

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The fifth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on September 26th, 2017.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** Applications for the new strategic planning working committees are available. President Caboni would like those committees to be composed of half senators, half non-senators. Applications are available on the SGA website and will be due Thursday at midnight. President Dahmer encourages senators to collaborate with each other on similar issues and gives an overview on her opinions on the legislation to be discussed tonight. Parking and transportation services is looking to get more direct student involvement. Any senators interested in becoming involved should contact President Dahmer or any other member of the executive cabinet. We will have a guest speaker from the Garret Conference Center Renovation Committee at the October 10th SGA meeting.
- Mark Clark's appointment as a senator at large is approved by unanimous consent.
- Chief Justice Annalicia Carlson swears in Mark Clark as a senator at large.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** If you would like to go to Frankfort next semester, be sure to sign your name on the form Savannah is distributing. The budget council meets every Monday, and they will also be meeting Wednesday. They have a February 1st deadline to make any suggestions to President Caboni. Feel free to contact Savannah with any suggestions.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** There is still \$8,050 in senate discretionary funds. Organizational aid applications are out on the SGA website. Any bills addressing money must be discussed with Kara.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** The senator meetings have been going well. If you have not yet met with the executive cabinet, you will need to reschedule your meeting.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** There was a tabling event earlier today. Be sure to share information posted on the SGA accounts with others and not everyone sees those social media accounts.

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- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** No report.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** Committee meeting times have been posted on the SGA website.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Some senators have not fulfilled their office hour applications. Attending to your required responsibilities is highly important as a senator. Ryan made a mistake earlier in saying once you vote on something the bill cannot be re-discussed. However, this can happen up to three times within the same day and anything else on the agenda takes precedent before the bill can be re-considered.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** If you have any questions about absences, feel free to talk to Asha.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** This committee will be meeting after the SGA meeting.
- **Campus Improvements – Garret Edmonds:** If you are in this committee, their first meeting will be tonight after the SGA meeting. Vice chair applications will be discussed at the meeting.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** They will be meeting after tonight's meeting. At least one author of each piece of new business legislation needs to talk with the Legislative Research Committee before their bill can be discussed next week.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** Their first tabling event was hosted today. They gauged student opinion on sexual assault education, parking issues, and handicap accessibility at WKU.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Divya Gangavelli:** They meet on Wednesday 7:15-8:15 in DSU 3003. They are working on writing legislation on cultural competency legislation and including more marginalized students on campus. They are also looking to have resource fairs.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** No shave November business will be discuss today. They are looking to find ways to recycle homecoming floats. October 15th at 1pm they will be trying to recycle the materials. October 26th at 4pm they will host a screening of An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power as a swipeable event and extra credit for some classes.

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- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** They will be meeting tonight after the SGA meeting. Vice chair applications are available to anyone interested.
- **University Committee Report – IAC (Jordan Tackett), Grad Student Council (Savannah Molyenaux), Academic Quality Committee (Ryan Richardson):** IAC. They are looking to new study abroad programs and are looking for student opinion on internationalization. Grad Student Council. International enrollment has decreased. Six lunch and learn sessions will be held for grad students this year. Academic Quality Committee. They discussed an academic freeze. If a student had a bad semester, they could “freeze” it so that it would no longer count towards their GPA. This could potentially help improve WKU’s retention rates. Anyone with opinions on the issue can contact the committee.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** If you submitted a senate excuse, it can be viewed online. Absences and excuses were reviewed last night at the Judicial Council meeting. Unexcused absences can be appealed.
- **New Business**
- Ian Hamilton motions to move out of the bylaws.
- Ian Hamilton’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- Ian Hamilton’s motions to move bill 10-17-F into unfinished business.
- Ian Hamilton’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- Will Hurst motions to move Bill 11-11-F, Bill 12-11-F, Bill 13-11-F, Resolution 1-17-F, and Bill 14-11-F into unfinished business.
- Will Hurst’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- Anna McAvoy motions to move back into the bylaws.
- Anna McAvoy’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 10-17-F**
- Dallas McKinney makes a friendly amendment changing “\$250” to “\$100.”
- William Hurst makes a friendly amendment adding “and tag @WKUSGA” after “#noshaveforcancer”
- Lily Nellans makes an amendment changing every “beard” to “body hair” and to change “female judges” to “judges.”

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- Lily Nellans friendly amends her amendment changing every use of the word “men” to “people.”
- Lily Nellans friendly amends her amendment changing “body hair” to “beard and leg hair.”
- Lucas Knight friendly amends the amendment changing “beard and leg hair” to “body hair.”
- Lily Nellans’ amendments are not passed.
- Bill 10-17-F is passed.
- **Bill 11-17-F**
- Bill 11-17-F is passed with unanimous consent.
- **Bill 12-17-F**
- Will Harris friendly amends “a random process at the beginning of each semester” to “a random process each time there is a Senate seat vacancy.”
- Jordan Tackett friendly amends “will create an application” to “will use an existing application.”
- Jordan Tackett strikes the friendly amendment.
- Bill 12-17-F is passed with unanimous consent.
- **Bill 13-17-F**
- Amy Wyer makes a friendly amendment changing every “Pubic Relations Committee” to “Public Relations Committee.”
- Bill 13-17-F is passed with unanimous consent.
- **Resolution 1-17-F**
- Will Hurst friendly amends “freshman” to “first year Western Kentucky University students.”
- Resolution 1-17-F is passed.
- **Bill 14-17-F**
- Will Hurst friendly amends “majority of the student body must vote to” to “majority of votes in the election will.”

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- Bill 14-17-F is passed with unanimous consent.
- **Announcement – Andi Dahmer:** We are promoting shared governance this year and meeting with faculty before resolutions are voted on by the senate.
- **Announcement – Lily Nellans:** The legislative research committee meeting has been cancelled.
- **Announcement – Garret Edmonds:** Campus improvements will be meeting after this meeting.
- **Announcement – Dillon McCormick:** Encourages everyone to read bills prior to the meeting.
- Will Hurst makes a motion to cancel next week's senate meeting.
- Will Hurst's motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- **Announcement – Lily Nellans:** Her committee will be meeting after this meeting.
- **Announcement – Will Hurst:** Send him or Lily an email to get student opinion on your bill.
- **Announcement – Charley Pride:** No office hours during next week.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:46 pm.