

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The fourteenth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00pm on January 23rd, 2018.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** The main purpose of today's meeting is to plan for the February 6th rally for higher education. We would like to conclude our meetings at the capital by 1pm in order to be back in time for senate that night. There will be two student speakers at the rally so if you would like to speak, submit a speech to Andi's personal email. We are facing significant budget cuts of 40 million dollars so it's imperative that we start sharing our vision for the university as students. There is a place on TopNet where you can now click to share your vision. Andi would also like senators to put additional focus on strategic planning this semester. Committee chairs all need to meet with either Andi or Ryan. We have also had record few drops from senate this semester and there will be a new appointment tonight. The application for new senator appointments is still available online. There is also now the new parliamentarian position and its application is also available on the SGA website. They would not be a voting member but would rule on Robert's Rules.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** The final sign-up sheet for the Frankfort rally is distributed. University committee attendance issues are outlined; therefore, some university committee assignments will be reassigned. These committees are very important and attendance is required. Connor Hounshell is nominated for Coming Home King.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** A budget overview is given.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** The Engage Kentucky Symposium will be February 10th from 9am-3pm at the University of Louisville.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** An overview of PR updates is given: they have partnered with WKU Sports, will be tabling at the Coming Home King Game February 22nd, the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion now has a new logo, there is now a PR request form on the SGA website, see Amy if you still haven't gotten your SGA polo because the group photo will be next week.

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- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** Scholarships will be available to apply for tomorrow and the deadline will be March 27th. Emily is also on the search committee for hiring the new provost and the process will begin this semester.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** Send committee meeting minutes to Asha so Smita can upload them to the website.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Committee chairs need to meet with either Ryan or Andi. Parliamentary applications are now available. The parliamentarian will help us enforce Robert's Rules of Order.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Senators will not be required to get their office hours this week, that will begin next week. Committee secretaries need to stay after for a brief meeting with Asha.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** No report.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** Their meetings will now be Wednesdays at 6:00pm outside the senate chambers.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** Their meetings will begin next week.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** They will be meeting directly after senate.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Corey Newsome:** No report.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** The Earth Day Festival will be April 19th and they will still be meeting Thursdays at 5:30 in the SGA chambers.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** They will be meeting tonight after senate.
- **University Committee:** No report.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** The meeting agenda for this semester has been sent out. They will now be meeting in DSU 3018. They will start meeting next week and will then be meeting twice a month after that. The constitution and bylaws have been updated by Jacob McAndrews but have not yet been uploaded onto the SGA website.
- Dillion McCormick motions for Stephen Mayer to be appointed as a senator.
- A motion to debate the appointment is made.
- Will Harris motion to table the appointment.

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- William Hurst makes a friendly amendment to postpone the nomination until the Judicial Council rules on the election.
- Will Harris accepts the friendly amendment.
- The motion to postpone the nomination passes.
- **Student Speaker – Stephen Mayer:** Stephen introduces himself. He is a sophomore, was elected as a senator in the fall of his freshman year, was the chair of academic and student affairs committee in the spring of that year, has written legislation, and served in the office to complete his office hours. He would like to get to know each of the senators.
- **Student Speaker – Francis Wilson:** He is a junior in the communication department, was a senator, and is now an employee of housing and residence life. He has asked students about SGA and urges senators to serve as representatives of the student body and not to fall into partisan politics. He also encourages active listening, positivity, and teamwork. The students need to be better represented, especially considering the cuts to come.
- **Student Speaker – Ian Hamilton:** He reads a letter from Luke Edmonds in light of the Marshall County tragedy this morning.
- **Student Speaker – Hunter:** He recently submitted an application for appointment and encourages an investigation into the election. However, he also believes in meritocracy and encourages the appointment of those who can serve well. He also believes senators should work on thoughtful debate.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Announcement – Amy Wyer:** Don't forget to pick up your SGA polo.
- **Announcement – Ryan Richardson:** Committee chairs need to meet with Ryan or Andi.
- **Announcement – Asha McWilliams:** Committee secretaries need to meet with Asha immediately following senate.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:05 pm.