

West Virginia University
SGA Meeting- 10/26/2016-2017 Administration
Call to Order- at 7:30pm
Hatfields B, Mountainlair Student Union
Morgantown, WV

Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

“We, The students of West Virginia University, desiring to preserve within our university an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion, inquiry and self-expression to insure the person freedoms and general welfare of the student within our University, to promote principles of diversity and to continue in our tradition of responsible self-governance, do hereby establish this Constitution of the West Virginia University Student Government Association.”

Roll Call

President Pro Tempore Heeter - present
Senator Brewster - present
Senator Burgess - present
Senator Dixon - present
Senator Dudley - present
Senator Ernest - present
Senator Goff - present
Senator Hunt- present
Senator Kaska-
Senator King - present
Senator Knollinger –
Senator McGuire - present
Senator Quigley - present
Senator Smith - present
Senator Sutherland –
Senator Waris - present
Senator Waters –
College Representative Hall- present
College Representative Stover- present
College Representative Kitchen-
College Representative Ferrari-
College Representative Robinson- present
College Representative Amato- present
College Representative McGraw- present
College Representative Cooper- present
College Representative Morgan- present
College Representative Smith- present
College Representative Fakhouri-
College Representative Levelle- present

Minutes from last week have been approved

Open Student Forum I

Dakota Workman- As many of you know, I have resigned as your attorney general. As many in this organization made it abundantly clear, I was no longer welcome or wanted in this organization and my viewpoints are not aligned with this organization and that I should leave. And I did. I have effectively resigned. I will no longer serve in this organization or be involved with it in any way. I would like to stand up here and say the last 3 years I have dedicated to this organization were good, but they haven't. I'd like to say many of you in this organization work very hard and do great things for the student body, but many of you do not. Many in this organization just like to sit in here, tap their own horn, and spout their own beliefs and pat themselves on the back for doing nothing. I hope everyone in this organization takes a long hard look and thinks about what they've done for this organization or if they've done anything for the student body or if you just sit in here, do nothing, and vote, and pat yourself in the back and say I've done something. With that, I resign from this organization. I say farewell to it, and I'm glad to be gone.

EC Fathallah - The pre candidates meeting will be February 7th. The 10th, packets will be distributed. 24th, signatures and packets will be due. March 17th will be the official candidates meeting. March 19th will be banner drop. The 20th will be the first day of campaigning. 20th-23rd will be active campaigning. The debate will be the 21st. Voting days will be the 22nd and 23rd. Announcements will be the 24th. All of this will be tweeted or posted online somewhere.

Sen. Burgess- We are doing a SGA intramural Volleyball League this semester. If you are interested, you can still register for another 8 days. My Co-captain, Ankur, is getting a quote to making sleeveless cutoff volleyball SGA t-shirts. If you want one, just let me know. Come out and support us when we have our games.

Sen. Waris - In light of recent events, I have decided I am running for President, along with my Vice President Joey McGuire. There is a lot going on in this world. Recently with the election, we feel like we can really make an impact. So if you want to support mine and Joey's bid for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, vote for us in 2024. We'd really appreciate your support.

The President's Report

President Merow- We did the Share a Swipe Event right before finals, and we are working with dining right now to coordinate when that food is going to be delivered, and when we'll need volunteers to help deliver and help. We are working with athletics for discounts for students and to expand mountie bounty to certain concession stands at athletic events. Maybe now they can use the off-campus

system. We will be working with Vice President Narvel Weese on transparency. Hopefully we can work on the transparency on the tuition and fee increases that are coming our way probably in June. We are working on things with Evansdale Crossing and the dining situation over there that is a little pricey. Please let Breanna Leasor, city council liaison, know if you want to be on her city council committee. You rotate going to city council meetings. Mac and I will be working with the elections committee and com team to promote all the candidates and getting students out to vote more this year. If you are not on the elections committee and want to help with things behind the scenes, we will be doing that, not for any particular candidates. In about two weeks from tonight, we will be taking a big group photo. It will be in our newsletter. We will send it as our little Valentine's Day card to all the Big 12 schools, so please wear red or pink. We are not going to have a meeting last week. We are playing Oklahoma next week; it's the only game that fell on a Wednesday, so we thought it'd be a good message for us to go and support our fellow students. Please be mindful with your social media and what you're posting and mindful of other people's views. Anything you say can reflect SGA. Senator Waters and Senator Sutherland are not here and will both be resigning. Brandon has taken an accounting internship this semester, and he's going to be a full-time student online but won't be able to attend the meetings regularly. Sen. Sutherland has a class that doesn't end until 9-9:30, and he's in a 1 year grad program.

Senators' Reports

Sen. Brewster - Chief Roberts had an unexpected medical leave of absence he took in early November, and he has been replaced by Intern Chief William Ed Preston. Due to the significant budget cuts, the E-map program is currently on hold because they can't buy more into it. However, he has already bought enough of the program to start the self-assessment, and that in of itself will take a 3-4 months, and that will start in early February.

Sen. Waris- Just to touch on the health and wellness program, due to lack of overall resources and the ambition of getting involved in school at once, it was supported, more verbally than actual resources, so it morphed and changed. We're trying to bring it to MHS and UHS in a different form. WVU does a different program with LeadWell, where they train students on campus in recognizing dangerous health behaviors and being more aware of what's going on. We are going to try to train 100 students combined with MHS and UHS, and they can start picking up on what are the risky health behaviors that students are engaging in in their schools (i.e. if school lunches are healthy, if students are eating healthier, etc.) and maybe implement a healthier food program, like smoothie workshops. Keep it on a more local Morgantown scale at first and then try to spread it around the state. We are going to try to do those in late March or early April for the trainings.

College Representatives' Reports

None.

Executive Reports

CIO Bobbitt- This is mostly for people who send emails to everyone. If you are one of those people, we are having a meeting at 2:30 in the office tomorrow. We just got a new system that lets us do that way easier.

Dir. Kumar- This is directed to the senators. Julie, Mac, and I wanted to do a new semester check-in just to see what you've done so far and get it on paper and see what you want to do for the rest of the semester, keeping everyone accountable. We're 5 months to go, and we can still do a lot.

Dir. Campbell- WVU Day at the Capitol will be March 28th. Jordan and I are planning on have 2 - 3 profession events that will be mandatory for anyone who wants to go. We are going to try to bring in legislators, local lobbyists, speakers, and local government relations. Some of the policies we have been talking about: predatory towing, working with some of my counterparts from Ohio; and tuition, as far as the budget is being what it is, what's going to happen to in-state vs. out of state tuition, how much money is going to be allocated towards education. One interesting thing that I thought about over break is that WV has the most vehicle collisions with deer, and the states of Maine and Alaska have a law that if you hit a deer and it dies on the side of the road, you have an hour or two hours to report it to an agency. They come out, take it to a local butcher shop, and donate it to local food pantries. That is something that I would like to be looking into. Committee wise: education committee, justice and judiciary, finance and budget, and any other committees anyone might be interest in. We could do a breakout session where we have six to eight different ones throughout the day, so you don't have to all go to just one. I've had the opportunity to working for Antero Resources, an oil and gas company out of Bridgeport. Our governmental relations VP is now part of Jim Justice's transition team, and we'll see what opportunities we can get out of that. If there's anything in particular you want to go to. let me know. I have contacts with the Ag. Commissioner.

Dir. Kumar - One of the reasons we started SGA tracker is so that we can go back and look at this things we have done. This year has been really good. Jihad did the Woodburn circle and brought students together to talk about issues pertaining to them. We've done the Minute to Win It event and UpAllNight. 5th quarter was a huge and first post-game event. Touchdowns for Tucker was the most amazing things ever, and that kid will forever remember that. Residence halls voter registration drive, Morgan did a wonderful job getting to all the residence halls and really help signing people up to vote. Erin did a really cool consent panel, and other people helped with that. Women's Empowerment Week! There is a lot of stuff we have done this year.

VP McIntre - We gave \$55,000 in grant money to student orgs that we get thank you notes for all the time, where this number of students wouldn't have been able to go to this conference, or a conference that led to a job.

EC Fathallah - If any of you want to help with elections process, or help me out in general, contact me. You can't be apart of any campaigns if you help me; no biases.

Dir. Campbell- This doesn't concern my title, but would you guys be interested in doing some professional development? I plan on reaching out to Abby for help with that. I have real world experience and would love to help with internships, resume writing, and stuff like that.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- **Executive Appointments**
 - **Attorney General- Sydney Luther**

Pres. Merow- Sydney Luther has served as the administrative assistant for the Pres. and VP. She comes to these meetings every week, so she knows how things work.

Sydney Luther- I've been apart of SGA since freshman year, and I will do the best I can to work with you guys as attorney general and be here every week.

PPT Heeter- appoint via UC

Sen. McGuire- Second
 - **BoF appointment: Seth Underwood**

Pres Merow- He was our deputy Big 12 Liason. Roshan thinks since he saw all the finances of that, he'd be a big asset to the Bureau.

PPT Heeter- I move to vote for Seth Underwood via UC.

Sen. Brewster- Second
- **Grants**
 - **WVU Low Brass Club:**

Rep- American Trombone Festival is the biggest of its kind with education performances and booths and a great place to network. We're asking for around \$1200.

Treasurer Daniel- The total requested amount was \$3,666 for two different events. We funded the trombone workshop to the fullest extent that we could, and that covers their lodging. We suggest \$1,264.48

Sen. Quibley- Vote via UC

Sen. Smith- Second
 - **Student Bar Association**

Rep.- We're asking for money for our Barristers Ball. American Law derived from England. A barrister is more a less defined as a champion for a legal system. It's kind of like our award banquet and aluni event at the end of the year. The event itself is roughly \$15,000.

We are not funded by anything else, and we subsidize the rest in ticket sales. This is the 4th year, and this is our first time ever asking for money.

Treasurer Daniel- There is a lot of tradition in this event. They're bringing back a lot of Alumni. We funded the Alphas for their alumni event. We decided to stay around with that rationale to suggest a grant of \$1500.

Sen. Brewster- The law school does not give you funding whatsoever?

Rep- no, we oversee all the other student orgs of the law school, so we allocate off all the funds we receive to other orgs and events.

Sen. Quigley- How many people attend?

Rep- We have about 350 in our student body and 310 in attendance last year.

PPT Heeter - Vote via UC

Sen. Burgess- Secone

- **Global Medical and Dental Brigades-**

Sen. McGuire- Medical Brigades travel to an under-resourced location every year to provide free healthcare, and this year, we're going to Nicaragua and bringing 59 students in total, 29 for medical and 22 for dental. We are asking for either bus or supplies funding.

Sen. Waris- We set up free clinics last year and saw over 950 patients. We had physicians and gynecological care for women. We hope to target more than one community and provide free health care which is costly on our side.

Treasurer Daniel - These are two separate organization. The main need they asked for is bus and supplies, and they're thousands of dollars of supplies they're bringing on this trip. The bus total was about \$4500, and we considered splititng that between the two. Just reminding you guys, when we up the grant amount, it requires UC from the BoF, so everyone approved this amount. Vote on Medical First. Ethically, if you are a member or going on this trip, you should vote present instead of abstaining.

PPT Heeter- Vote via roll call

PPT Heeter- I retract my motion

Sen. Quigley - I move to vote bia block vote via roll call

PPT Heeter - second

President Pro Tempore Heeter - aye

Senator Brewster - present

Senator Burgess - aye

Senator Dixon - aye

Senator Dudley - aye

Senator Ernest - aye

Senator Goff - aye

Senator Hunt- abstained

Senator Kaska- N/A

Senator King - aye
Senator Knollinger – N/A
Senator McGuire - present
Senator Quigley - present
Senator Smith - present
Senator Sutherland –
Senator Waris - present
Senator Waters – N/A
College Representative Hall- aye
College Representative Stover- aye
College Representative Kitchen- N/A
College Representative Ferrari- N/A
College Representative Robinson- aye
College Representative Amato- aye
College Representative McGraw- aye
College Representative Cooper- aye
College Representative Morgan- aye
College Representative Smith- aye
College Representative Fakhouri- N/A
College Representative Levelle- aye

Open Student Forum II

Treasurer Daniels- Our BoF meetings are still on Mondays at 8:30 but are moved to the Bluestone room. No BoF meeting this following Monday.

Sen. Burgess- If you want to play volleyball, let me know.

Dir. Humphrey - I wanted to share a quick story with you all. Amy came to Morgantown to begin her undergrad at WVU. While attending WVU, she made the most of her college experience. Upon graduating, Amy was told about a job opportunity based in NJ. So she took the chance and applied for the job. Within weeks time, she got notice that she got the job. Small town girl from WV, she was off to Atlanta and bought things you would normally buy. She met a civil engineer. One night turned into a date. In 1991, he asked her to marry him. 25 years, they have 3 kids and call WV her home. Why am I telling you a story of Amy? In 1991, Amy became Amy Humphrey, and she's my amazing mother. WVU helped play a role in writing the story of Amy Humphrey. 30 years later, WVU is playing a role in writing my story and all of our stories. Everyone has a story, and everyone's story deserves to be heard. Tonight I have a very special person, and I would also like her to come up and share her story about her time at WVU.

Sen. Smith- I have a story, too. I was born in the suburbs right outside of Pittsburgh. Back in the day, I never saw myself in Morgantown at WVU, but I came to campus in the fall of 2014. This summer, I had the opportunity to see many parts of our beautiful mountain state. Summer floods demolished many parts of the state, and

thousands of WV lives were changed forever. Serving others in time of need is not just something that West Virginians do, but it's a way of life. When WVU is strong, WV is strong. The work that needs to be done to better our university starts with us. So, we are ready to kick off this discussion, and we want you to be apart of it. Although our intentions are to run for President and Vice President, we want this to be more than a campaign; we want this to be a conversation that carries.

Dir. Humphrey- Shannon and I have seen the good and bad for student government, and we are not afraid to speak up when things aren't working. We want this to be more than a campaign. We would ask that you still join this conversation with full eyes and an open mind. It starts with with bold leadership and commitment to doing the right things for the right reasons. We're here to listen to your stories about the issues that impact your life and join together. we're going to be there, ready to listen and have a conversation with you and our WVU. Myself, Shannon, and the team we are assembling are all leaders, and we are here to listen to you and take action.

Sen. Waris- As we all know, a speaker was invited to this campus, and hate speech was allowed to happen. A professor was demeaned. Professor Brewster himself received over 400 messages of hate and over 30 physical threats on his life. The gravity of what that feels like, having done nothing wrong, can't resonates with any of us, minority or not. None of us have been in that line of fire. We must recognize that happened and was allowed to happen and work to make sure that doesn't happen again. A lot of people have made themselves victims of this because of freedom of speech. There is a huge distinction between what free speech is and what hate speech is. The video had over 5000, and that represents our university. If you watch the video, there is no substance - it is just hate speech. Milo had a crowd cheering him on and was empowered. Even if they're in the minority, when a minority that hates empowered, that is very dangerous. I'm a huge fan of this university; I love our administration. This organization has a lot of potential to get things done. Overwhelming response was negative. Nothing productive came from this event. Jihad and I are going to try to have this conversation with the administration to establish some kind of formal rule where speakers are vetted and hate speech is distinct from free speech and isn't allowed on this campus and complete dismissal of the events that happened

Prof. Klandorf- Prof. Brewster made one point: it was allowed to happen. If it's one thing about free speech, one thing becomes personal, and an attack that personal should be stopped immediately. University administrators were there, and to me, their function was to stop that. Free speech is one thing. Shani, I'm glad you said that.

Advisor Reports

Prof. Klandorf- A lot going on tonight. I admire all you SGA people for what you're doing. Some of you do more than others, and that should be recognized more than others. The election coming up. An issue is increased tuition cost. That's going to

happen. With the next election, it'd be nice to have several measures on the balance, and one of them would be to put issues on the ballot. If you put it on the ballot, whatever you decide, students will come out and vote. If you get a series of things, students can really say something about, and it will help in terms of participation in the election and give students a voice. President can't do anything on your own.

Moments

Sen. Brewster - Waris for his statement

Dir. Daw- Newly appointed Attorney General Sydney Luther

Sen. Quibley - Dakota for his work as Attorney General within SGA

VP MacIntyre- We don't take cancelling meetings lightly. Constitutionally, we're required to meet bi-monthly. There is a huge aura behind WVU basketball. These are our fellow students, and we really feel like it's important to go and support this team. We're not cancelling this meeting for no reason. Student athletes work very very hard. A lot of them are under the microscope for a lot of things, and we need to support our students, even if they aren't doing amazing. I hope to see you guys at other sports team, too.

Sen. Hunt- I got word from the athletic director, assistant director, the Maniacs, and Coach Huggins, and they are very grateful for the student turnout. In the future, if you hear the game is sold out, go on and at least try to request a ticket; the influx of requests is how they bump up the ticket level. Sorry I was late

Rep. Amato- Adjorn

Sen. Quibley- Second

Adjournment: 9:18pm

Written and Reviewed by Executive Teresa Hoang

**UC= vote on by unanimous consent

President Pro Tempore Heeter -

Senator Brewster -

Senator Burgess -

Senator Dixon -

Senator Dudley -

Senator Ernest -

Senator Goff -

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