

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The twenty-first meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on March 20th, 2018.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** Thanks everyone who attended the Women in University Leadership Forum. She supports Bill 12-18-S and Bill 14-18-S. She does not support Bill 17-18-S. The WKU Student Body President is one of the weakest study body presidents in Kentucky. Her power to appoint committee chairs is already not unilateral. She can only unilaterally appoint her Chief of Staff.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** No report.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** A budget overview is given.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** Resolution 4-18-S will be tabled.
- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Next week is the Healthy Days Fair and they will have a table there. They will be giving away gift cards at the event. If you have any ideas for topics for a “Wheel of Misfortune” let her know. The filing date for Spring elections is April 3rd. Anyone interested in running should follow SGA social media.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** The deadline for scholarships is next Tuesday, March 27th. Applications must be submitted by midnight March 27th. The Earn a Computer Program is up and running. They will have 5 Dell laptops available at the end of this week. The application is available on the website for anyone who wishes to apply. Provost Search Committee interviews will have their first round next week.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** No report.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** If you have an event you would like to have featured on the agendas let Ryan know.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** She understands that several senators need to leave for the Greek Academic Banquet. As long as they attend the majority of the meeting, they will be counted as present. She will be leaving at 6.

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- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** No report.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** They will be meeting tomorrow at 6 to discuss their plans for the Campus Safety Walk. Bill 17-18-S will be tabled until next week.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** All of tonight's legislation has been approved. They will not be meeting tonight.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** No report.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Mark Clark:** He supports the lavender graduation bill up tonight. He is also excited about the Holi bill. They will be meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm in DSU 3007.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** They will not be meeting Thursday because they will be having one of their Spring movie screenings in DSU 2086 at 5:30pm.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** They will be meeting Thursday to discuss their plans for April as it is Sexual Assault Awareness month.
- **Guest Speaker – Justin Hobbs (WKU Study Abroad Office):** He gives an overview of Study Abroad and Semester at Sea. It can be highly affordable and culturally rewarding. Study Abroad Programs are classified by the amount of exposure you get to the country. This classification ranges from Faculty-Led Programs to Exchange Partner Programs. Some popular programs such as Harlaxton and Semester at Sea are touched on. International Student Teaching is also an option.
- **University Committee (Colonnade Committee – Dillon McCormick, Student Research Committee – Brigid Stakelum):** Colonnade Committee. Pending approval, there will be a connections course called Religion and the Environment offered next semester. A long-term solution for the foreign language requirement is also discussed. Their conference starts Friday at 8. Student Research Committee. They will be meeting tomorrow to finalize conference arrangements.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** You must file by April 3rd. Elections will be April 16th-17th. The Election Code Meeting will be April 3rd following the senate meeting for all those planning to run it is mandatory.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 13-18-S**

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- Bill 13-18-S passes.
- **Bill 14-18-S**
- Anna McAvoy makes a friendly amendment changing “our name and logo” to “the SGA name and logo”
- Bill 14-18-S passes.
- **Resolution 4-18-S**
- Resolution 4-18-S has been tabled.
- **Bill 15-18-S**
- Bill 15-18-S passes.
- **Bill 16-18-S**
- Bill 16-18-S has been tabled.
- **Announcement – Ryan Richardson:** Is open to having a conversation on the LGBT community to anyone interested.
- **Announcement – Andi Dahmer:** There will be a forum with a member of the NSA tomorrow at 2:30 in HCIC 3023.
- **Announcement – Noah Moore:** Dance Big Red is this Friday from 8pm-8am. It is \$12 to register. You can register at dancebigred.com
- **Announcement – Brigid Stakelum:** The Student Research Conference will be this Saturday.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:47 pm.