

## SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

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- The twenty-second meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **Guest Speaker – Kristina Gamble (Intercultural Student Engagement Center):** She gives an overview of the ISEC program. They aid the university in three areas: recruitment, increasing retention rates of underrepresented minority students, and increasing graduation rates of underrepresented minority students. ISEC Academy is a support program for underrepresented minority students teaching them how to be successful both as a college student and a graduate following college. ISEC Academy is also a Living-Learning Community. Their office is open from 8am-8pm for all students to utilize their study spaces and computers. However, those wishing to be a member of the ISEC Academy must fill out an application.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** They kicked off sexual assault awareness month yesterday. Attorney General Andy Beshear was present at the event yesterday and stated that “if you see something, say something.” Andi also supports the legislation to fund Take Back the Night t-shirts. Faculty Senate. There may be changes to tenure on the state level. They are potentially changing the KRS to enable the Board of Agents to remove a faculty or staff member, even if they have tenure. The Faculty Senate also published an Aramark resolution similar to the SGA resolution. They are also working to help push back the student withdraw date. She does not support the bill making a constitutional amendment allowing the speaker to appoint committee chairs because she is already one of the weakest student body presidents in Kentucky. Moreover, the committee chairs appointed by the president are confirmed by a 2/3 vote from the Senate. The Speaker of the Senate is supposed to be an unbiased role, which is not possible if they appoint committee chairs. This is because the committee chairs have the ability to sponsor legislation; therefore, allowing the speaker to appoint committee chairs would allow them to set the agenda.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. The best thing you can do is to believe victims when they come to you and help them get help. President’s Round Table. Hope

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Harbor came to speak at their meeting. They have a 24-hour sexual assault hotline. They have free services for any in need. She is still waiting to hear back from the Talisman about her project to hear sexual assault stories. She has a budget council meeting Friday to determine their role in the second phase of budget cuts. They will not be as involved in the second round. She will serve as a representative on the Academic Quality Subcommittee.

- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** A budget overview is given.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** Thanks Kristina Gamble for clarifying information on ISEC. Slight changes have been made to the ISEC bill for tonight. The Aramark resolution is again discussed. An Academic standing bill is also in discussion. Leadershape applications are due April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **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. There will be a Wheel of Misfortune. If you plan to attend the event, wear the black SGA polo and jeans and let Amy know when you plan to arrive.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** Today is the scholarship deadline. Scholarships are due by midnight. If anyone would like to help grade scholarships, Emily would appreciate your help.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** No report.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** Smita has been working to fix the voting system. It should be operational by next week.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Reminds senators to sign in and out when getting their office hours. An overview of filling out the senate excuse form is given. Here is the link for the form: <https://www.wku.edu/sga/legislative/excuse.php>
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** No report.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** They have been working on the Campus Safety Walk and getting a public student printer in EST.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** All of tonight's legislation has been approved. They will be meeting following Senate.
- **Public Relations – William Hurst:** Encourages senators to attend the Healthy Days Fair and get free giveaways.

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- **Diversity and Inclusion – Mark Clark:** Their committee has been working on cultural competency legislation, it is in first read tonight. They have been working with QSU to get legislation about bathrooms. The WKU Forensic Team is working in collaboration with HOLAS to host LatinX tonight in DSU 3020 at 7:30.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** Their Earth Day Festival will be April 19<sup>th</sup> with 55 vendors. They will be meeting Thursday at 5:30 in DSU 3029.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** She will be sending out an email regarding Sexual Assault Prevention Month this April.
- **University Committee (Student Research Committee – Brigid Stakelum, Athletic Committee – Logan Hornback):** Student Research Committee. Last Saturday they held their Student Research Conference and everything went well. Athletic Committee. The football spring game has been set for April 31<sup>st</sup>. The certifying officer position has been removed from the budget cuts. They determine who is and isn't eligible to play.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** The Election Codes are approved. If you have any questions, contact Annalicia. The Election Code meeting will be next week following senate in the senate chambers. If you are planning on running, you must attend that meeting. All bios must be turned in next Tuesday by midnight.
- **Student Speaker – Brigid Stakelum:** A presentation on Women's History Month is given. Nine significant women in US History are discussed.
- **Student Speaker – Mark Clark:** A presentation on the LGBTQ+ community is given entitled "I'm Gay Not Garbage."
- **Student Speaker – Cassidy Townsend:** Continues Senator Clark's presentation.
- **Student Speaker – Jayden Thomas:** Shares his own personal story as an LGBTQ+ individual.
- **Student Speaker – Jeremy McFarland:** Commends Jayden, Cassidy, and Mark. Jeremy is a member of the Lavender Planning Committee and gives an overview of the committee's work. Thanks SGA for supporting the Lavender Recognition Ceremony.
- **Student Speaker – Francis Wilson:** Thanks everyone for sharing. Gives an update on the My Voice, My WKU movement. They're still waiting to hear back from the Strategic Planning Committee. They will be meeting with President Caboni next week. Encourages people to lead with elections coming up.

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- **Student Speaker – Luke Edmunds:** Reads Ephesians Chapter 3 beginning with Verse 14.
- **Student Speaker – Dallas McKinney:** He outlines why he voted the way he did last week on the bill regarding lavender graduation stoles.
- **Student Speaker – Kenan Mujkanovic:** Stresses the importance of respecting each other.
- **Student Speaker – Noah Moore:** Stresses the importance of representing the study body.
- **Student Speaker – Olivia Simpson:** Stresses the importance of love in the Bible but also emphasizes the distinction between Old and New Testament ideas. Discusses representing the student body.
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Bill 16-18-S**
- Bill 16-18-S fails.
- **Bill 17-18-S**
- Bill 17-18-S passes.
- **Bill 18-18-S**
- Bill 18-18-S passes.
- **Announcement – Andi Dahmer:** Encourages senators to go cheer on the Tops.
- **Announcement – Lily Nellans:** LRC will not be meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:57 pm.