

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The twenty-fourth meeting of the sixteenth Senate was called to order by Ryan Richardson at 5:00 pm on April 10th, 2018.
- The minutes from the last Senate meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- **President – Andi Dahmer:** Provost Lee will be retiring after this year. The Provost Search Committee has reached three final candidates. All student senators and faculty senate are invited to a Provost Search Meet and Greet from 2:45-3:45 on April 16th and 18th in Grise Hall 343 and April 19th in the Faculty House. There will also be an open forum for all students on the same dates at 1pm in Gary Ransdell Hall 1074. On May 1st there will be no Senate Meeting because we will be having the Senate Banquet from 5-7 at Outback Steakhouse on Scottsville Road. President Caboni's Investiture Ceremony is the 27th from 2-3 in Centennial Mall. Faculty Senate has asked President Caboni to formally endorse that they do not support terminating employees on tenure within a 10-day notice as opposed to a one-year notice. A presentation entitled "Food Insecurity & WKU" is given. A campaign entitled "Starving to Learn" has been started to address these issues on WKU's campus. The website for the campaign is www.starvingtolearn.com. The WKU Food Pantry also has fresh food items and toiletries available to all students in the Office of Sustainability. Andi does not support Bill-25-18-S.
- **Executive Vice President – Savannah Molyneaux:** A sign-up sheet for the Senate Banquet is passed around the chambers. Budget Council is not making the next set of recommendations; those will be coming from each department. She is currently reading through applications for the Student Advising Award for a subcommittee she is on. They are currently working on the posters for the sexual assault awareness story project with the Talisman. She has legislation about Title XI up for first read tonight.
- **Administrative Vice President – Kara Lowry:** A budget overview is given. Remaining money from the food budget can be used for Senate legislation if a bill is written.
- **Chief of Staff – Connor Hounshell:** Thanks Andi for her presentation on food insecurity. If you give a donation to the Food Pantry, you can get a parking ticket

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waived. Big Red Volleyball is coming up. We still need 6-8 people to create an SGA team. If you have any questions about campaigning, Connor can give you advice.

- **Director of Public Relations – Amy Wyer:** Some people have been moved to different senate positions due to their credit hours. If you have any questions, contact Amy or Annalicia. You cannot be added to a seat you didn't select on the original paperwork. If you are not running for re-election, Amy would appreciate your help with voting booths.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) – Emily Houston:** All of the scholarships have been graded. The winners will be notified soon.
- **Director of Information Technology – Smita Peter:** Updates will be done by Friday on the website.
- **Speaker of the Senate – Ryan Richardson:** He will be adding the events discussed today to the agenda. If you have any events you want added, let him know.
- **Secretary of the Senate – Asha McWilliams:** Make sure to get your office hours, sign in and out please.
- **Academic and Student Affairs – Ashley Cox:** No report.
- **Campus Improvements – Garrett Edmonds:** They have a bill up today to get funding for the Safety Walk on April 23rd at 4. They will be meeting out front of DSU. The Town Hall Debate for the upcoming elections is Thursday at 5:45 in Gary Ransdell 2064.
- **Legislative Research – Lillian Nellans:** All of tonight's legislation has been approved. They will be meeting following Senate.
- **Public Relations – Brigid Stakelum:** She is very excited to be in this new position. Their meetings are at 4pm every Tuesday in the SGA Office Conference Room. If you are not running in the upcoming election, talk to Brigid or Amy to help on the 16th or 17th.
- **Diversity and Inclusion – Mark Clark:** They have exciting legislation up tonight.
- **Sustainability – Ian Hamilton:** Their Earth Day Festival will be next Thursday April 19th from 10-2 in Centennial Mall and they are still looking for volunteers if you would like to help. They have their regular meeting Thursday at 5:30 in DSU 3029.
- **SGA SAVES – Ashlyn Jones:** No report.

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- **University Committee (Colonnade Committee – Dillon McCormick):** Colonnade Committee. They will be adding many new religious studies courses. There is debate over the set-up of the Colonnade program, in order to limit the number of your degree courses you can take within Colonnade to ensure you take different courses outside your degree. The foreign language requirement is indefinitely dropped for students who took two years of a foreign language in high school.
- **Judicial Council Report – Annalicia Carlson:** Everything has been finalized with TopNet for the election. They have a Judicial Council meeting tonight and will be electing their new Chief Justice. Election proceedings are going well.
- **Student Speaker – Francis Wilson:** Thanks Andi for her presentation on food insecurity. He gives an overview of why he wasn't able to run for executive office. He was rejected because he didn't serve enough time in SGA to meet the requirements to serve for executive office. He submitted an appeal and the Chief Justice chose not to act on the appeal, as is tradition. He believes sometimes we should move away from tradition and toward change. He encourages support for his bill.
- **Bill 19-18-S**
- Bill 19-18-S passes.
- **Bill 21-18-S**
- Bill 21-18-S passes.
- **Resolution 6-18-S**
- Cassidy Townsend makes a friendly amendment changing "LBGTQIA" to "LBGTQIA+"
- Resolution 6-18-S passes.
- Garrett Edmonds makes a motion to move out of the bylaws.
- The motion passes.
- Garrett Edmonds motions to move Bill 26-18-S and Bill 27-18-S into unfinished business.
- The motion passes.
- Lucas Knight motions to move back into the bylaws.
- The motion passes.

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- **Bill 26-18-S**
- Makes a friendly amendment changing “sutdent” to “student”
- Bill 26-18-S passes.
- **Bill 27-18-S**
- Garrett Edmonds makes a friendly amendment changing “senate discretionary” to “the food budget”
- Bill 27-18-S passes.
- **Announcement – Andrew Merritt:** Asks about the voting records.
- **Announcement – Dallas McKinney:** The Meteorology Club is having a grilled cheese fundraiser Thursday April 12th from 2-4 at EST to fund their national conference trip.
- **Announcement – Dillon McCormick:** Clarifies that we do not have specific requirements for roll call votes.
- **Announcement – Lucas Knight:** Discusses the electronic voting system and that records of voting should be available.
- **Announcement – Jayden Thomas:** The WKU Pride Center is having an Open House April 12th from 2-4 in DSU 2084.
- The meeting is adjourned at 6:11pm.