chairs, applications are due the 15th. Freshman are eligible as well. The senate retreat will be this Friday. If you are not elected to serve as a senator this year, you can still serve on a committee. President Dahmer reads the preamble of the WKU SGA Constitution. That as well as our non-discrimination clause are highly important. Approach the executive cabinet at any time with questions, concerns, or ideas for legislation.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** The committee sign up list is passed around the chambers. Voting on the SGA Homecoming Queen candidate. Andi Dahmer is elected as the SGA Homecoming Queen candidate. The Frankfort trip will be discussed at the next meeting, once new senators are elected.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** Update on the budget. Organizational Aid applications will be out sometime next week.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** TopNet elections will end at 11:59 tonight. There will be an election results party tonight in the senate chambers. The party will start around 11:30 and there will be GAD’s doughnuts, milk, and juice. Connor has a bill in new business, it will be moved into old business due to time constraints.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Amy has been taking pictures to use for SGA social media. Follow us on all social media and like our pictures. Our athletic partnership video will be played at the homecoming parade. There will be a tabling session at the basketball game. There will also be SGA website clickables on the WKU sports websites.

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- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** There is a bill in new business for the office of study away, look over that for next week.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** No report.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** This Friday at 4:00 is the mandatory senator retreat, dress is casual. We will cover basic information on what you need to do to be a senator. We should be done around 7:00. Committee chairs should have meeting times established by Friday. If you cannot attend the senate retreat, send Ryan or Annalicia your excuse.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Senators need to start getting office hours this week. Senators must get one office hour each week. Asha's office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 if anyone ever has any questions.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** No report.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** No report.
- **Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** No report.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Divya Gangavelli:** No report.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** Legislation for no shave November will be out next week. Their next meeting is Thursday at 5:30 in SGA Chambers.
- **University Committee Report – Lucas Knight (Bowling Green Fairness), Connor Hounshell (Campus Pride Index, Faculty Welfare), Savannah Molyneaux (Parking and Transportation Services Committee, Budget Council):** Representative with Bowling Green Fairness. They are pushing for a fairness ordinance. The monthly meeting was last night. Next Tuesday is the bi-monthly city commission meeting where they will be talking about passing the Bowling Green fairness ordinance. Campus Pride Index. Ice cream social tonight at 7. Faculty Welfare. There was a faculty wellness survey conducted. Parking and Transportation Services Committee. Talked about issues with parking on campus and tickets. Proposing the scoff law, if you have a certain number of parking citations, repercussions will occur. Budget Council. Working with President Caboni to revisit the budget and see what programs they can cut/improve.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** Devan Richardson has stepped down. A potential new justice has been contacted. They will hopefully be reported and sworn in next Tuesday. A violation of code has been reported to the Judicial Council and they are investigating it now. The election results party is tonight.

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- **Student Speaker – Anna McAvoy:** The reusable grocery bags are still available in the SGA office if you donate 25 plastic bags.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 7-17-F**
- William Hurst makes a friendly amendment to strike section 2.4 of the Western Kentucky University Student Government Association Bylaws stating, "...if a majority of the other four justices," and to added in its place "...if a majority of the other six justices..."
- Bill 7-17-F is passed with unanimous consent.
- Lucas Knight's motion to suspend the bylaws is passed by unanimous consent.
- Lucas Knight's motion to move Bill 9-17-F into unfinished business is passed.
- Lucas Knight's motion to return into the bylaws is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 9-17-F**
- Amy Wyer makes a friendly amendment changing "9-17-S" to "9-17-F"
- Bill 9-17-F is passed.
- **Announcement – Andi Dahmer:** One of the big things discussed at the Governor's Conference on Post-Secondary Education was the importance of shared governance. We should speak with both faculty and staff members as well.
- **Announcement – Lucas Knight:** The LGBTQ+ Ice Cream Social is tonight.
- **Announcement – Ryan Richardson:** Friday is the senate retreat. Please come to the Ice Cream Social tonight.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:40 pm.