

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The eighth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:03 pm on October 24th, 2017.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** There was an incident this past weekend where a student dressed in black face for a Halloween party and this is not acceptable. The Herald reporters are allowed in all university committee meetings. Andi hosted the student body presidents from around the commonwealth this past weekend and was able to share our SGA practices with them. The Pride Festival this past weekend was highly successful. A senator has withdrawn from senate, so the application on the SGA website is available for anyone who would like to apply for the senate seat. Attendance at committee meetings is mandatory. If you need to change committees for some reason, talk with Ryan. There is a special guest tonight from parking and transportation services. If you have anyone you would like to come talk to SGA, be sure to contact Ryan or Andi. Tonight we will be discussing legislation regarding the DREAM act.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** The Frankfort trip will tentatively be on February 6th. Budget council meetings are still twice a week, if anyone has any ideas, feel free to let Savannah know.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** The updated budget is discussed.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** No report.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Be sure to fill out the survey. The tailgating event is this weekend; everyone is welcome to come. The PR committee will need to meet with Amy after the meeting. University committee meetings are public knowledge so everything can be openly discussed unless it is explicitly stated that the information is confidential. If you are unsure of an issue, refer to the committee head.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** All of the scholarship deadlines are next Tuesday October 31st. The spreadsheet of the

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winners need to be submitted by November 3rd, if anyone wants to help grade scholarships let Emily know.

- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** No report.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Two senators need to meet with Ryan after the meeting to discuss a change in committee assignments.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** No report.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** The scholarship deadline is the 31st, if you want to help grade scholarships, contact Ashley or Emily.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** They will be meeting after senate.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** They will be meeting after senate. If you have a piece of legislation in new business, at least one author needs to meet with them regarding their research process. The pieces of legislation that we will be voting on tonight have all been cleared by Legislative Research.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** The PR committee is discussing creating an SGA Group Me to increase collaboration between senators. They are also working on putting polls on social media.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Divya Gangavelli:** The resource fair is being pushed back to November 17th. Committee meetings are Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** This Thursday from 4-6pm in Gary Ransdell Hall there will be a screening of “An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power” hosted by Al Gore.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** The meeting today is cancelled. Some upcoming monthly events are outlined.
- **University Committee Report (Colonnade Committee – Dylan McCormick, Graduate Student Council – Savannah Molyneaux):** Colonnade Committee. Adjusting the foreign language requirement was discussed. The requirement now only requires two years in high school. There are still several steps before it will be passed. Graduate Student Council. New catalog, student interviews, 14 course changes and 6 program changes.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** They met last night. Two senators have excessive absences so they will be discussed in an emergency meeting Monday at 6pm in the SGA Office. Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.

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- **Guest Speaker – Jennifer Tougas (Parking and Transportation):** Parking structure three should be completed by Thursday. There will then be a 30-day period for everything to be wrapped up. It will serve as campus overflow parking, allowing those parked in South Campus to park on the main campus. It will be operated the same as parking structure two. There will be roughly 700 new parking spaces. There are four main parking lots on campus for commuters. With the addition of parking structure three there will be five. They are now piloting a counting system on the iWKU app to see how full the parking lots are. A bike share survey was conducted to see if there was student interest in a bike rental service on campus. The survey got positive feedback indicating interest in the service. They also have a car share program to rent a car by the hour. There are four cars available to rent on campus. They are also looking into a ride share program allowing you to match yourself with others going to the same destination. A pay station has been installed in the parking lot next to Arby's. It will be available for daily parking for \$2 with no permit required once parking structure three is opened. They also have an idea for a marketing campaign called "Know Parking." Most students don't interact with the parking and transportation office and therefore don't understand all of the parking rules.
- **Student Speaker – Jeremy McFarland:** He is here in support of Bill 21-17-F and Resolution 2-17-F.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 19-17-F**
- Bill 19-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Resolution 2-17-F**
- Francisco Serrano friendly amends the contact list to add "Ellie Young, WKU Young Democrats" to the list.
- William Hurst makes a friendly amendment changing "Martha Anderson NAACP President" to "Martha Anderson Bowling Green NAACP President."
- Resolution 2-17-F fails.
- **Bill 21-17-F**
- Francisco Serrano tables Bill 21-17-F until next week.
- **Announcement – Ryan Richardson:** Next week Bill 21-17-F and all of new business will be addressed.

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- **Announcement – Lily Nellans:** The Legislative Research Committee meeting is cancelled.
- **Announcement – Amy Wyer:** Fill out the survey.
- **Announcement – Alex Sergent:** Urges senators to remain professional and respectful.
- **Announcement – Lucas Knight:** Thank you to everyone who came to and supported Pride.
- **Announcement – William Hurst:** The PR committee is hosting a tailgating event this Saturday, everyone is encouraged to come.
- **Announcement – Dallas McKinney:** There is a 5K and 10K Friday night organized by a WKU staff member.
- **Announcement – Anna McAvoy:** There is a new initiative to collect 500,000 plastic bags by April to create a composite bench.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:59 pm.