West Virginia University

Student Government Association

February 3rd, 2016

E. Moore Hall, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 7:38 PM
2. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement- Read by VP Ashley Morgan
3. Roll Call

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – p

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska –a

-Governor Kiess –p

-Governor McIntyre –p

-Governor Moneyhun –p

-Governor Richardson –a

-Governor Riggins –a

-Governor Sabatino -p

-Governor Seabolt –p

-Governor Thompson –p

-Governor Waris –p

-Governor Watson –a

-Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a

-Athletic Councilor Taylor – p

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1. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
2. Open Student Forum I

- My name is Patrick, there’s a new Ridesharing service that’s coming to Morgantown – it’s similar to Uber, except it’s called “Digiturbe” and only students drive students, instead of random students. I’ve left some flyers on the back table if you have any more questions.

- Hi, I’m Alex Weidman and I’d like to announce my intention to run for SGA President.

- Ankur Kumar: I want to announce that tomorrow night at the Mountainlair from 6-9 PM in the plaza will be campfire night. Be there!

- Haley Quigley: I met this awesome group of people over at Evansdale Crossing, this group is called Intervarsity (their purpose is to sponsor students that deeply try to follow their faith while here on campus, if they’re interested in joining this org, please contact me.)

- Amanda: I want to talk about how a little Facebook post turned into a huge ordeal. I want to start off by saying that when I posted my status about gender-neutral bathrooms, it’s not that I am against it, I’m 100% for it. But, my issue was with the University saying that he said every single one of these bathrooms will be in every building on campus – but there is NOT an ADA bathroom here on campus. I’d like to publicly say that the DA misconstrued me, and that I am not here on a political issue, but rather that I am here to advocate for ADA issues.

- I’m Miguel Henriquez, I’m trying to bring attention to a deal for something that’s heading to the WV House – the Religious Freedom Act. I won’t bore you with all of the details, but some of those are crucial. HB4021 supplies legal defense to anyone who have been burdened by equal treatment of religions. This exists within the 1st amendment of the Constitution, freedom of religion, it will damage our state. It is 100% wrong to discriminate against people just because of their sexual orientation – and it has been since 1964. I think it’s the job of this University to move forward against obstacles. Thank you all very much, and I highly urge the Board to support this resolution tonight.

- Prof. Brewster: To piggy back off what Miguel just said. I just want to give you a background on this legislation that’s trying to be passed right now in West Virginia. The University hasn’t taken a stand yet, but we’re hoping SGA starts with this. House Bill 4.012, creates a 2nd-class standing for any members of the LGBTQ community. I’d like to state that I love WV, but the fact that our state continually is falling behind in nationwide issues. With the passing of this bill, I’d like to say that this gives people the right to not serve people on the basis of their sexual orientation. This is drastic, we’re continuing to watch this occur, the University cannot afford for this legislation to pass. It’s hard to believe that EMT’s in Michigan could deny service to LGBTQ issues just because of their orientation. Props to Gov. Fitzwater for taking a stand.

- Jonathan Riseburg: What’s up squad? In art, dance concert starts tomorrow, you must get your ticket beforehand – tomorrow is 7:30 and Friday at 7:30, Saturday is at 2. If you requested a ticket for the basketball games, make sure you claim it – otherwise you’ll lose it. On Saturday, our men play at 8, the women play at 2 – wear pink for the women’s game, and we’re striping the Coliseum. We’re also still selling Bob Huggins Fish Fry tickets – they’re $20, and it’s a great time. If you weren’t here two weeks ago, I announced that I’m running a music festival downtown – please follow @xpressmusicfest on Twitter, we’re giving away 5 free tickets, but if you don’t win, you can buy one for $25.

1. The President’s Weekly Address

* Thank you VP Morgan, I’d like to say that #DubGeeDay was a wild success. Thank you all for coming out to that. He loves being out with the students, so thank you for coming. This week, tomorrow is campfire night at 6:30 behind the Lair, this Friday is the Bob Huggins Fish Fry at Mylan Park, this coming Tuesday is WV 149th birthday, so we’re having a party for WVU at 11 AM – 1 PM for WV’s birthday. In addition to that, it will $1.49 bowling and billiards downstairs in the Lair. Next Friday, will be WV Day Legislature. If you’re interested in going with us, see me after the meeting. Finally, I’d like to say to applaud the speakers we’ve had tonight during Open Student Forum. On those notecards in front of you, this is a small scale thing we’re trying to start – please write down your concerns at the University. We’re trying to become one student body, just like the University is trying to become OneWVU. A divided organization isn’t an organization at all, if we’re going to work together, then we must stand together. If you don’t mind leaving your notecard in the box at the back, we’ll read them all after the meeting.

1. Governor’s Reports

- Fitzwater: I’m going to be reading this Resolution to condemn what is now known as the Freedom to Discriminate Bill. I’ll urge anyone who is a WV resident, to call their local representative and make sure this doesn’t pass. It’s trying to move us back, but we’re trying to move forward. If anyone sees a University administrator – then please mention this to them and help make the University give a statement.

- Humphrey: I have 3 quick things: As a part of my textbook initiative, is the addition of the Open Access Textbook on the WVU Library website. This is actually being used by a professor at this University. Also, the Dean of the library has asked me to attend the roundtable discussion on open textbook initiatives. Moving on, I’m on the First Year Seminar planning committee, and the content of the committee will be on an open access platform. We’re going to save next year’s freshman class over $350,000. If anyone is interested, I’m working on a personal legislative effort to pertain to OCR or OSE’s will impact students here in the state.

- Kiess: As some of you know, myself and some others have been working on a change in our Residence Halls. We will be releasing a survey through ResEd at the end of this week with some questions. This will be on a 5 point scale – some of these questions will be about moving the sign in time from midnight to 2 AM, 4 AM, or removing the time altogether. Not too many times, we get a change to get our voices heard. There’s also an incentive with this, we’ll have 10 $50 gift cards for people who take this survey.

- Waris: I’ve been talking a lot about Health Ambassadorship Program, this past week they’re all about providing us literature that we could use to edit and implement changings at grade schools across the state. The goal within the next couple months would be to get a pilot program in place in a few counties in the state. If this sounds interesting to you, please get in contact with me.

1. Athletic Councilor Reports

- Taylor: On Saturday the women’s basketball team plays KState at 1. The Maniacs have the clubhouse bought out, so please come out at noon!

1. Executive Reports

- Workman: As President Capel mentioned, WV Day at the Legislature is next Friday. We’ll be leaving at 5 AM for that day. This is a big year for this, especially with the discrimination bill coming through right now. Our fellow student, Sarah Blair, has a bill going thru right now. We want to provide students an opportunity with this trip to speak to their legislators to impact the legislature in a positive way. If you do want to go, our SALA meeting is next Tuesday at 5 in the SGA office – so please go if you’re interested. I have a meeting with Chief Roberts (MPD police chief) about these recent bills. I’ll get you a rundown of this meeting by the next meeting. We need at least 20 students to go so we can reach as many representations as possible. I need to stress how important this is for us to do this. Ridesharing and Chief Roberts bill are our 2 big things, along with the discrimination bill that’s going through. The university is also increasing tuition costs, which directly impacts students – so this potentially is important for people who will attend WVU in the future.

- Abundance Hunt: I’m speaking on behalf of Charlie Hageboeck – only a handful of people submitted their reports, and we’re trying to get a full book made for the future administrations.

- Liz Barnhart: I’d like to say thank you to everyone who came out to President Gee’s birthday and to everyone who attended our Professionalism meeting these last 2 days. Our next comm meeting is Monday at 7:30 in the SGA Office. If you came to the professionalism meeting, I have cookies for you.

- Andrew Sutherland: February 13-20 is Random Acts of Kindness Week and I need volunteers.

- Turnani: The graduate and professional student senate had its first meeting of the semester on Monday, and our best turnout yet happened. Are there any grad or professional students here that didn’t get an email about that? To be a senator, you just have to be a grad student, but we’re looking into something that will be based on the population of each program. Our senate works by connecting students in different programs and having lateral information transfer so there is communication between the different programs. Right now, we attend meetings by the graduate associate of deans’ committee, and SGA. Our tasks are academic affairs, social activities, internet presence (Twitter, Facebook), some of the new things we’re working on now is attending faculty senate meetings here at the university. On Feb 18th at 6 PM will be the graduate student appreciate week. Our next meeting is Feb 16gh at 7 in the Mountaineer Room of the lair.

- Tyler Yim: To start off, I’d like to say how great SGA is. This organization shows students how to get involved and represent people well. I’d like to say how much I appreciate SGA. We’re forming a committee meeting for WVUVoice – there will be a bell ringing ceremony for Sarah Pike outside Oglebay Hall this Saturday.

1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business

Recall Roll

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – p

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska –p

-Governor Kiess –p

-Governor McIntyre –p

-Governor Moneyhun –p

-Governor Richardson –a

-Governor Riggins –a

-Governor Sabatino -p

-Governor Seabolt –p

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-Governor Waris –p

-Governor Watson –a

-Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a

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* 1. Grants:

MountaineerThon

- Hudson: There are 3 grants tonight that will be discussed next week.

- Hi, I’d like to thank SGA for hearing our grant. I’m Josh Power, we are a nonprofit org that holds an 8 hour event that raises money for Ruby Memorial Hospital that serves around 10,000 people, all money raised goes directly to families so they can spend more time with their children. If you have any questions, please let me know.

- Seabolt: How much does it cost for a group to enter the MountaineerThon?

- Power: $25

- Klandorf: How many families did you help last year?

- Power: We raised $36,000 last year, but that’s enough for a few families.

- Hudson: They requested $1,500 total, we suggest full amount.

- Humphrey: Motion to vote on suggested amount via roll call. PASSES UNIANIMOUSLY.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

-Governor Richardson –

-Governor Riggins –

-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –

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American Pharmacy Association

- I’m Emily, we’re a group here that is trying to send more of our members to a conference in Baltimore, MD. We’d really like to promote this.

- Hudson: They request over $8,000, we suggest only $1,000.

- Waris: How many members are you trying to take?

- 7, but with money we could take more.

- Seabolt: I move to vote on suggested amount via roll call. MOTION PASSES UNIANIMOUSLY.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

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Kappa Kappa Psi

- Hello, I’m Ben Freemont, we’re trying to travel to our regional convention at Marist College in NY. In the past years, we’ve struggled to send as many people as we once did. We’d like to see attendance increase. I’m Miranda Cook, I’d like to say that going to this convention would be beneficial to our chapter and bring them back to WVU. I’m Berzinski, this past weekend, I attended with my brothers a convention that helped me learn how to run my office efficiently.

- Thompson: Is this a band org?

- We’re the national honorary band fraternity, we try to assist the Marching Band.

- Humphrey: How many active brothers do you have?

- 20 brothers, 10 prospects.

- Dirkman: I think we should support this, they do so much for the band.

- Hudson: We suggest the full amount, $1,357.50.

- Mcintyre: I move to vote on suggested amount via roll call.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

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-Governor Riggins –

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-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –

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Print Club

- Thank you for having us, I’m Jacob Sham, I’m Lesley Morris. We’re here to ask for funds to travel to our yearly meeting. We make fine art prints as a part of the art department here at WVU. We are represented WVU, and it’s important for us to see leading demos in this field and seek out issues within the field. This also helps us seek out candidates to recruit to our program. This year, we’re trying to take 6 members to Portland, Oregon for the convention this year. As an undergrad student, they’d be able to discuss with professors from all over the nation to seek out graduate programs nationwide.

- Seabolt: How big is your organization?

- We have 8, trying to send 6.

- Seabolt: Do you ever sell the art that you print and where?

- Yes, we sell them in the Mountainlair every now and then. So far, we’ve sold $70 a person.

- Hudson: They requested over $3,000, we suggest $1,200 due to lack of people attending.

- Humphrey: I move to vote on suggested amount via roll call. MOTION PASSES UNIANIOUMOUSLY.

- Seabolt: I move to recall roll.

Recall Roll

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – p

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska –p

-Governor Kiess –p

-Governor McIntyre – p

-Governor Moneyhun – p

-Governor Richardson –a

-Governor Riggins –a

-Governor Sabatino -p

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-Governor Moneyhun –y

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1. Resolution: Gov. Fitzwater reads said resolution.

* Morgan: We need to decide if we want to vote on this tonight, or next week.
* Fitzwater: I urge the Board to pass this tonight, because it was passed today.
* Kiess: I motion to suspend the rules and vote on this Resolution tonight.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

-Governor Richardson –

-Governor Riggins –

-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

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OUT OF SPECIAL RULES.

Discussion

* Waris: I move to vote on this resolution via roll call.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

-Governor Richardson –

-Governor Riggins –

-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –y with rights

-Governor Thompson – y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

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- Seabolt: If you aren’t following the presidential election right now, Rand Paul withdrew from the race today. Gov’t overreach is a problem in this country and whenever the gov’t works to oppress the people they’re voted into represent. I hope the people in Charleston notice what we’re doing here at WVU.

1. Open Student Forum II

- Alex Richardson: I’m in a wheelchair obviously, and I’ve had a very hard time making my way around campus in this allegedly “ADA-Friendly Campus”.

- Brewster: I’ll address the issue too. I messaged Amanda on Saturday morning to talk about this issue. This is a huge issue for people. For people that are important, this is what they want us to argue about – resources. This is a huge issue, and everyone talks about inclusivity rights – it shouldn’t be just one person who supports these on every ticket. It should be everyone. This is a huge issue where the entire SGA should descend on an office and make a change here. This is a big financial burden, but it’s something that needs to be done. It could be 20 years before they all get here. We shouldn’t be fighting about this, but we NEED to work with them.

- Humphrey: It’s great to see my friend who I used to sit with on the Board. This struck me as wrong as a part of the problem, she had told me that whenever she had to go meet with someone in Stewart Hall was practically impossible due to the lack of ADA accessibility. That’s the root of the problem, the people who run this university can’t even be contacted in their offices because they can’t even get up the stairs to their offices! Thank you all for your efforts tonight.

1. Advisor’s Reports

- Brewster: While we’re talking about working together – with the DA here. I encourage you all to work together, with whistleblowing at the University is important – but I want positive things to be reported as well to the newspaper. Always record yourself, just to save yourself the hassle of any confusion that comes from the article. We get a little overzealous, so let’s work together a little more, and we’d really appreciate that.

- Farris: I’d like to make a shameless mention for something that’s on the back of your agenda, last year we raised more than $120,000 so we’re trying to feed more families here in Mon County. You can sign up on iServe, and work together to help fix hunger here at home.

1. Announcements – VP Morgan Reads announcements.
2. Adjournment – 9:00 PM

Announcements

The Center for Service and Learning is accepting nominations for the President’s Volunteer Service Award.  Any WVU faculty, staff, or student who has completed at least 100 hours of service between February 1, 2015 and February 1, 2016 is eligible for nomination, and may nominate another candidate (or self-nominate). Candidates may count hours from community service and service-learning courses. Hours must be submitted and approved on WVU's iServe system (or verified by nominator). **All nominations are due by February 29, 2016**. To complete the nomination form visit <http://tinyurl.com/jbmjh5o>.   For more information contact Rikki Bower, AmeriCorps VISTA at [rlbower@mail.wvu.edu](http://rlbower@mail.wvu.edu/).

Random Acts of Kindness Week is Feb. 13-20th.  We will be spreading kindness through service during this week! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Director of Community Service, Andrew Sutherland at [adsutherland@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:adsutherland@mix.wvu.edu)

Empty Bowls Mon County is looking for volunteers for their annual luncheon in Mylan Park on Thursday, February 25th, Friday the 26th, and Saturday the 27th. If anyone has any questions e-mail Philanthropy Director, Paige Kerns, at [pakearns@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:pakearns@mix.wvu.edu)

SGA will be hosting Pizza, Cookies, and Conversations in front of room G39 of the Engineering Sciences Building on Thursday, February 11 from 12-4pm. Come out, have some pizza, and share your concerns with your student leaders!

**SGA Elections Timeline:**

Signatures packets are due February 10 at Noon in the Student Engagement and Leadership Office.

Candidates meeting- February 19 at 5pm. Location TBD

Active Campaigning begins- February 21 at midnight.

Debate- February 29 at 6pm in Mountainlair Food Court.

Voting- March 1 and 2 from 9am-7pm. Locations are the Mountainlair, University Park, and Evansdale Crossing.

Please email [emharrison@mix.wvu.edu](mailto:emharrison@mix.wvu.edu) for any questions or concerns!