

**West Virginia University  
SGA Meeting- 01/25/2016  
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 -*  
*Senator Ernest -*  
*Senator Goff -*  
*Senator Hunt- present*  
*Senator Kaska- present*  
*Senator King - present*  
*Senator Knollinger – present*  
*Senator McGuire -*  
*Senator Quigley - present*  
*Senator Smith - present*  
*Senator Sutherland –*  
*Senator Waris -*  
*College Representative Hall- present*  
*College Representative Stover-*  
*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- present*  
*College Representative Levelle- present*

Minutes from last week have been approved

### **Open Student Forum I**

*Dr. Brustein-* I am the new VP for Global Strategies and International Affairs. I came to WVU in September. I came from Ohio State University, where I worked as the Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs. I worked very closely with President Gordon Gee. I came here to try to move forward the national chapter of the university. How many in this room has had experienced a study abroad? How many of you felt like you benefitted from it? I'm here to talk to you about, as discussed by Julie and I, a certain idea that: In one of my previous positions as CIO at the University of Illinois, I worked with SGA there to see if students would be interested in developing a plan to raise money for scholarships for students to go abroad. I got the idea when I was studying what other universities had done, like the University of Georgia State. What those students at those universities had done was impose a \$5 on their students on their bills, which any student could have opted out of, and I brought this idea to the students at the University of Illinois, suggesting students take the lead on the same kind of project on the \$5 a semester, and the students decide the criteria for that scholarship, and I would go to the President and the Provost to match the funds and prospective donors, and tell them that the students are imposing a tax on themselves because they value study abroad so much and proposed that they match the funds. It worked very well at the University of Illinois, and they proposed a bill and passed overwhelmingly. The student and the student committee were allowed to decide what and how it was utilized: first it would go to students of need, then students from underrepresented groups, then underrepresented disciplines, and the fourth criteria would go to students planning to go abroad to the not popular destinations. Most students go to Europe, but the students of Illinois gave a preferences to destinations otherwise. They were allowed to decide the preferences. Every year, it raised \$300,000 to students to decide to give opportunities to many students who want that one in a lifetime experience of going abroad. I thought that would be a great idea to bring here, and you could shape it how it would best fit WVU. Given the priority we've placed on giving students an international experience, we'd be very interested in assisting you in any way you would desire.

*PPT Heeter-* I know that some colleges like Eberly have scholarships for students studying abroad, would they still be able to get this scholarship?

*Dr. Brustein-* it would be left to the students to decide that. There were colleges that subsidized scholarships like that, and they weren't penalized at all.

*Sen. Brewster-* is University of Illinois IC or UC?

*Dr. Brustein-* UIUC

*Sen. Brewster-* when they held that vote for the \$5 fee, if students opted out, were they disqualified from receiving the scholarship or future financial aid?

*Dr. Brustein-* No, but I should mention that 99% of the students opted for it.

*Sen. Burgess-* you said students decide the criteria for the scholarship, so which students developed the criteria?

*Dr. Brustein-* SGA took the lead and put together a committee that would allow students to voice their opinions and questions and the leadership of the education abroad office would answer those questions regarding if they could do this and that

*Sen. Quigley-* a lot of universities, their student government handles how student fees get divvied out; at University of Illinois, does their student government handle how student fees get divvied out or is that strictly higher up?

*Dr. Brustein-* Most of the student fees came down from senior administration. What we wanted to do was different. We wanted the students to have this as their own issue. Students said we will raise money but we will not raise money for the university to staff the people in the office or handle the growth of the office for study abroad. In fact, what happened at the University of Illinois was that they went from 20<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> in terms of the percentage of students studying abroad up to top 10 in the United States

*Sen. Knollinger-* What was the size of the University of Illinois?

*Dr. Brustein-* close 35-40,000 but the undergraduate body did this so like 30,000 students

Student - did they check out of volunteering the \$5 or check in?

*Dr. Brustein-* they checked out

*Dr. Brustein-* I'll leave my card and contact information if anyone has further interests

### **The President's Report**

*President Merow-* First off, I'm going to pass around a card for Oklahoma State. One of their senators passed away this past weekend pretty suddenly, and we wanted to send them our condolences. We are starting to look towards a bike share program in Morgantown on campus, and a WVU alum reached out to me, and said they've been very successful, even at places with tricky terrain like we have. There's a basketball game against Texas A&M this weekend on Saturday at noon. Thanks to everyone who took advantage of us not having a meeting last Wednesday and went to the game. After the meeting next week, Roshan will be taking headshots and we will be taking a picture for Valentine's Day card for the other Big 12 schools, so please wear red or pink. If you don't want to wear red or pink for your headshots, you can store clothes in our offices. VP McIntyre's and PPT Heeter's birthday and everyone else's birthday in January, there are cookies in the back, so grab one whenever you leave.

## **Senators' Reports**

*Sen. Dixon-* Tonight, I have been working on, a lot of our Big 12 brothers and sisters have a campus climate advisory board. Tonight we've brought together about 20 organization representatives who will represent marginalized communities on campus together, and we have officially formed our campus social climate advisory council. The hopes of this campus is to reach out to every single community. This campus council will be the spearhead for the different university events that represent the the marginalized communities on campus and will also be sending campus climate reports to the President, the VP of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Provost monthly. Our next official meeting will be in the next two weeks. I will be meeting with Robert Lyons, who is the new direction director of Innovative Inclusion to see if the council could be a good fit to be housed in their office.

*Sen. Hunt-* thank you to everyone who came out to Baylor and the Kansas game before hand. WVU Marketing and their Athletics branch are very thankful. I decided people who went to both will be in a drawing for a prize, which includes limited time WVU Nike Gear. Thank you guys a lot for that. If you guys like doing stuff like that, please let me so I have a list to pull from. Come out Saturday.

## **College Representatives' Reports**

None.

## **Executive Reports**

*Dir. Ball-* Julie sent me an email a few weeks ago about a college fair day at South Middle School on Feb 23. They're putting on this college prep fair which will give information to middle school students about college. The organizer is trying to get help from SGA. We are tasked to organize a prep rally. The main thing I need is any person on student government who wants to or knows someone who wants to volunteer with a department chair to answer questions about their major or help and volunteer with the prep rally in general, let me know.

## **Unfinished Business**

None.

## **New Business**

- **Grants**

*VP McNytre-* I give chair power to Treasure Daniels for these grants, so all your motions and discussion will be to him at his discretion.

### **Society of Mining**

*Treasurer Daniels-* this organization is sending one of their mining design teams to this conference they're going to. There are two parts to their hotel payment. We are suggesting to pay for the second part, and we are suggesting to pay \$1480, and it falls into similar organizations like Experimental Rocketry, SWE, etc., we have funded.

*Rep. Amato-* Is that the entirety?

*Treasurer Daniels-* Entirety.

*Senator Hunt-* UC

*PPT Heeter-* second

### **Club Gymnastics**

*Treasurer Daniels-* They are going to one of their regional tournaments at JMU. They are asking for the hotel for that trip and a \$30 per person registration fee, and that total comes to \$1170.

*Sen. Quigley -* UC

*Sen. Smith -* second

### **English Graduate Student Union**

*Treasurer Daniels-* They came to us with an event they're having with grad students and the professional community in English department. They are asking a speaker to come. It's open to the public. We can't pay for speaker fee, but we paid for everything we could pay for. We are suggesting \$400, and they probably won't reach that amount, but we gave them the extra incase they needed it.

*Sen. Quigley-* UC

*PPT Heeter-* second

### **Association for India's Development**

*Rep-* I am president. Basically, the mission of our club is to fundraise for development in India and support and serve the Indian community in Morgantown. To help the community, every year we help with Habitat for Humanity, and this year, flood relief efforts, and Ghandi-walk-a-thon. Next month, we are going to have a fundraising dinner on Feb 19. We have dinner for anyone who comes, and the cost is \$10 for students and others it's \$15. We are expecting more than 200 people

*Treasurre Daniels-* They have a variety of funds they are asking for, rental cars, \$1600 for groceries, \$100 for banners and promotional materials, \$300 for technicians and electronics, and \$300 for volunteer appreciation. BoF has suggested \$1600 which covers all their groceries

*Rep-* we have requested more. If you are able to bump it up a little bit, it would be very helpful. We have sponsors in terms of food and transport

*Sen. Brewster-* you said you have a sponsor for your food and transportation, who is it?

*Rep-* we are asking local Indian stores, and we are expecting to get around \$300 worth of food. We are providing for 200+ people

*Sen. Burgess-* How many people are you expecting?

*Rep-* We had 170 last year, so this year, we are definitely expecting more than 200.

*Sen. Burgess-* Are you opening it up to the student body?

*Rep-* Yes, it'll be \$10 for students

*Sen. Kaska-* When is the date?

*Rep-* Feb. 19 in Mountainlair Ballroom

*Sen. Brewster-* How many attendees did we have at the similar event hosted by African Association?

*Treasure Daniels-* Their estimates were 600+ people, so that was the big differentiator; we granted them \$1900

*Sen. Quigley-* move to vote on the suggested via UC

*Sen. Smith-* second

*Sen. Burgess-* move to return to Open Senate Discussion via UC

*PPT Heeter-* second

*Sen. Quigley-* Retract motion

#### *OPEN DISCUSSION:*

*Sen. Burgess-* they are requesting more money for additional food; my rationale is to increase it by \$200 to provide for transportation and banners

*Treasurer Daniels-* we don't do Enterprise rental cars, so you can add the \$200 to anything else

*PPT Heeter-* how are they getting the groceries?

*Treasurer Daniels-* They're going to Kroger

*Sen. Knollinger-* How much are you charging?

*Rep-* \$15 for the community, \$10 for students

*Rep. Levelle-* and the total estimated cost is \$2000?

*Rep-* yes, \$2000 just for the food

*Sen. Quigley-* query: how much did we give the student org that held the similar dinner; was it \$1900?

*Sen. Hunt-* yes, but the point of difference is that the expected size was 600

*Rep. Levelle -* I went and it wasn't close to 600 and they had a ton of food left over

*Sen. Knollinger-* if they are charging \$10 to get in, it'll be \$2 a plate, but with the \$15, they'd make \$7 per person

*Sen. Kaska-* point of discussion: they are giving the money to a good cause. It'd be fine if we bumped it up to \$1800

*Sen. King-* each technician is 200?

*Rep-* the total for technicians is \$200 in total

*Rep. Robinson-* where will the funds you're raising go to?

*rep-* It'll help fund projects, like Indian farmers

*Rep. Amato-* what if the size of the event is only as big as the event they can prepare for? It's an event from the community that going back to the community itself

*Sen. Brewster-* motion to end discussion via UC  
*Sen Hunt-* second

*Sen. Kaska* – I move to grant AID \$1800, \$1600 for catering and \$200 for technicians via roll call

*Sen. Kaska-* second

*Rep. Amato-* I move to grant them \$1900 to include advertising via roll call

*PPT Heeter-* second

*Treasurer Daniels-* *Rep. Amato's motion is the most constructive, so we will vote on that at the Executive Secretary's discretion.*

*President Pro Tempore Heeter -* nay

*Senator Brewster -* nay

*Senator Burgess -* aye

*Senator Dixon -* aye

*Senator Dudley -*

*Senator Ernest -*

*Senator Goff -*

*Senator Hunt-* nay

*Senator Kaska-* nay

*Senator King -* aye

*Senator Knollinger –* nay

*Senator McGuire -*

*Senator Quigley -* nay

*Senator Smith -* nay

*Senator Sutherland –*

*Senator Waris -*

*College Representative Hall-* aye

*College Representative Stover-*

*College Representative Kitchen-*

*College Representative Ferrari-*

*College Representative Robinson-* aye

*College Representative Amato-* aye

*College Representative McGraw-* aye

*College Representative Cooper-* aye

*College Representative Morgan-* aye

*College Representative Smith-* nay

*College Representative Fakhouri-* aye

*College Representative Levelle-* nay

*Treasurer Daniels-* Grant passes.

### **Men's Rugby**

*Treasurer Daniels-* It's their third year defending the Big 12 title, and they were pretty much able to get everything else paid for through various other means.

They only need flights for their members, which has also been an issue in the past. If you choose to provide so many flights, they will provide receipts that the rest is split accordingly, rather than the paid flights go to just the President or an exclusive member.

*Rep-* This is third year we're doing this. Oklahoma is waiving our registration fee and put us up in the hotel, we are paying for the Enterprise van from our outside funds, and we host a separate fundraiser to raise money for flights as well. I'm asking for the full cost of up to 5 flights, assuming they don't go over the total limit. It's a great opportunity for exposure for our club and the school. We'd be defending the Big 12 championship. When we won last year, it qualified us for nationals.

*PPT Heeter-* if flights do rise, are we only covering \$1800 or are we covering 4 flights?

*Sen. Knollinger-* I know we had other club sports go to tournaments, do we have any other rationale?

*Sen. Quigley-* club volleyball was similar

*Sen. Hunt-* that pertained the national tournament but not championship title

*Treasurer Daniels-* As far as a Big 12 Championship is concerned, this first one we've had so far

*PPT Heeter-* if you all do qualify to go to nationals, how are you going to pay for that?

*Rep-* club sports set aside 10% of its budget for championships and national qualifications specifically for teams who excel so they don't run out of budget in the case that they do get to this level

*Sen. Hunt-* so if you do get the BoF suggested amount, will the players be responsible for the difference?

*Rep-* we are doing a GoFundMe right now that started two days ago, and we are at \$810. We also pay semesterly dues, \$250 in the fall and \$100 in the spring, and we have our club sports account that started at \$5600 and through our whole fall schedule, is now down to \$1200. With that, we combine our club sports budget and dues budget, each player is responsible for something, but Mike Ellington, VP of student life, was able to help us out similarly for paying for a certain amount vs a certain number of flights. Last year, he got us 6 flights, and we cover the rest with our team funds.

*Treasurer Daniels-* So, I stand corrected: the other club sports that went to nationals was the dance team, and they asked for \$2300 for their nationals and we gave them \$1600

*PPT Heeter-* I move to end discussion via UC

*Sen. Brewster-* second

*PPT Heeter-* I move to vote on the BoF suggest amount via UC

*Sen. Smith-* second

*PPT Heeter-* cavoite: we voted on a hard \$1800. We only pay for 1800, regardless of whether the price of the flight tickets fluctuates.

## **WVU Supply Chain Management Association**

*Rep-* I'm president. Today I'm presenting a powerpoint to request a grant for our org trip to Brown Forman Association. We are a fairly new association, born in 2014. We are an org that provides services for students in the supply chain management major or potential students in the school to benefit outside of the classroom with potential employers. Brown Forman is a large spirits company. They manufacture ownership rights to a whole bunch of spirits brands, like Jack Daniels Whiskey. They have a 8% hold on the spirits industry. Part of the trip will be a visit to the Woodford Reserve Distillery, the oldest of 9 bourbon distilleries in the state. In 200, it was registered as a historic landmark. The purpose of the trip is to provide students with onsite visit to the supply chain management. With Bourbons and a lot of liquors, you have to let it age. With their logistics and distribution, it's interesting because how are they going to maximize profits by reducing inventory. Students can see this first hand. We are hoping to establish a long-term relationship with this company. Just being a newly formed major, we are looking for alumni donors and sponsors, and our biggest competitors, like Ohio State University, have huge sponsors with big named companies, so this is a huge opportunity to form a long term relationship with them where students can potentially get hired for full time jobs or internships. On this trip, you get a more personal feel, rather than just a quick disassociated feel like that of job fairs. I also included an agenda: we will be visiting the main campus, have lunch with the rehearsal team, and speed geeking, campus tour in Louisville, the Woodford Reserve and Sstillery, and then leave and come back to WVU. I'm requesting a grant for the accommodations, 10 rooms, 2 people room, which totals to be \$114.91 including taxes

*Sen. Hunt-* how many are in your group total?

*Rep-* 47 total

*Sen. Brewster-* What is the male to female ratio?

*Rep-* We have 2 females in their own room and the rest elsewhere

*Treasurer Daniels-* as deliberated in the BoF, we took accommodations because it is a club-only event, where their club is doing something, just their club, so we paid for half the rooms and suggest \$575

*Sen. Kaska-* has B&E given you any money? Have you done any fundraising?

*Rep-* B&E referred me here, and we will be hosting a spring fundraiser in one of the local restaurants to raise money and that will be done in the next month

*Rep. Amato-* They are asking for \$1149, regardless of BoF's suggestion

*PPT Heeter -* do you have any other funds? Like dues?

*Rep.-* Dues are \$20, an annual one-time fee, and those go towards speaking events and a seminar once a year, and catering events, and the seminar, Supply Chain 101, is not just members-only, but also potential members, so it would deplete us from Supply Chain 101 and potential employers coming in

*Sen. Brewster-* is there a reason you're requesting 10 rooms for 20 students?

*Rep-* Brown Forman set a limit so that's why we have 20 students; they limited us off at 20

*Sen. Brewster* – At a ratio of 20 students with 2 students per room, I understand the two females have to have their own rooms, but it seems sensible to have 6 rooms for the remaining 16 boys.

*Rep*- Our advisor recommended 2 per room, but we are open to adjustments

*PPT Heeter* – So the total is \$1114 for 2 persons per room?

*Rep* – Yes, \$1114.91 including state taxes

*Sen. Hunt* – They're getting a really good opportunity for the members to see something new and for future careers, so it could be a little bit more than just a club trip. If we added 2 rooms and it was 7 rooms, it would be \$804.37 and that's still in the middle of that second tier

*Sen. Knollinger*- In my major, there is only one trauma center in the world that trains soldiers around here, and for my professional and graduate school interviews, it's different and stands out on a resume. It's not something you can learn in a textbook. With the distillery, they get first hand exposure and a pretty significant advancement on knowledge

*Sen. Kaska*- Given that it's a fairly new major, they don't have many connections, so this would be very important, especially against competing schools

*Sen. Brewster* – I motion to end discussion via UC

*PPT Heeter* – second

*Sen. Hunt* – I move to raise suggested amount to \$804.37 and pay for 7 rooms via rollcall

*Sen. Kaska* – second

*PPT Heeter* – I move to raise the suggest \$690 to pay for 6 rooms via roll call.

*Sen. Brewster*- second

*Treasurer Daniels*- Since *Sen. Hunt's* motion was the most constructive, we will start there.

*President Pro Tempore Heeter* - nay

*Senator Brewster* - nay

*Senator Burgess* - aye

*Senator Dixon* - nay

*Senator Dudley* -

*Senator Ernest* -

*Senator Goff* -

*Senator Hunt*- aye

*Senator Kaska*- aye

*Senator King* - aye

*Senator Knollinger* – aye

*Senator McGuire* -

*Senator Quigley* - nay

*Senator Smith* - nay

*Senator Sutherland* –

*Senator Waris* -

*College Representative Hall*- nay

*College Representative Stover*-

*College Representative Kitchen-*  
*College Representative Ferrari-*  
*College Representative Robinson- nay*  
*College Representative Amato- aye*  
*College Representative McGraw- aye*  
*College Representative Cooper- aye*  
*College Representative Morgan- nay*  
*College Representative Smith- nay*  
*College Representative Fakhouri- nay*  
*College Representative Levelle- nay*

*Treasurer Daniels-* That motion does not pass, so we will move to PPT Heeter's motion for 6 rooms for \$690.

*President Pro Tempore Heeter - aye*  
*Senator Brewster - aye*  
*Senator Burgess - aye*  
*Senator Dixon - aye*  
*Senator Dudley -*  
*Senator Ernest -*  
*Senator Goff -*  
*Senator Hunt- aye*  
*Senator Kaska- aye*  
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*College Representative Levelle- aye*

*Treasurer Daniels-* This was a good day for the grants with good discussion. Last year, people would raise money for no reason, so that was a good discussion to be

had. You're more than welcome to have that discussion and raise the amount as you see willing.

## **Open Student Forum II**

*Sen. Brewster-* for the Gold and Blue crew, Ashley Morgen and I are on the executive committee for that student organization, and Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM is the next Beers and Bingo at the Alumni Center, so if you're interested, it's \$5 to play and extra money to drunk. If you're not 21, you can come, but obviously not drink. It's a really fun event with a great turn-out. Also, on Feb. 8 from 6 – 7:30 at the Alumni Center, there is a networking event where they're hosting former WVU athletes, and apparently Pat White and WVU Women's Basketball Meg Bulger will be there, for an open conversation and discussion about life after college and how they've done

*Sen. Burgess* – The intermural volleyball game is this Sunday at 8:30 PM. If you're on the team, you need to come. If you're not, you cannot play unless you tell me. It will be at the Rec center, and we're playing the Chumps. If you're on the team, you need to help pay the fee. College Reps, if you wanna play, come play with us.

*Intern Bradley-* on behalf of Exe. Kearns, she wanted me to tell you guys that there is a special showing of "Someone You Love" in the Gluck theater on Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM, and they need a couple of volunteers, just shoot Paige a message if you're available at that time

*Dir. Daw*– Two things: first of all, our BoF meetings are in the Bluestone rooms at 8:30 PM; grants are picking up rapidly, so try to make it if you can. If you have questions, let me know. I am an admissions ambassador for the Office of Admissions, and we are currently taking applications for orientation leaders for spring through summer, and you get to share everything you love about the university to new students

## **Advisor Reports**

*None.*

## **Moments**

*VP McIntyre* – to Treasurer Daniels for an amazing job chairing. I asked him to do that, and he really was a good friend there. Second of all, I gave a speech to the interns today, and I asked them all who their personal heroes were, and like 5 of them said Roshan.

*Treasurer Daniels-* to my personal hero Karley, one of our interns, she pressed out new chairs for us for the office

*Sen. Hunt* – to PPT Heeter on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday

*PPT Heeter* – to all of the girls who got a bid for Greek Life and to all who is going through for fraternities, good luck

*Sen. Kaska* – to Sen. Dixon for creating the climate committee

*Sen. Brewster* – to Rep. Amato for the first grant that a representative has proposed an amount that has been passed

*Rep. Amato*- move to adjourn

*Sen. Quigley*- second

**Adjournment:** 9:18pm

Written and Reviewed by Executive Secretary Hoang

\*\*UC= vote on by unanimous consent

*President Pro Tempore Heeter* -

*Senator Brewster* -

*Senator Burgess* -

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