

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The fifteenth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00pm on January 30th, 2018.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **Guest Speaker – Dr. Jennifer Tougas (Parking and Transportation Services):** They are currently developing their new parking plan. One of their aims is to improve the parking options for commuters. They are looking into restricting permit sales for premium parking zones such as PS2 but not for non-premium zones such as the commuter lots. They are also looking into aiming to get as many students parking on main campus as possible. They are also looking into a daily purchase of parking spaces through “pay-by-cell” for commuters who don’t park on campus every day.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** There is a re-focus on strategic planning for this semester. It will be influential for the next ten years. There is an upcoming event this Thursday from 5-7 in DSU night class to discuss strategic planning. There will also be a forum with the Herald regarding the future of the university from an administrative standpoint. There will be a forum about women and university leadership the week after spring break. On February 6th there will be the trip to Frankfort to meet with legislators. Committee chairs who still haven’t met with Ryan or Andi need to do so. She supports the legislation up for a vote tonight.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** Budget council is working in coordination with the strategic planning committee. New university committee assignments are discussed.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** Bring all budget questions and bills regarding money to Kara.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** No report.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Tabling will be a little different this semester. For instance, one day there will be a voter registration drive.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** Scholarships applications are available online and the deadline will be March 27th. The Earn a Computer Program will hopefully be brought back this semester.

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- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** No report.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Committee chairs need to meet with either Ryan or Andi. They will be looking for a parliamentarian this semester.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Senators will be required to get their office hours this week. Committee secretaries should email Asha committee meeting minutes after each meeting.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** Committee members will be receiving an email about meeting times.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** Their meetings will now be Wednesdays at 6:00pm outside the senate chambers. They are planning a campus safety panel for this semester.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** The legislation for tonight has been approved. Their committee will not be meeting tonight.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** No report.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Corey Newsome:** No report.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** They will be having a spring movie series with one movie showing a month. This month's will be February 22nd. The Earth Day Festival will be April 19th from 10-2pm and they will still be meeting Thursdays at 5:30 in the SGA chambers.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** They will be meeting Thursday at 5pm outside senate.
- **University Committee (Brigid Stakelum – Student Research Committee, Andi Dahmer – Parking and Transportation Events Committee):** Student Research Committee. There will be an abstract writing workshop Thursday February 1st at 5pm on the second floor of the Honors College. Abstracts are due February 15th. Parking and Transportation Events Committee. On Monday February 26th at 11am they will be hosting the grand opening of PS3.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** Thanks everyone for attending their meeting yesterday. They will be meeting tonight at 7pm in DSU 3018.
- Cassidy Townsend's nomination as a Senator is approved.
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- Associate Justice Jacob McAndrews appoints Cassidy Townsend as a Senator.
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- **Student Speaker – Francis Wilson:** He is working on publishing a work on ideas for the future of WKU. There will be a brainstorm session for the future of WKU this Thursday with two sessions from 5-6pm and 6-7pm in DSU night class. They will need 2 discussion leaders and 3 data miners.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 1-18-S**
- Will Harris makes a friendly amendment changing “\$400” to “\$500” and “twenty (20) students” to “twenty-five (25) students.”
- Bill 1-18-S is passed by unanimous consent.
- **Announcement – Ryan Richardson:** If other students would like to come to Frankfort Tuesday, they can contact Andi or Savannah.
- **Announcement – Asha McWilliams:** Committee chairs need to meet with Ryan or Andi.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:25 pm.