



West Virginia University SGA Meeting 12/11/2019, 2019-2020 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 an 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

1. President Pro Tempore Rawson
2. College Senator Buggs
3. College Senator Clutter
4. Senator Cappadona
5. Senator Collie
6. Senator Cunningham
7. Senator Dashaun
8. College Senator Dillie
9. Senator Donnelly
10. College Senator Doran
11. Senator Edwards
12. College Senator Evans
13. College senator givens
14. Athletic Senator Graham
15. Senator Harman
16. Senator Helm
17. College Senator Hopen
18. College senator Hunter
19. Senator Ihlenfeld
20. College Senator Jalso
21. Senator Jones
22. College Senator Lombardi
23. College Senator Lyons

24. College Senator Matus
25. College senator Mcknight
26. Athletic Senator Nadeu
27. College Senator Nash
28. Senator Ovide
29. Senator Pressley
30. College Senator Shoemaker
31. College senator Simon
32. Senator Stuck
33. Senator Teufel
34. Senator Zanabli

IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes/Agenda

Vice President Matheny :The minutes from last week's meeting have been posted. Are there any changes or edits that need to be made to those minutes? Seeing none I will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

Senator Pressley- So moved

Senator Teufel- Seconded

Vice President Matheny : The agenda for this weeks meeting is before you, I will now entertain a motion to approve this weeks agenda.

Senator Collie- So Moved

Senator Pressley-Second

V. Open Student Forum I

Vice President Matheny- Does anyone have anything to present for Open Student Forum 1?

Senator Collie- The cookies are over there eat as many as you want I do not want to take them home. Theres chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, and snickerdoodle.

Senator Pressley- Move to add senators Harman, Cunningham, and Shoemaker to the minutes

College Senator Matus- Second

Vice President Matheny-This motion passes

President pro tempore Rawson- Move to add Senator Edwards to the minutes

College Senator Lombardi- Second

Vice President Matheny-This motion passes we will now move into the President's report.

VI. President's Report –

President Dye- Hey everyone, Im just going to recap on the E-mail I sent we have selected the attendees for big XII on the hill, that will be Senator Cappadona, Cameron Pressley, Amelia Jones, Allie Satterfield, Lora Mcdonald, and Chase Riggs. Like I said we will be sending out a twitter poll for different options for us to advocate for while there. All big XII schools will be doing this and we will decide upon which issues we all want to advocate for. In addition to that gear orders are ready so see me if needed, if ordering a polo please specify male or female for the cut of the shirt itself. Judicial court spots will be filled tonight. For the other vacancies we must wait a semester due to them being transfers so we will vote on them at the first meeting of the new year. Tonight College senator Santiago resigned due to scheduling conflict. She found out she had a class she must have and its at the same time of our meetings and she thought it best to resign. We have gotten through the first semester and I'm very proud of those who worked everyday to make a change on campus and I'm proud of how productive we've been. However I will admit this hasn't been a perfect administration and there were flaws. We want you to complete the climate survey so we can evaluate what we've done so far. I know being a part of SGA isn't the most glorious thing on a campus but just work on finals and keep doing what you're doing. Please take care of yourself and if anything comes up don't hesitate to reach out to us. "If you believe in a cause be willing to stand up for that cause with a million people, or by yourself"-Otis S Johnson

VII. Assembly Reports/Executive Reports –

Assembly

College Senator Shoemaker-Just wanted to share that today I had a meeting with Matt Wells in the athletic department as well as Noah Smith who also works with him. We just discussed the ticketing policy for sports such as basketball, and that meeting went well and I got answers to my questions. I appreciated them having me.

Senator Helm- I feel like a lot of us know we can work on improving a lot of our governing documents, so President pro temper Rawson, Senator Teufel, and I are currently drafting some legislation that addresses our constitutions attendance policy as well as impeachment proceedings. So if anyone is interested in that please contact me or them.

College Senator Jalso- Just wanted to say the gallery viewing went well, which the bill regarding such was passed in my absence so thank you. It went amazingly and it was the first time that it had happened since I was there and something Ive worked on my entire time here at the University. The numbers were about 150 people attended the event which was probably 150 people who had never set foot in an art museum before. I plan on trying for another one next semester and I hope it goes as well as this one did.

President Pro Tempore Rawson- So Jared my intern had an excellent idea and it was to play the student ran radio station, U92, at the PRT stations and the dining halls. To hopefully give them a bigger platform. I reached out to Ashley Rent who is the director of U92 and I have a meeting g with them next week. Im also looking into the logistics of this in its entirety. While doing this I'm also working on one of my campaign platforms, the metered parking in the lair. These are the things Ill be focused on in the next couple weeks.

Senator Tuefel- About three weeks ago Senator Helm and I had a meeting at the Karuth Center about concerns we had heard about. It boiled down to the problem of what happens when students have used all their visits and still need these services and are unable to attend them due to financial issues. So senator Helm and myself are looking into the possibility of working with WVU's day of giving to have money available for students that need these services. If anyone is interested in helping us just reach out to me or Senator Helm.

Senator Donnelley- A couple of updates from last week, I reconnected with some of my P for E contacts to hopefully do more activities with them on a regular basis and then also along time ago I talked about a positivity campaign that was one of my campaign platforms and Im finally working to make a reality. Tentatively calling it positive WV, and if anyone interested in assisting with that contact me.

Senator Dashaun- There was a meeting Friday for my legislation in regards to prioritizing exams that run from 7-9 or 8-10 those are the ones that break fast. It'd be really distracting to eat at that time seeing you must eat at sunset. SO we talked to an assessor, and there are a lot of exams that run at that time but they are willing to work with us and have us start like half an hour later so we can eat then it'd end half an hour later, or something like that. Hes going to talk to department heads and get back to us. Progress!

College Senator Simon- Last week Nick and I were able to meet with the interim dean of Statler, and we first talked about the mid-semester SEI and he added that SEIs may be subjective so he added we may want to contact those graduated and in the workforce to see what classes benefited them most. We also expressed concerns with advising in the learning center and not Statler itself and here we learned the first floor is going to be renovated for advising so we will continue to talk to him and report back.

Executives

Arnicia- If anyone brought any donations just meet me after the meeting and Ill take it where it should go. Thank y'all.

Treasurer White- Like I said last week, this past Sunday was the last meeting for the BoF this semester. Next semester same place and time. Just to wrap up the semester we allocated 55 grants which is exciting. 3 organizations received 2 grants and the ability to do that as we know is new this year. We have 58,000 dollars left in the external budget which will allow us to do 50 or more grants this coming semester. Also, I want to thank all the senators and interns that cam to BoF this semester, we hope to see more of you, special shoutout to Lucas, Nick, Travis, and Senator Edwards as well as all those interns. Love you guys, thank you.

Zoya- I have been working on making some updates to the BoF part of the website so those will be reviewed and Hunter will work with us to get those on the website, so we have more information for orgs if they have any questions before they apply for grants and if they have questions maybe we could answer them more quickly. Updates for events next semester; the council of writers will be hosting a book reading and Q&A with a professor from the University of Pittsburg, on February 5th WVU Billiards club is hosting a Billiards tournament in the lair, on April 11th the Sierra student coalition is having an earth day event, and then WVU halo is having a holocaust remembrance event in the lair from April 20th-21st. I will continue to update you as those events approach. Hopefully there will be more to come. Have a great break guys.

CoS Mcdonald- I just wanted to remind you all we have our party this Saturday. We will have a lot of food in the buffet; buffalo chicken dip, garlic hummus, and pretzels and cheese, please come out and enjoy. Also, just wanted to report that we got all the executive reports for the month of November so shoutout to them and I will compile all them and have them sent out to you guys promptly.

CoS Riggs- I just wanted to thank everyone who helped us with Swipe out hunger yesterday. WVU Dining covered the meals we didn't get so we could get the full 500 meals donated. So those vouchers for the donated meals will be given to the rack and students will have access to them. I wanted to say I look forward to working with WVU Dining and Sodexo next semester for the same event. I also wanted to let you know that we have reserved the Vandalia lounge next Monday and Tuesday from 6pm-9pm to provide students with study space during finals. We know during finals week it can get hard to find space to study so we thought wed provide that. Last Friday I attended the pedestrian safety core group meeting to continue discussion on the progress and success on Pattison street and we are hopeful we will start to see tangible improvements on Pattison. Thats all I have thank you guys!

President Dye- The pizzas back there sorry it didn't come in time but please refrain from eating it now please and wait til the end of the meeting.

VIII.Old/New Business–

Vice President Matheny- We will now move onto new/old business. I will now entertain a motion to consider Jordan Johnson, Mathew Miller, and Ashley Stevens for the position of Judicial Court Justice.

Senator Donnelley- So moved

Senator Harman- Second

Vice President Matheny- Kate you may come forward to introduce your nominees.

President Dye- So I just wanted to say this was extremely competitive, those law students showed up in masses for these positions and we really hadn't seen that for those other positions so all these appointees are qualified and they have experience in making these difficult decisions and being fair and just so I'll let them introduce themselves.

Jordan Johnson- Hi everybody. I am Jordan Johnson I am a junior here at WVU, Im a journalism and MDS double major. A few of you guys might know me I helped with Madi and Kate's campaign. I did all the social media for the campaign, that was really my introduction to SGA. I applied for this position because I am really interested in helping on the judicial side I feel like Ive learned a lot about what you can and cant do in SGA through the election process, and I am really interested in helping you guys out with things like that. Right now I am the Digital editor at the DA, I am also a sister at Alpha Xi Delta and recently elected to our honor board there I make decisions that impact the whole sorority, I am also a presidential student ambassador Im not sure if you all know what that program is it started this past spring semester I work with the presidents office and we go and speak to different classes on things, and Im also a member of the stu-

dent speaker bureau and a certified leader through student engagement and leadership. If you all have any questions I'd be more than happy to answer them.

Vice President Matheny- Does anyone have any questions?

Senator Harman- Do you see any conflicts of interest with your DA position?

Jordan Johnson- I will be stopping that position if I receive this one.

Vice President Matheny- Seeing no more questions, I believe Mathew Miller is up next.

Mathew Miller- Thank you very much my name is Matt Miller. I am old I'm 36 I was on the judicial court in 2003 I was the Attorney General in 2004 and I've been working for quite sometime. Spent about 10 years in oil and gas before going to law school last year, I am excited to be here it's a lot of fun to be down here tonight. I look forward at being connected to the campus more and I have 2 kids a 3 year old who drew this picture of me and a 4 year old who made these handprints and that's most of my life outside of law school. I'm excited to help, I know it's interesting from being involved before. The constitution is completely different but things tend to stay the same. If there's any questions I'd love to answer them.

Vice President Matheny- Questions? Seeing none, Ashley you're up.

Ashley Stevens- I'm in my first year of law school, I did my undergrad in Biology which is a weird lead in to law school but if you don't think that translates into law you'd be surprised. I miss being downtown and I feel this is a great opportunity to come back and be reconnected. I currently serve as an out of court mediator in this county in the hopes of resolving conflicts before people go to the judge where your voice means less in regards to what the ruling may be. So I have a lot of experience in remaining impartial in those instances and I believe that will translate well into this position. I am excited to be here and if you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them.

Vice President Matheny- Questions? Seeing none if the 3 nominees could be escorted out by CoS Riggs so that we may have discussion... Okay is there any discussion on these nominees.

Senator Donnelley- Fantastic choices, they all seem very qualified and very enthused about these positions.

College Senator Evans- I've worked with Ashley in the past and I can vouch for her. She's a great communicator and really just great all around.

College Senator Matus- I've had many classes with Matt Miller and he's a fantastic person. Ashley is a great person and brings so much to the Law school community. It'd be crazy if they were not confirmed.

College senator Lombardi- I am a little bit biased towards Jordan but I highly recommend you confirm her. That student ambassador program she is a part of is honestly a great thing. Seeing her speak in front of a crowd just shows how intelligent she is, and just the way she carries herself is something that makes me proud to call her one of my sisters. I highly recommend you vote for her.

Vice President Matheny- I will now entertain a motion to vote on these appointees via secret ballot.

College Senator Cappadona- So moved

Senator Donnelley- Second

Vice President Matheny-Motion passes the ballots will be distributed and please refrain from talking while voting is occurring, thank you..... These appointments were confirmed, thank you. Moving on to our next item of business I will now entertain a motion to approve financial bill 2019-18 by unanimous consent.

College senator shoemaker- So Moved

Athletic senator graham- Second

Vice President Matheny- This bill passes. I will now entertain a motion to consider assembly bill 2019-10.

Senator Teufel- So moved

President pro tempore Rawson- Seconded

Senator Donnelley- ***First Reading of AR 2019-10**

President pro tempore Rawson- Great work on this I know its been in the works for awhile, but have you talked to the app developers that run the wvu guide.

Senator Donnelley- I have not been in contact with them however the visitors center works with them and they see no problems in this.

College senator shoemaker- Do you know if there's a director of the Women's resource center?

Senator Donnelley-Ive looked into that so the women resource center is under the LGBTQ+ center and I couldn't find the director, so if anyone knows who that is please let me know.

Vice President Matheny-Discussion?

Senator Pressley-I fully support this, as a person of color coming into WVU and not knowing about the different resources offered, made me hesitant to come. The fact this could be on a campus tour makes me excited and happy.

Vice President Matheny- Seeing no more discussion I will now entertain a motion to table until our next formal meeting.

College senator Matus- So moved

College senator Buggs- Second

Vice President Matheny-The motion passes. I will now entertain a motion to consider AR-2019-05

Senator Collie- So moved

Senator Harman- Second

Vice President Matheny- Motion passes Senator Cunningham you have the floor.

Senator Cunningham-***First Reading of AR 2019-05**

Vice President Matheny- Questions?

College Senator Buggs- Were people in executive positions notified of this before it was brought forward today?

Senator Cunningham- Attorney General Satterfield was but this was mainly a legislative matter.

College senator matus- Is it fully a legislative matter if you're changing how everything works and there's no check on our power. It's concerning. Is there anyway you'd change this to address that matter. Like judicial review?

Senator Cunningham- I believe this is something we should go over tonight, there is a lot to go over tonight.

Senator Donnelley-Section 9 specifies this would happen on a special election that would make these changes effective immediately, building on that 5 current senators would be removed and wed hold new elections?

Senator Cunningham- That's correct as written but obviously we must build upon that and change it.

Senator Pressley- In the bill does it refer to the committees we have now?

Senator Cunningham- With what we have now only senators can chair the committees in the bill it refers to the specific legislative committees.

College senator Matus- How large would the assembly be after these changes took effect?

Senator Cunningham- forty members

Senator Zanabli- In section 2 you speak on the speaker of the assembly so like what is the point of having that and a pro tempore as well. What would be the vice-presidents role as well after these changes would take effect?

Senator Cunningham-As written the idea is that we'd be adding an additional officer or leadership position so we could expand the system. As of now even I believe we should have more leadership positions in this assembly. So the VP's role only within the assembly, it'd be suiting everything besides voting in the instance of a tie. This is where we should debate changes and allocate duties to other positions.

Athletic Senator Nadeu - Would the numbers of senators be set at 40 or would it fluctuate, and is there a max?

Senator Cunningham- The number would fluctuate and as of right now no set parameters on how many people can sit own SGA.

College senator Jalso- Could you please explain why setting the number of college representatives rely on the enrollment, are you guys just going off of US rules? I understand that some colleges are small and if it comes down to a big issue engineering could swamp the smaller colleges.

Senator Cunningham- This was based off the fact that college representatives would be able to adequately represent their peers. Representatives for engineering for example could not sit and speak to all of their constituents. People in Eberly my college for example it would be impossible to hear all their voices.

College Senator Matus- What's your plan for places like the law school who have two reps, one we just got back last year? What's the game plan for telling them you now have one less voice and especially if we are going to have another college senator come up from the law school, what's the plan for telling one of us to go home.

Senator Cunningham- The changes would take affect after the election and I think we need to have everyone speak on this and we can discuss and shape this bill by working on it as one.

Senator Pressley- I remember electing President pro tempore Rawson being elected at the changing of the seats, is that not how it was done previously?

Senator Cunningham- I have no idea but that's what it says in the constitution.

College Senator Shoemaker- I motion we move into discussion, so everyone may speak.

Vice President Matheny- That motion is in order.... This motion passes.

President Pro Tempore Rawson- Ill speak on the proposed proportional representation, I do hear your concern about the smaller colleges losing seats but my answer to that is there are still senator at large there to commit any one college running the show. No ones being excluded people from those smaller colleges can still be on the assembly. I feel its more important these college with more students are represented fairly. Trying to have 2 reprentative for thousands of students is just a lot to ask. Thats what I think regarding that.

College senator Buggs- As a rep for Eberly I haven't any problem representing everyone in my college. I don't feel like I can't do my job because of how big the school is. We also just changed college reps to senators and the reason we did this is there was kind of a stigma around college reps and senators, many thinking senators were higher up. The real difference is your constituency is all and slip flopping on the names isn't a good look.

Senator Jalso- Ive been to a lot of retreats and I can honestly say that we've never elected the president pro temp there. In regards to proportionality, I think this is just an outreach issue. The minimum of 2 reps is a good idea. Why should the smaller colleges be forced into executive positions which power is being stripped from. It comes across as condescending.

Senator Matus- Senators at large are supposed to focus on the whole school. It'd be very easy for Eberly to elect their own into senator at large positions. This all just worries me.

College senator shoemaker- I just wanted to point out its simply not fair that 5500 students get 2 representatives and a college of 500 also gets 2. If you put that in money and spread out money against those two populations you truly begin to see how those voices can't all be heard.

Senator DeShawn - I would think increasing representation is just about whether or not you're able to handle the diversity that goes into representing such a large number of people.

College Senator Dillie - I don't think there has been any major legislation that one college's senators refuse to vote on because it benefits one and not the other. I think

we're debating on hypothetical things most of the time. It's not pointless to argue but it is not working the main focal point of the argument.

Senator Edwards - I just want to add that the number of representatives that we have being proportionate to the number of people in the college makes sense but if we move forward with this legislation I would like us to think about how active those representatives actually are with their positions in their college. I think we need to make sure these representatives are actually representing their constituents and setting up meetings with them.

College Senator Buggs - The idea of Eberly not being represented well has been brought up and I feel like this should have been brought up to Marley and I if this was an issue or a concern of yours rather than it just appearing in this bill. It should have been brought to our attention. If there was a concern about my ability to hold my position I feel as though I should have been contacted.

President Pro Tempore Rawson - This bill was not written because of a situation on campus. There is many student governments that already have this system in place and it's not because anyone is doing badly, it's more about the structures. It seems fair to the larger colleges not because of an inability of a senator to represent but because of the numbers behind it. We could have it so that no one would lose any positions, but we could just give larger colleges more positions so that they could have more of a voice.

Senator Ihlenfeld - I'm a sponsor of this, and I think the idea of proportionality makes sense. I don't think that it is meant to say anyone is doing badly but it makes sense to me that one person can't see the same proportion of students as the smaller colleges. With regard to the speaker of the assembly, I don't think it would affect our ability to work with the executive not having the vice president running this.

Closes discussion, opens gallery

Vice President Matheny – Is there anyone from the gallery who would like to speak?

Chief of Staff McDonald – Speaking as somebody who has been a part of this organization for all four years that I've been on campus, I wanted to write something that would address this. I see a multitude of glaring issues with the proposed amendment to the constitution. First; these proposed changes are not sustainable. The Vice President is voted on by the student body based on the description of the duties provided in the constitution. Taking these powers away from the vice president subsequently takes power away from the students in their ability to decide who is fit to carry out these responsibilities. Not specifying the duty of the speaker of the assembly or president pro tempore does not ensure the success of the assembly in future administrations. Additionally, changes of this magnitude to redelegate powers are unnecessary because it says in the constitution that any powers may be delegated by the president or the vice president to the president pro tempore. It should be up to the discretion of future administration as to how best to del-

egate these powers and it is not our place to dictate how future administrations should carry out their duties. Changing the constitution at this time in context of the spring election is not thought out. Running as a ticket becomes completely obsolete if the president and vice president are removed from the function of the assembly as a whole. It would make more sense to dismantle the ticket system and have senators run independently. But you cannot change the election because of the amendability clause. This is not and should not be a political organization. We're supposed to be founded in our passion for student issues. The president and vice president do not have any veto power. These changes do not improve the assembly's ability to advocate for student issues and instead appears to be a mere conquest for control motivated by specific individuals attempting to manifest the powers they wish to possess.

Matus - Motion to appeal the decision to open up the floor to the gallery.

VP Matheny – that is in order at this time, is there a second on this motion?

Senator Cunningham – Second

Matheny – This motion does not pass

CoS McDonald – I think that the assembly needs to look outside of the current assembly's ability to function. There has been a lack of consideration and that's really evident to me because of the co-authors and sponsors being unaware that they would be removed from their positions. I think it's extremely corrupt to attempt to hold a special election to give yourself powers. I've been a senator and I completely understand the desire to want to function independently of the executive but it directly serves the assembly and I think it is a little unjust to have the executive serve a body that wants nothing to do with them. I also just want to point out that proportionate representation creates a situation of division amongst the colleges. This is bigger than just this administration, this year, and just. I want you all to think about that and reflect on what this would look like years down the road.

Executive Secretary Bragg – There is a few things I've noticed about this bill. The three main authors who are gung-ho for proportional representation all come from the three biggest schools in the university. That screams corruption. There is a lot that I will address in open student forum 2, but I just thought that should be heard.

College Senator Dillie – Everyone, historically, in SGA are all friends. That's why we have always generally voted the same way. I think that's where this issue comes from, friends or not friends we should all remain professional or unbiased.

Senator Teufel – Going back to the concerns about increasing representation in some of the colleges, I think that there is a clear concern for enough representation throughout the colleges. I don't necessarily agree with through representation, increasing voting numbers. I don't think that I'm in favor of increasing how many votes that Eberly gets opposed to another college.

College Senator Shoemaker – I move to amend the bill to remove section 9 regarding the special election until we can have further consideration of that, because I see that it's obviously a big issue. People are saying its corruption but my honest reasoning behind that is because we didn't want to overwhelm the student body having multiple constitutional amendments in one election.

Senator Harman – Second

Senator Hopen – Something that has built up is that you don't want to change something before an election. So, I just want to dispel that.

College Senator Matus – I just want to say that the amendment that was proposed is the best part of the bill. The idea of not wanting to overwhelm the student body with having multiple amendments to vote on in a special election is insulting to the students and I think that all this about proportional representation that seems like a good thing at its face, with the blatant stripping of the executive power and, yeah, the kneecapping of the executive – *Stopped by Matheny*

Vice President Matheny – I will now entertain a motion to vote on this amendment via a raising of hands.

Senator Donnelly – Second

Vice President Matheny – This motion passes. Now the bill does not have a section 9, we are now back in the discussion of the resolution at large.

Senator Ihlenfeld – I think it needs to be said that this bill was not made to be political in any way and that to say it was done intentionally to be corrupt is pretty far to go. I know that I personally was a little offended by it because I thought it would be best for the student body. I have no reason to believe that anyone else who sponsored this bill did it for any other reason than that. I felt like I needed to defend myself. I felt a little attacked. I hope that now that Section 9 was taken out that Chief of Staff McDonald would take back some of her comments as I was a little bit put down by that.

Senator Teufel – Going off what Senator Ihlenfeld said, I think I would have to agree with many of her comments and in regard to clearly this was put together by all these senators because there are concerns and there are things that need work. I think this needs to be taken from a point that there are concerns and issues rather than that there is anyone trying to get on top of anyone else's position or power.

College Senator Jalso – I believe that what the Chief of Staff is trying to say is that we're not accusing anyone of being corrupt but that it can be seen that way and that we must be cognizant of how this moment will be seen as years from now. We're all friends here, no one here is trying to pull a Watergate. So many people cosigned on this because there is an issue, but there are con-

cerns. There are other ways to give representation to the big colleges. I would recommend that we workshop this, maybe out of session.

Intern Coordinator Williamson – One of biggest concerns with this legislation is that I feel that there is a lack of inclusivity in it. I don't feel as if everyone in student government got an accurate response to be able to make their opinions on it. One of my biggest problems with this legislation is the lack of representation in the authoring of these constitutional changes. This started out as an inclusive process formed by attorney general Satterfield and somehow became the work of only a few individuals. It is not fair that an organization of over 100 students is being completely reformed by 4 individuals. Of course, the assembly members have full power to make changes to the constitution, but it has never been the precedent that a committee as small as this one would make radical changes to the constitution without any other input. By allowing only senators to include their ideas it leaves out the perspectives of others who care about student government and have extensive knowledge that can impact positive change on this organization. This resolution clearly does not support our values as an institution, and I hope the assembly considers this before they vote.

President Dye – I would like to echo what Intern Coordinator Williamson said by making you aware of how this has happened in the past. Myself, Laura, and Carly are, I believe, the only individuals here who have been involved with SGA since their freshman year. We've seen multiple elections. We're familiar with this. How constitutional changes have occurred in the past is that a committee was formed, and they met multiple times, though it consisted largely of assembly members and the attorney general it was open to everyone. They met several times and aired all their grievances and then they presented this before all the assembly at least three times. This whole process took place over several months, so what we've tried to initiate is that we ask Ally to send out a group message inquiring who would like to review these changes. She kept the information and sat on it to have another such meeting. So, excuse us, but it does feel very calculated because I'm aware that members were asked, before this was put in the assembly group message, individually as many members were necessary to get this resolution passed via a 2/3rds majority vote, at 1 in the morning. So, it does seem very calculated that we knew nothing about it and we've been talking a lot about the representation but in this the powers of the vice president are being removed. So, I want you guys to consider also how our student government is set up and the president and vice president. If you look over our duties, the president and vice president have very similar duties. The main difference is that I sit on the board of governors, the vice president chairs these meetings as the president of the assembly and the president and vice president plan retreat and inauguration. We're still able to go forth with our platforms. I read this and my biggest thing is, what is the vice president going to do? If you give these positions that are voted on by the student body to a senator or a college representative at large, I really think you should have these positions voted on by the student body and that individuals should run as a pro temp or a speaker of the assembly because it is not transparent on the power that they're going to take on. If you are an unchecked student body, you can approve or disapprove anything you want. I sincerely apologize if you feel the executive has limited your power, but you must realize that you have all the power and I can't veto anything. We are one SGA, I know we are a govern-

ment but we run on tickets. We run as President, Vice President, and Senators together. I'm just a little confused, you run as Senators to accomplish goals, to make change. The executive branch is managerial and your making these roles for yourselves that are managerial. We as the executive branch are taking it a little hard that this was done overnight, alone, in the closet, and that you're trying to take away the vice president's main power in this organization.

President Pro Tempore Rawson – There's a lot of things that I would like to refute right now, I'll probably forget most of them. But one thing I would like to ask Attorney General Satterfeld, if that's in order, is that there were four senators who came to these constitutional review committees, you had two of them, can I view the four senators that went to each one? President Dye said it was backroom, overnight, and all that but I don't know how she could say that when there were reviews. Another thing I would like to address about what Executive Secretary Bragg said about calling this corrupt because three of the authors go to the biggest colleges, I think that's totally uncalled for, there is no corruption with that it's just it's a new structure that a lot of people generally enjoy and has worked other places. I'm not trying to swing votes to health sciences, I don't think these college senators are going to come together to like to block the vote of other assembly members.

College Senator Doran – I don't know if this is the time or place to do this, but can I amend or just take my name off as a sponsor of this bill.

College Senator Buggs – Second

College Senator Doran – My only question is that if they vote against this amendment what happens? I didn't really take it in when I first chose to sponsor it and now, I'm not good ok with it.

College Senator Shoemaker – We wouldn't do that to you, if you want to take your name off you can.

Vice President Matheny – Motion Passes

Senator Harman – I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to everybody. When we were talking about this bill in the assembly group chat, my intention was that it is flawed and that it needs to be worked on and I was hoping to do that over break. So, my intention was that we would start this conversation tonight amongst everybody while everybody was here. In no way did we intend to be corrupt. In no way did we intend to subvert power because we couldn't do that without the authority of the assembly. I value the opinions of all the executives and if we need to, I would suspend the session so that you can talk. That's why I wanted to do this tonight.

Senator Zanabli – I just wanted to agree with Senator Harman and say that this bill is very important and there's a lot we need to discuss. I think that we should break down this into separate bills so that we can look and get everyone's opinion on it. I think that this discussion was important and that no one was trying to be corrupt. This conversation kind of created this us versus them energy that made us all really weird.

President Pro Tempore Rawson – This meeting kind of got a little hostile and I wanted to apologize if anything from this bill seemed hostile towards the executive branch. I would like to point out that section 2 was intended to create a new position that would come from the college senators, and we were thinking what they could do. Something I wanted to propose for the second reading, was that the president of the assembly would work with the speaker to delegate powers.

Senator Edwards – I wanted to say something on this. It feels random to me, I was not included on it, so maybe that's why, but I do think this is something we can iron out maybe during the mid-year retreat because it does seem like a lot of issues. I do think it was nice that it was brought up here but there are layers to this problem. Also, I think that the claims that some of the writers were corrupt was offensive and I know that a lot of the sponsors did so because some of the things they were indifferent about and some of the things they were passionate about, to say that they are corrupt because of something included in this bill is uncalled for. We should talk about this at a later time and also, as President Dye said earlier that the assembly has ultimate power and has final say, there is something to be said about the influence and the perceived influence of our executive or our SGA that makes many people feel as if they have no power behind closed doors when they actually do.

Senator Ihlenfeld – In regards to the complaints that've been made about the number of authors, I'm pretty sure if you look at all of the other legislation that has been passed, there has been maybe one or two more others but I don't think there's been more authors on any other piece of legislation. Nobody has said anything about that being corrupt, so I think we can disqualify that. People keep saying that we need to speak about this another time, this is just the first reading. This is not the final thing. Everybody who introduced this was planning to have more conversations about it. The idea from the executive branch, for me, I feel like a lot of things that go on there on done behind closed doors and I don't even know what's going on. I know for me with this whole impeachment scandal, I had no real idea what was going on. I think that that's unfair as we've been really transparent this entire time.

College Senator Jalso – Thank you to all the people who apologized for how hostile it got, I think that it was very mature of everybody. We're not saying anything shady is happening but the people outside of this room who would see this, they may notice this, and they may call shenanigans. It occurred to us that the speaker of the assembly would be chosen from the pool of college representatives, with proportional representation the colleges with more students would then have more representatives, probability-wise that means the speaker of the assembly would have a greater chance of being from the school with more students. That looks weird. I'm not saying it was planned that way, but somebody who may be anti-SGA, we know they exist, may see that and call major shenanigans.

College Senator Shoemaker – We wanted this brought up at this meeting, like those on the assembly know, it was discussed in our group meeting. Pushing the first reading to January, this is why we brought it up so we could talk about these things. I wrote a good amount of it and I was the

first one to make an amendment to it. We are open to suggestions. Saying that we're corrupt is completely out of line and unprofessional. For example, I had this proportional idea with past administrations, but I never brought it up because I didn't want it to seem like I was trying to make it easier for myself to get a position in SGA. I want what's best for the school, if there's more students at certain colleges at the school, then maybe they should be represented more. Like Sarah said, we're open to splitting it up like she mentioned. Like College Senator Jalso said, we're open to having everyone vote on speaker of the assembly and president pro temp. It doesn't have to be just that one group. Saying we're corrupt is ridiculous, we went to the meetings with Ally, we did everything up front and we started writing it. What's wrong with senators pursuing their legislative initiatives? We're not trying to take power from anyone, we're not trying to do shady thing, we're trying to do what's best for the organization and for the students

College Senator Buggs – In terms of of the expenditure of senator groups for the larger colleges, when I brought up that point, I didn't necessarily believe that it was a thing that was done maliciously. I just thought it was important to hear the perspectives of the people actually in those positions. Simply something like, do you think it would help to have more people representing your college? So, it's not anything that was malicious. I also pulled up the number of voters per college, so, for Eberly even with it being the biggest college our max votes was 263. I wanted to bring that up and say that although we are the biggest college that doesn't necessarily show that the college cares about representation. I would just like to be a part of the discussion regarding the expansion of representation for the colleges.

Senator Cunningham – I just wanted to thank you all for all of your contributions. I am again sorry for how this developed but the comments about corruption are ridiculous. We're all here looking through it, you don't have to vote on it at any point in time. There are things we miss, and honestly that's a lot of the problem here is that there are things we miss. Even when he was reading it I heard things that we missed. So, I think we need to continue talking about this and everyone should be part of the conversation. We wanted everyone in the assembly to be here, and that's what we've done. You can't get more transparent than this.

College Senator Matus – Based on the reaction we had in the groupchat, I thought that I would be standing alone. I was very scared. With the assembly, I do not doubt your ability to make the right decisions. Part of what makes SGA great is that we are here together. I'm looking forward to working with the drafters and the other members of the assembly whether it be over break or in the mid-year retreat. But I just want everyone to know that this is a binding document that would have big effects on the future.

Chief of Staff McDonald – I feel like it's mostly the optics of this. Coming from the executive side of things, we weren't apart of the rewriting of these documents and I think that if it were brought up in an open student forum to see how we felt about these changes then that would have been a much less aggressive way to approach something like this. A lot of the time with first readings, the assembly can just decide to go into a vote, and I think that was upsetting having only heard about it last night. My biggest complaint was that the approach to this was very

flawed and I understand there were the constitutional review committees, but I think that her intentions and my intentions were to continue this discussion. The way that this happened felt very targeted and whether not that was intentional, that's fine. I hope that going forward it can be more transparent, and we can get more opinions rather than a forum like this where someone tried to make me sit down while I was speaking and not have a say. I think that having it in like a proposed bill we can have more freedom to speak and share our opinions.

Colton – I'm an intern and this is my first year at WVU. I'm one that was very excited about SGA and to me parts of this left a bad taste in my mouth and I'm one to be optimistic about everything. To some of those people who are less excited, some of these things may look bad. There's a lot of things that have been said about inclusivity, these changes don't seem to be what our goal is and if it is inclusivity we want, this doesn't seem to be way to get it.

Executive Secretary Bragg – First, I'd like to apologize for the accusation. I just wanted to say it appears as such if you were someone who was looking out and you had no prior information and you see people from the three biggest colleges wanting more people to represent their colleges, I think we can all agree that that's a little shady. Speaking on what Senator Jalso said, I think that taking representation from the small ones and giving it to the bigger colleges is not what we should do and I think that the system we have now works. If it doesn't, then I think we should change it so that we have a house and a senate rather than having two leaders in one unicameral system. I think that makes a whole lot more sense as well as having the executive chair the senate, like in the U.S. Senate. With some executive touch in legislation, I don't think there's anything wrong with that. Then you could have the house proportional completely and have one senator elected from each college. That represents everyone the best you can. Thank you.

Senator Nadeu – I think there's a lot of interesting ideas. If this bill would have passed, I would have lost my seat. I honestly wasn't going to let that happen, as the four who would've lost their seat. Please keep giving us your ideas, we really appreciate them.

College Senator Shoemaker – Thank you to those who've apologized for accusing others of being corrupt. I want to reiterate that was not the intent, especially from the section that was amended and removed. I know you can say that it may look like that or this, if you come to these meetings you would know that it is not corrupt. No one who wrote this would gain power from this, we're graduating, we're leaving. What do I have to gain from that?

President Pro Tempore Rawson – I appreciate secretary Bragg for that. Having a bicameral system was an idea that I've had as well, and the reason we backed away from that is that we'd have to have two meetings or simultaneously. That was an idea I talked about with our advisor too.

Video ends abruptly

IX. Open Student Forum 2

Vice President Matheny- Does anyone have anything to present for Open Student Forum 2?

N/A

Meeting adjourned 10:13
