

## SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

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- The eleventh meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **Guest Speaker – President Caboni:** Thanks Senators for their leadership on campus. The President discusses the progress of the strategic planning committee and his interactions with both faculty and students in regards to improving the university. The strategic planning committee aims to set a roadmap for Western Kentucky University for the next decade. He discusses aims to improve recruiting and retaining students and the tough decisions to withdraw funding from some components. He would like to make WKU an institution of opportunity and access.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** Andi thanks President Caboni for coming to speak and reiterates the importance of the strategic planning committee. There will be a forum to discuss the progress of the strategic planning committee in DSU on the 28<sup>th</sup>. President Dahmer thanks senators for the quality and amount of legislation being crafted. However, this amount of legislation will require a senate meeting during finals week. There will not be a meeting next Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving break. SGA has been given 40 free basketball tickets if senators would like to bring a guest, as students get in free. There has been some concern over the doors being locked. One was accidentally locked at the last meeting. All meetings are open and everyone is invited to attend. DSU has control over unlocking the doors, SGA is not attempting to limit student voice. Next year Andi would like to have a committee timeline from the committee chairs to outline their goals for each month and ensure everything gets accomplished.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** Budget council had a skype meeting with NKU last week to discuss their budget planning process. Budget council would like to make the process open to students and encourage all student input. Savannah outlines some of her legislation up for first read tonight. One of the bills is for a project to collect student voices and experiences with sexual assault. The project aims to raise sexual assault awareness. If you would like to help Savannah with the project let her know.

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- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** They are no longer accepting organizational aid applications as the budget is running out. If you are writing any bills that deal with funding, make sure to discuss them with Kara.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** No report.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** They are working to increase publicity of the strategic planning forum. If you would like to have posters made for any events, let Amy know ahead of time.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** No report.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** No report.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Ryan thanks senators for bringing laptops so less copies of agendas have to be printed. Ryan needs to meet with committee chairs after the meeting to make sure they have elected a vice chair and secretary. Ryan outlines his legislation up for discussion today.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** No report.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** They will have a brief meeting after senate.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** They will be meeting after senate. The campus safety walk will be next semester. They are trying to put together a panel this semester because of the current weather. If you have any questions or want to help let Garrett know.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** The pieces of legislation that we will be voting on tonight have all been cleared by Legislative Research. They will be meeting after senate.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst: Please send William or Amy and questions you may have to be asked for tabling.** There was tabling this week over support for water refill stations in residence halls and ending first read for legislation.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Divya Gangavelli:** The resource fair “Hidden Hacks on the Hill” was today. They thank everyone who attended.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** On Thursday from 4-6 in HCIC there is an event called “Embracing our Elephants” where climate change will be discussed. If you would like to sign up to speak at the event, let Ian know.

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- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** They will be a meeting after tonight's meeting.
- **University Committee Report (Bowling Green Fairness – Lucas Knight):** Bowling Green Fairness. They evaluated Pride and discussed the Cleve Jones presentation. They are already looking to set a date for Pride next year. Next Tuesday they will be going to the city commission meeting at 4:15.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** They did not have a meeting last night. Next Monday will be their last meeting of the semester. It will be a 6pm in the conference room in the SGA. If you ever have questions about the constitution, feel free to talk to Annalicia. They are currently working on updating the constitution and bylaws and getting them uploaded to the SGA website. Voting on constitutional amendments will be on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> on TopNet.
- **Student Speaker – Francisco Serrano:** Francisco discusses Resolution 6-17-F and the Bowling Green Fairness Ordinance. There are currently LGBTQ students who are being discriminated against in regards to housing and work. He also supports Resolution 5-17-F regarding the sexual assault awareness project.
- **Student Speaker – Jeremy McFarland:** He is here on behalf of the queer student union. He supports Resolution 6-17-F and urges the need for a fairness ordinance. This week is transgender awareness week.
- **Student Speaker – Amanda Harder:** Amanda and Ryan went to Ole Miss on behalf of SGA this past weekend to see how they do their tailgating. She discusses how they have a game day committee and offer rewards to organizations for attending games. They also have both students and alumni tailgating together. If anyone has suggestions for future WKU tailgating, let Amanda or Ryan know.
- **Student Speaker – Rowan Brown:** They represent the transgender non-binary group on campus. They reiterate that this is transgender awareness week and their support for Resolution 6-17-F and the need for a fairness ordinance.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 26-17-F**
- Bill 26-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 28-17-F**
- Bill 28-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 29-17-F**

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- Will Hurst makes an amendment to strike “removal of office” from the bill.
- Will Hurst’s amendment is passed.
- The author retracts his bill.
- **Bill 30-17-F**
- Bill 30-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Resolution 5-17-F**
- William Hurst makes a friendly amendment to remove the second therefore clause.
- Resolution 5-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- William Hurst motions to move out of the bylaws.
- William Hurst’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- Dillion McCormick motions to move Bill 33-17-F, Bill 36-17-F, and Bill 38-17-F into unfinished business.
- Dillon McCormick’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 33-17-F**
- Bill 33-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 36-17-F**
- Bill 36-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 38-17-F**
- Dallas McKinney makes a friendly amendment adding a fourth whereas clause stating “WHEREAS: The attendees of the December 5, 2017 S.G.A. would not have to dress as professionally and would be allowed to wear tacky ‘Holiday’ sweaters, and”
- Bill 38-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.

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- **Announcement – Amy Wyer:** The last day for the WKU annual blood drive against MTSU is tomorrow. If you have any senator pictures send them to Amy to post on SGA social media.
- **Announcement – Garrett Edmonds:** Americans for Prosperity will be doing a phone bank, if you would like service hours let Garrett know and this can count.
- **Announcement – Annalicia Carlson:** Thanks senators for allowing her to briefly be speaker.
- **Announcement – Will Hurst:** If you want student opinion on legislation let the PR committee know.
- **Announcement – Ryan Richardson:** If you are a committee chair, stay after the meeting to meet with Ryan.
- **Announcement – Andi Dahmer:** Strategic planning is very important, everyone please come and invite your friends to the forum on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Announcement – Ashley Cox:** Her committee will be meeting after senate.
- **Announcement – Garrett Edmonds:** His committee will be meeting after senate.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:51 pm.