



**West Virginia University SGA
Meeting 10/14/2020,
2020 - 2021 Administration**

I. Call to Order at 7:30PM

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

“We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University and the Student Government Association, an atmosphere that helps to foster and open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected, and to promote the principles of diversity and responsible self-governance.”

III. Roll Call

President Pro Tempore Jones - present

College Senator Backus - present

College Senator Bonar - present

Senator Brooks

College Senator Cade - present

Senator Colbert - present

Senator Daniel - present

Senator Donnelly - present

Senator Eby - present

College Senator Eyler - present

College Senator Glass - present

College Senator Hanson - present

Senator Harman - present

College Senator Hitt - present

Senator Ihlenfeld - present

Senator Jernigan - present

Senator Knotts - present

Senator Kumar - present

College Senator McKnight - present

Senator Miller

College Senator Moore - present

Senator Nadeau - present

Senator Nichols - present

College Senator Rawson - present

College Senator Robinson - present

Senator Rosello - present

College Senator Seidel - present

College Senator Zanabli - present

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes

VP Bragg: The minutes from our last meeting have been posted. I will now entertain a motion to approve these minutes via show of hands.

Senator Daniel: so moved.

Senator Donnelly: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes.

V. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

VP Bragg: The agenda for today's meeting is now before you. I will now entertain a motion for the agenda via show of hands.

Senator Donnelly: So moved.

Senator Harman: Second.

VP Bragg: All those approved. All those opposed. This motion passes. We will now move on to open student forum I.

VI. Open Student Forum I

VP Bragg: Does anyone have anything for open student forum I?

President Pro Tempore Jones: That was a mistake, I am sorry.

VP Bragg: All good. Anyone for open student forum I? Going once, going second, alrighty. We will now move on to the President's Report.

VII. The President's Report

VP Bragg: Chase.

President Riggs: Hello everyone. I will say I am very very excited to be back, someone of us are in person here tonight on this wednesday evening, um it's been so long since we've met in person. I am very very excited. Just a few reminders, make sure that you all are wearing your mask at all times for the entirety of the meeting. Make sure that you are practicing and observing

social distancing at all times and that you are staying in your assigned seat, I've asked one person from each group to take note and take attendance. I will be collecting that at the end of this evening. Today is honestly kind of a short President's report, I do apologize for this short notice but we did receive confirmation today that Baylor a big twelve school plans to host the big 12 virtual conference next week on Friday the 23rd and on Saturday the 24th, this will be similar to other delegations, we have chosen to send three senators so for those interested in attending the conference next weekend, there will be an application that will be created and will be sent to you by this upcoming Friday and that application will close by Sunday and then I will be reaching out to you all early Monday morning, the conference will be a wonderful opportunity to network with our big twelve colleagues to discuss different issues that our students are facing, amidst this pandemic this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about everyone's organization and also learn more about your position. Later this week I will be attending my second higher education policy commission meeting so I will definitely keep you all updated on the details of that meeting and it is still community engagement month and yesterday was the last day to vote in the state of West Virginia and we were able to have some messaging posted on our social media as well posted across campus and local government liaison Rifley will be able to provide us more information on that later. I think that is it. I hope you all have a wonderful in person and virtual meeting, hybrid meeting. We will be meeting with committee members tonight, so newly appointed assembly members if you guys just want to hold tight while I send everyone to their breakout rooms and I will call on you individually and we will send you to specific committee but following the meeting please remember not to gather in the hallway and if you need hand sanitizer I have some but my quote this evening is "you never have to ask permission to lead, just lead" - Kamala Harris. With that have a wonderful meeting guys.

VP Bragg: Thank you, President Riggs. Are there any questions? Seeing none we will move on to assembly reports.

VIII. Assembly Reports

VP Bragg: Do any assembly members have any reports?

Senator Zanabli: Hey guys so I wanted to let you guys know that I am working on two pieces of legislation right now, one of them is to make an locksmith training online and to get it annual as well so it can continue and the second piece of legislation is to work and co-sponsor something called an allie training and so it's basically just to teach all of us about recovery for mountaineers who are in substance abuse recovery so for both of them I would love to see some SGA members sign and support it so I am working with different people on that and we're trying to see what days work for them and then I am probably going to put a poll via groupchat to see when you guys are available and hopefully we can have some attendance and you know kind of like put that stigma around substance abuse and all that. So thank you.

VP Bragg: Any other assembly members have a report? Seeing none we will now move on to executive reports.

IX. Executive Reports

VP Bragg: Do any executive members have a report?

Local Government Liaison Rifley: Hi everyone. As Chase said the deadline to register to vote to participate in the November 3rd election has passed. If you are registered to vote you can still request an absentee ballot, I believe until October 28th, so make sure you get information on that and make sure everyone is aware of that. Also be on the lookout for our townhall, that should be finalized in a few days and I hope to see people there once we get information about that out.

Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Election Chair Pressley.

Election Chair Pressley: Hi guys so I talked to Chase this weekend about the election committee and so I am going to put a message in the groupchat really quick during the meeting so just like the message if you are interested to hear more about it, I really want to get this started so we can look at the A pendency, the election code and things like that. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Treasurer Cappadona.

Treasurer Cappadona: Hey, just one thing about financial bill 2020-10, the nontraditional times asked to be removed from this week's financial bill. Amelia or somebody if you would just amend that title III. Thank you and I can get the new amounts as well for that.

VP Bragg: Thank you! Do any other executives have a report? Alrighty, seeing none we will move on to new business.

X. New Business

VP Bragg: I will now entertain a motion to consider financial bill 2020-10.

Senator Harman: So moved.

College Senator Eyer: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes. Are there any amendments on this bill? Senator Harman.

Senator Harman: I moved to strike title III on the grounds that they don't want our money anymore and then also if someone wants to do some math for me. The amended total would be \$454.00.

VP Bragg: Alrighty, is there a second?

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This amendment passes, we have struck title III and changed the total amount to \$454.00. We are now in discussion of the bill as a whole. At this time I will now entertain a motion to vote on this bill via consent.

Senator Donnelly: So moved.

Senator Kumar: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This bill passes. At this time I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly proclamation 2020-06.

Pro Tempore Jones: So moved.

Senator Daniel: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes. Senator Kumar you have the floor.

Senator Kumar: AP-2020-06, assembly proclamation that WVU condemn ICE and ensure the protection of our international students during this pandemic, whereas WVU finds that in its mission statement it must commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare, and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity. Whereas, in conjunction to this sentiment, the West Virginia Student Government Association finds it purpose to help ensure the personal freedoms and general welfare of our students within our university are protected and to promote the principles of diversity and the responsible of self governance "We as a university and as a student body on the presence of time, it is apparent that our most

important values are being protected. Among these tests was the unjust and abort policy was opposed under the certain administration that have been carried out by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency also known as ICE. Whereas, this policy threatens that any international student studying in the United States that were not registered in any person classes in the fall semester would be deported. If this policy would have been enacted, WVU international students would have faced detainment this semester during a global pandemic. Whereas the process of detainment and deportation during this global pandemic would threaten the health of our students; there are numerous of ICE facilities in our area with a number of COVID strikes and being forced to take in person classes would also pose a risk to exposure to this contagious virus to our international student population. Whereas, universities across the nation understood the injustice by this policy and showed restraint by opening condemning the organization and its policy with tangible actions by having students take a one credit in person class that circumvent the policy and filing suits against ICE to protect their students. Whereas, our institution failed to do the same and going against the ideas we hold dear as mountaineers the student government does recognize the university's opposing the new policy yet it also recognizes that within the university agreed to be fully complicit with the policy by rendering their statement without any opposition to the foreign policy. Whereas there has now been light shown on ICE despicable and blatant violation of the fundamental human rights through their latest heinous acts of performing massive amounts of surgical operations primary hysterectomy on those who are trapped in their detainment centers. Mass hysterectomies are a form of genocide and facilitated by ICE the same organization that wants to detain and deport our students and where the thought of this faith falling on to anyone let alone a fellow mountaineer student would be absolutely appalling and is sadly not even the full extent of what is being done by ICE where the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is clear in stating many of ICE removable tactics take away even the right to a fair hearing in court. As the government rushes to judgement and tries to run people through a rubber stamp that ignores individual's circumstances. Posing variety of threats to civil liberties and implementing the fourth amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, the constitutional guarantee of due process and the constitutional guarantee of equal protection and freedom from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, and national origin. Whereas uncertainty about the virus has not left the United States with petition of the virus results rising, it is imperative that the university shows fast resolve in these trying times. Our certain state may lead to our government attempting to implement other harmful policies such as the one we saw this fall. In these times we owe it to our international students to ensure their safety and allow them to receive their education without the fear of deportation during a global pandemic. It is our duty to protect our fellow students, the university should also be bound by the same prerogative. Therefore, via proclamation by the Student Government of West Virginia University that WVU student government association condemns ICE for their actions and we are fully dedicated to ensuring the protection of our fellow mountaineers. WVU should issue a statement condemning the practices by ICE. Adamantly opposing any operations that are being conducted by the agency on our campus or involving our students and that we extend this to the city of Morgantown asking that they condemn the agency and its actions.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Senator Kumar. Are there any questions?.....President Pro Tempore Jones.

President Pro Tempore Jones: I just wanted to ask if you had the opportunity to sit down with any administrators concerning the statement from the university or what their plans were to address this?

Senator Kumar: Uh not yet but I was able to reach out to the associate vice president and executive director in the office of global affairs and I am waiting to hear back from them via email and I am hoping she will give me enough information to where I can make an addition to a second reading.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Anymore questions for Senator Kumar? Senator Donnelly.

Senator Donnelly: Yea Senator Kumar, thank you for writing this proclamation it was a very necessary thing I know back in the summer, we actually hosted a townhall of sorts where international students were invited to voice their concerns against this policy made by ICE. I do want to be a sponsor on this but I do have a couple of clarifications, I wanted to ask. When this was happening and the lawsuit against this ICE policy there was enough momentum by higher education that I was under the impression that the ICE policy was actually rescinded and if it is rescinded, that's the first question and then the second question is that recently that President 45 actually added a new effort that would slight international students that would limit their time that they could actually stay in the country would you be open if the ICE policy has in fact been rescinded would you change this proclamation?

Senator Kumar: I am sorry, I don't think I made this proclamation clear enough then it isn't as much about the original policy its getting the university on record saying that they completely condemn ICE and to protect their students in case of another policy being made because the policy did get rescinded because the students are still here.

Senator Donnelly: Oh okay I just wanted to know. I'll work with you sometime next week to become a sponsor to become clear because it almost seems like it is saying it is still in place. Thank you for clarifying.

VP Bragg: Any further questions for Senator Kumar? Alrighty, seeing none we will move on to the discussion on this proclamation. Is there any discussion?

Senator Zanabli: Hey so I just wanted to say this was a very well written piece of legislation and I think it's important that SGA shows that we support the international students because a lot of times they feel alone and not heard so I just wanted to applaud you for bring this up and kind of showing what their fate could be if ICE camp and all that stuff and making it very clear what the university could do to make it better and do a better job in defending all the students and not just noninternational students.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Senator Zanabli. Any further discussion? Alrighty seeing none I will now entertain a motion to table proclamation 2020-06 for a second reading on wednesday October 21st.

Pro Tempore Jones: So moved.

Senator Donnelly: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes and the proclamation is tabled. At this time I will now entertain a motion to consider Meg Sorrells for College Senator for the College of Education and Human Services.

College Senator Backus: Moved.

Pro Tempore Jones: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes. Meg you have the floor whenever.

Meg Sorrells: Hi everybody, my name is Meg Sorrells. I use she/her pronouns, I am from

Hurricane, West Virginia and I am a junior majoring in communications sciences disorders and political science. So during the spring of last year I got involved in SGA intern program and I really loved seeing how SGA made positive changes around campus so I saw this position and I was really excited to apply and I will be really proud to represent the needs of my college if given this position. Here at WVU, I have had leadership experience through various organizations such as mountaineer mentor, the title IX peer advocate program, the WVU presidential student ambassadors program where I finished the university's certificate leadership program, I also serve on the advisory board for WVU country road which seeks to create a on campus learning experience for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities so within the college of education and human services I think myself and my peers care deeply about the educational experience for those with all abilities, As a senator for my college I would really like to work to improve accessible so that every mountaineer can have a quality education and social experience through the education college. After working with title IX, I am really passionate about ending sexual harassment on campus, I'd really liked to work with SGA to make campus comfortable and safe for everyone by listening to student's concerns and pushing educational programs and increasing the support for effortive students. Ultimately I love WVU and the opportunity it brings all of us. If given this position I can not wait to work hard and make it the best it can be for fellow mountaineers. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Are there any questions? Alrighty seeing none, we will move Meg to breakout room and so we can have discussion on the appointment.

Moves Meg to breakout room

VP Bragg: Alrighty any discussion on the appointee? Senator Daniel.

Senator Daniel: I think Meg is a great candidate, her desire to make students feel safe and comfortable on campus stands out and I would love to see her prosper and I would love to work with her.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Senator Daniel. Senator Nichols.

Senator Nichols: I really loved when she started off by using her pronouns and I think that's something that offends times we forget about and that is really so important especially to a lot of people so starting that out really gave me a good feeling about it. I really liked her.

VP Bragg: Any further discussion? Going once, second. Alrighty, at this time I will give a motion to vote via secret ballot.

Pro Tempore Jones: So moved.

College Senator Cade: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes, this time we will vote via secret ballot. We will cap voting at one minute. She passed.

Lets Meg back in

Congratulations Meg, you've been appointed welcome to the team.

Meg Sorrells: Thank you so much!

VP Bragg: On to our next item of business, I believe it's committee sessions. At this moment I will now entertain a motion to breakout for committee sessions for thirty minutes.

Senator Harman: YeaI move that we move to committee session for thirty minutes.

Senator Nichols: Second.

VP Bragg: All those in favor. All those opposed. This motion passes.

XI. Committee Sessions

Committee Sessions breakout from 9:10-9:40pm (30minutes)

XII. Open Student Forum II

VP Bragg: We will now move onto open student forum II. Does anyone have anything for open student forum II?

Senator Nichols: We are coming up on the end of diversity week this week and tomorrow and Friday are the last two days of diversity week. Tomorrow is vice president Poore's address at 10 in the morning, myself and senator Colbert and other ambassadors will be there and asking her questions, I would kind of like to hear more in depth about President Gee's announced address please join. Also Friday we should be giving out more DDEI swag in front of the lair so I will keep you updated on that but if we do get more I will let you all know. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you Colton. Election Chair Pressley.

Election Chair Pressley: So I forgot to tell the new college senators I am dropping an email to send out to the college deans to get recruitment for the seats that will be open next semester, I can tell you individually about the seats that will be open but we're gonna have a big assembly and my main goal are to get those seats filled so if you all could me by talking to your college deans at least once a month just let me know thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you Cam. Senator Donnelly.

Senator Donnelly: Good evening everyone. I just wanted to do a quick committee report that was discussed in the inclusion committee, the big thing that we talked about is that next week the 22nd at 7pm we are having our inclusion event it is "Diversity Among Us" it will kick off with all attendees being in breakout rooms and they will play among us and we will play that for a little bit and then we will shift into discussion about diversity, equity, and inclusion here at WVU and what problems that we see on campus, we are really trying to get multicultural organizations to get to know each other and have us get to know them so that going forward we can advocate for each other and get to know all these wonderful organizations we will be blasting reminders for everyone here to try and attend, play some among us and get to meet some student's organizations we are going to have on campus so that is what we talked about in the committee session.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Kevin. College Senator Moore.

College Senator Moore: Hey guys, happy student engagement month, just wanted to bring you guys some updated about what the incredible engagement team is working on, so our ten for ten is about to go up thank you to Logan and Adrien for organizing our questions and for helping us push that. If you all do not mind signal boosting that for us and we will be sure to update you with the data afterwards. We have our townhall coming up later this month we are working on some details coming out later.

VP Bragg: Thank you. College Senator Eycler.

College Senator Eycler: Hi guys, just wanted to give a committee update, we had a look conversation about mental health one of the main concerns is the election happening, the facts that we get no breaks from school so we thought we could do a thing for a week long social media mental health thing. Let me know what you think of this.

Senator Daniel: For starters since we're doing committee reports we named ourselves the safety island, the ten for ten closed and we had over 570 responses so for the next few weeks we are

going to be working on having that out to all of you. We also talked about healthy streets. Our safety walk we plan to have on November 10th. Hopefully we get more information to you guys by next wednesday.

VP Bragg: Are there any other open student forum II reports? Seeing none we will now move on to the advisor's report.

XIII. Advisor's Report

VP Bragg: Chase has Dr. Thanh Lee's report.

President Riggs: He has decided to bring in his assistant director for student involvement in the SEL office, Kara Sydner to help us and to help the assembly. She will be other resource to our entire organization to connect with administrators across campus and she also has some SGA experience herself, during her undergrad years. Kara if you would like to introduce yourself to the org.

Kara Sydner: Hi everyone. Thanks Chase. I am Kara Sydner as Chase said. I am the assistant director for student involvement and I work closely with all the student organizations on campus so its kind of natural that I come and help you guys and like Chase said I was SGA president as an undergrad which was not that long ago and I am very fresh and excited to work with you all. A little about me, I love Lebron James, big dogs, and yea I am excited to work with you all and nice to meet you all.

President Riggs: Thank you Kara we are very excited to have you and also Thanh wanted to let you all know he is on a three game winning strike for fantasy football. Have a great evening everyone.

VP Bragg: Alright with that being done we will now move on to snaps.

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XIV. Adjournment

VP Bragg: I will now entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

College Senator Bonar: So moved.

College Senator Cade: Second.

VP Bragg: all those infavor. All those opposed. This motion passes, meeting is adjourned.