

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The tenth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on November 7th, 2017.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** President Caboni will be attending next week's senate meeting. There will be no senate meeting the week of Thanksgiving break. November 28th will be a very important meeting. It will be the primary time to give input on the student planning process. Please invite friends to attend that meeting. We may have to have a meeting during finals week if any legislation is tabled. The library is giving fine forgiveness if you donate anything to the food pantry. On the 15th, 16th, and 17th of November there will be a conference of student government associations across the state. There will be a conference at UK in the spring for student government associations as well. They are trying to have every legislator in attendance. It will likely be sometime in February. Andi supports all of the resolutions being debated tonight. Maintaining decorum is also encouraged during today's debate.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** Budget council is now meeting three times a week. If you have input on anything, let Savannah know. Savannah emphasizes that budget council deals with the entire university budget.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** A budget update is given. The Organizational Aid budget is running out so be sure to submit those applications as soon as possible if your organization needs funding.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** Talk to Conner if you're interested in joining the panel. This Thursday at 7pm the university is hosting Cleve Jones in the Gary Ransdell Auditorium.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Any poster you are working on should have the SGA logo on it.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** All of the scholarships have been graded and winners have been announced. The bill to fund

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those scholarships is in new business so hopefully it can be moved to unfinished businesses today.

- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** No report.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Ryan has been meeting with committee chairs. The committees are doing very well. The new seating chart is in preparation for the voting system.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Make sure you are getting your office hours, if you have any questions about office hours be sure to ask Asha.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** Ashley thanks everyone who helped grade scholarships.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** They will be meeting after senate. If you have any legislation about campus improvements let him 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:** 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 is next Tuesday from 10am-1pm in DSU.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** On November 16th from 4-6 in HCIC there is an event called “Embracing our Elephants” where climate change will be discussed. There is currently a program where 500,000 plastic bags can be turned into a plastic bench. The Earth Day Festival will be April 19th, 2018.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** They will be a meeting after tonight’s meeting.
- **University Committee Report (Student Publications Committee – Morgan Wysong, Colonnade Committee – Dillon McCormick, Parking Ticket Appeal Board – Dallas McKinney, Garret Hall Design Committee – Andi Dahmer, Preston Center Advisory Council – Amy Wyer):** Student Publications Committee. WKU is still suing the Herald, that lawsuit will continue for several years. The Herald currently has reserve funds of ad revenue; however, Gary Ransdell made a policy that the university could take that money away and they did. The Herald and the Talisman both won Pacemaker awards. The Herald is having a storytelling event

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next Tuesday. The next Talisman will be out on November 30th. Colonnade Committee. The foreign language requirement bill is still in development. Parking Ticket Appeal Board. The number of tickets issued has declined. Garret Hall Design Committee. They are considering all of the feedback we gave them. Preston Center Advisory Council. Designs are still being discussed for phase three of renovations. A rock wall was one of the biggest renovation ideas.

- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** They had a meeting last night. Names will no longer be withheld from the minutes. If you have any questions, contact Annalicia.
- **Student Speaker – Dallas McKinney:** Dallas presents a story map to aid senators in their discussions of immigration.
- **Student Speaker – Isabella:** She is here on behalf of the Hilltopper Organization for Latin American Students and they all support Resolution 4-17-F.
- **Student Speaker:** He is the President of the Student Veterans Alliance and urges support for Resolution 4-17-F.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 24-17-F**
- Bill 24-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 25-17-F**
- Bill 25-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Resolution 3-17-F**
- Dillion McCormick makes a friendly amendment changing “3-11-F” to “3-17-F.”
- Resolution 3-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Resolution 4-17-F**
- Francisco Serrano makes a friendly amendment adding the following new contacts “Alex Reynolds, President of Student Veterans Alliance; Ashton Jones, WKU Student; Carlos Vazquez, WKU Student; Cindy Gomez, WKU HOLAS Vice President; Crystal Belcher, WKU Student; Elizabeth Cravens, WKU HOLAS Community Outreach coordinator; Emily Leon, WKU HOLAS Membership Coordinator; Justice Barnett, WKU Student; Mercedes Mendez, WKU HOLAS Secretary; Misael Perez, WKU Student; Savanna Martinez, WKU Student; Sergio

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Serrano, WKU Student; Sofia Diaz, WKU Student; Yesenia Quintana, WKU Student; Juan Zamora, WKU HOLAS Historian/ PR Report”

- Will Hurst makes a friendly amendment changing “support our DACA recipient students” to “stand in solidarity with Western Kentucky University students who are DACA recipients.”
- Resolution 4-17-F is passed.
- Lucas Knight motions to move out of the bylaws.
- Lucas Knight’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- Lucas Knight motions to move Bill 27-17-F into unfinished business.
- Lucas Knight’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- Lucas Knight motions to move back into the bylaws.
- Lucas Knight’s motion is approved by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 27-17-F**
- Bill 27-17-F is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Announcement – Amy Wyer:** The WKU annual blood drive against MTSU is next week from Monday to Wednesday.
- **Announcement – Francisco Serrano:** There will be a phone bank over tax reform coming up, if you’re interested talk to Garret.
- **Announcement – Andi Dahmer:** The DACA Day of Action will be this Friday in DSU from 8am-noon.
- **Announcement – Will Hurst:** If you want student opinion on legislation let the PR committee know.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:11 pm.