

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
November 29th, 2023
2023-2024 Santmyer-Dozier Administration**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dozier at 7:30p.m.

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Brogan Dozier

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Prichard

President Pro Tempore Risk - Present via Zoom

College Senator Abbas - Present

College Senator Arastu - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Bromley - Present

College Senator Coulter - Present

College Senator Dursa - Present

Senator Eastman - Present

College Senator Farooq - Absent

Senator Frazier - Present

College Senator Henson - Present

College Senator Indomenico - Present

College Senator Jackson - Present

College Senator Kaminski - Present

College Senator Kisto - Present

Senator Leadmon - Present

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Present

College Senator Madden - Present
College Senator Magrogan - Present
College Senator Moore - Present
Senator Olivero - Absent
College Senator Orcutt - Present
College Senator Oursler - Present
College Senator Phillips - Present
Senator Randle - Present
Senator Sadler - Present
College Senator Schmieder - Present
Senator Scholl - Absent
College Senator Shiels - Present via Zoom
College Senator Switala - Present via Zoom
Senator Vodiany - Present
Senator Weeks - Present
College Senator Witt - Present

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by Senator Eastman
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Senator Weeks
There were no objections, and the agenda was approved

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was entertained by Senator Frazier
The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by College Senator Oursler
There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

VI. Open Student Forum I

Elections Chair Weller: At noon on Saturday, the WVU Community Music Program is doing a recital with a bunch of different people. College students, kids, if anyone wants to come out and support that. I will be singing a little song. It will be in the Gluck theater.

VII. The President's Report

President Santmyer: Happy December!! I don't have a ton from me with Thanksgiving Break and being sick. Please everyone rest over winter break. Getting sick was definitely from being overrun and never taking time to rest so please please rest, don't do what I did. Take care of yourselves during finals as well. This is a very hard time for everyone. I am here if anyone needs anything! ACS was today. Finalizing survey about keeping people in WV- should be done by Monday at latest. Statewide month of service in February similar to one with Marshall. I will be reaching out to people next week about what they had in their October and November report. Only about 30 people filled it out each time. Reports are mandatory. You all are elected or appointed to these roles you should always have something going on to report and should want to share it. Reports do not take very long at all. I will be messaging those who did not fill out the November Report. December and January reports will be combined into one. Triboard went very well lot's of good conversations and looking forward to what is to come. At BOG we heard updates about Academic Transformation, attended committees, and voted to approve various items. Here is the agenda:
<https://bog.wvu.edu/files/d/df22a92a-8c36-46b8-bece-8d2f2e0a037f/november-17-2023-bog-regular-meeting-agenda3.pdf> We have a special meeting today. Campus safety steering committee met Wednesday and received updates from all of the subcommittees- most have met 2 times and are starting to get rolling. Campus carry committee is moving along well and starting to look at preliminary recommendations to give to the main steering committee. GPSS Faculty Senate Logan myself and Graduate Vice Provost met to discuss concerns from grad students as a result of academic transformation. Will be conducting 2 interviews for Jcourt next week- we have 2 undergraduate and 2 grad openings please tell your friends it's literally the easiest job!! Announcement is the next meeting for those running for Student body president/vp- if you have questions about our roles don't hesitate to reach out to Brogan and/or myself!! Good luck to all of those running!! Haley Orcutt and I will be meeting with one of the Asst directors of recruitment about transfer students on monday! In the process of setting up a meeting with Sharon Martin and her team to discuss recruitment and retention

VIII. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Dozier: A group of us traveled to DC for the capitol tree lighting. It was amazing. We got to be around a lot of legislatures. Next week will be our last meeting before the break. Come in your pjs, ugly christmas sweaters, dress up as santa, just please keep it appropriate. Bring some cookies, get in the holiday spirit. Please do your reports

IX. Assembly Reports

Senator Frazier: I wanted to mention that on Friday, Senator Olivero, College Senator Coulter, and Internal Senates Liaison Pierce will all be meeting with the dean of libraries about constructing a SGA taskforce to help them out with the transformation process. If anyone has any questions about that, please let us know.

College Senator Jackson: On Friday before break, I have dinner with Amazon about microcredentials. They are starting in the spring and will be piloting programs in cybersecurity, something in health sciences, and I believe MIS. They are trying to get to where three microcredentials will equal one credit hour. More news to come on that later.

X. Committee Reports

1. Community Engagement

Senator Leadmon: We are going to try to have the 3-on-3 basketball tournament in January now. The scheduling for that just did not work out. We are looking at January 20th, when it is finalized, we will put the signup sheets back up. Tonight I will upload a signup sheet for tabling from 1-2 at all campuses. Please sign up if you can.

XI. Executive Reports

Elections Chair Weller: On December 4th, it is the first candidate interest meeting. If anyone is interested in meeting, show up. It is not required, but if you are new to SGA or want to learn more, please come to that. It is in the Greenbrier room at 7:00p.m. The filing packets open on the 6th. Everyone must fill that out if you want to run for the election. That will be open until the 13th of January. If you have any questions let me know.

Apprentice Coordinator Flower: Our application for the spring apprentice program is now open. If you know of anyone who may be interested, let them know. It closes on January 6th. I will let you know if your apprentice is changing between now and then. I will also send out a form to ask if anyone is interested in being a mentor that isn't already one.

Chief of Staff Long: We did go to DC, it was very fun. Secret Snowflake is next week. Please buy your gits, there is a \$20 limit. We will exchange them next week. Tomorrow is the last day to fill out forms, I will be bumping that in the chat. There are only 7 people who have filled it out so far, it is mandatory. Share-a-Swipe, please sign up to participate for that. Special shoutout to College Senator Oursler for signing up for all the Evansdale spots. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

XII. Old Business

A. AB-2023-11-01

Senator Eastman entertained a motion to amend this bill
The motion was seconded by College Senator Oursler
With none opposed, the bill was amended

College Senator Indomenico entertained a motion to vote on the amended bill
The motion was seconded by Senator Eastman
The yays have it, the bill was passed.

B. AB-2023-11-02

Senator Frazier entertained a motion to vote on the bill
The motion was seconded by College Senator Indomenico
With none of opposed, the bill was passed

XIII. New Business

A. FB-2023-17

Senator Leadmon entertained the motion to approve the financial bill
Senator Frazier seconded the motion to approve the financial bill

With no objections, the financial bill was passed

B. AB=2023-11-03

Senator Esstman entertained a motion to table the bill until the next meeting

The motion was seconded by College Senator Oursler

With no objections, the bill was tabled until the next meeting

XIV. Open Student Forum II

Apprentice Colin: Tomorrow is pjs and bjs here at the Mountainlair. Come to your pjs and get some free Ben and Jerry's ice cream. It will be from 6:00-7:30p.m. We have some speakers and some raffles.

College Senator Coulter: Tomorrow at 7:00p.m. at the Morgantown Art Bar will be a holiday drag show. Tickets are \$10, that includes food, performance, and a craft. Please come out

College Senator Dursa: TedxWVU will be opening speaker applications next week. If you are interested in doing a talk, please apply.

College Senator Lutman: Next Friday at Morgantown Art Bar, my band has a show. You all should come out. We will have a fun time and you should wear an ugly sweater.

Senator Weeks: at 6:30 next week, the Russian Eastern Europe Club will be celebrating the Russian New Year. Please tell your friends to come.

Senator Sadler: HIV testing in the lair is tomorrow. The first 100 people will get free food. The Philosophy club thrift shop will be next week. Good time to get a gift for the holidays.

XV. Advisors' Reports

Morgan: Tomorrow is the last day to bring a toy for toy mountain. We are sending everything to Christian Help Friday morning.

XVI. Snaps

Snaps were given to College Senator Moore, College Senator Oursler, Daniel

XVII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was entertained by College Senator Indomenico

The motion was seconded by College Senator Lutman

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned

Assembly Bill: AB-2023-11-02

**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

Short Title:	Executive/Legislative Vacancy Appointment Rules
Author(s):	Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore
Sponsor(s):	Anna Witt, College Senator (CAHS) Matthew Olivero, Senator Riley Coulter, College Senator (Statler) Elijah Eastman, Senator
Contributor(s):	Christian Miller, Attorney General Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary Travis Weller, Elections Chair
Committee Endorsement:	Governing Documents
First Reading Date:	11/15/23
Second Reading Date:	
Date of Approval:	
Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Committee is to, “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

Whereas, upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee, collectively voted on the following proposed amendments; and,

Whereas, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the following proposed amendments will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Student Government Association's appointment proceedings,

Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The following addition concerning executive appointment procedures set

forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take immediate effect:

Article 4.1 Description shall be amended as:

4.1 DESCRIPTION. The West Virginia University Student Government Association Executive Branch shall consist of the President and Vice President, who are elected by the student body during the annual West Virginia University Student Government Association Election. Within three weeks following the SGA Inauguration, the President and Vice President will appoint members to serve on the Executive Cabinet. The President may also have the power to appoint other executive positions as deemed necessary. **Executive appointees may only be nominated for approval of a position once within the same term but retain eligibility to be considered for other positions within the Student Government Association within the same administration.**

Section 2: The following addition concerning executive and legislative vacancy appointment procedures set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take immediate effect:

Article 10.1.d Vacancy and Succession shall be amended as

10.1.d. If a candidate is appointed by the Student Government Association Select Committee on Legislative Vacancies and Appointments for a position within the Student Government Association but fails to receive two-thirds (2/3) approval from the Student Assembly, they will not be eligible for reconsideration for the position during the same term. However, they remain eligible to be considered for other positions within the Student Government Association within the same administration.

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)

Daily Athenaeum

Madison Santmyer, Student Body President

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Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary

Assembly Bill: AB-2023-11-03

**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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Short Title:	Transition Documents Requirement
Author(s):	Riley Coulter, College Senator (Statler)
Sponsor(s):	Anna Witt, College Senator (CAHS) Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore Matthew Olivero, Senator Elijah Eastman, Senator
Contributor(s):	C.J. Miller, Attorney General Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary Travis Weller, Elections Commissioner
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Whereas, upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee collectively voted on the following proposed amendments; and,

Whereas, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the following proposed amendments will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of transitioning between Student Government Association administrations,

Section 1: The following addition concerning transitioning documents set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall be voted on by the student body in the spring election:

Article XII. Transitioning Documents shall be added as:

ARTICLE XII. Transitioning Documents

12.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE This article aims to mandate the timely production of essential transitioning documents by the outgoing administration, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of critical information for the incoming administration.

12.2 Requirement for Transitioning Documents The outgoing administration shall prepare and submit detailed transitioning documents on the following key areas:

- a. Elections: Provide recommendations for improving the SGA election process and highlight any complications or challenges.
- b. Legislation with Continued Implications: Summaries of enacted legislation with ongoing ramifications and assessing its effectiveness and challenges.
- c. Unfinished Legislation: Documentation of pending legislative initiatives, their objectives, and the current stage in the legislative process.
- d. Connections: Compile a comprehensive contact sheet including names, titles, and contact information for critical stakeholders for matters pertinent to the SGA.

12.3 Submission Timeline and Format The transitioning documents must be submitted no later than the last SGA meeting of the spring semester in a format accessible and understandable to the incoming administration.

Section 2: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the mandates below:

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Assembly Bill: AB-2023-11-01
**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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Article 3.1 Shall be Amended as:

3.1 MEMBERSHIP. All students registered and ~~enrolled as a full-time at least a half-time~~ student of the Morgantown campus at West Virginia University shall be deemed members of the student body and therefore eligible to participate and hold membership in the West Virginia University Student Government Association. This organization will not discriminate on the basis of age, disability status, ethnicity, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status

Article 4.2.5i Shall be Amended as:

i. The elections chair must be ~~a full-time student~~ **at least a half-time student at WVU** who has completed at least one semester at West Virginia University and seen at least one election cycle

Article 6.2.1 Shall be Amended as:

6.2.1 JUSTICES. The Judicial Court shall consist of 9 Justices, 1 serving as Chief Justice. They shall consist of:

a. ~~Full-time students;~~ **Students enrolled at least half-time at WVU;**

Article 9.1 Shall be Amended as:

9.1 BASIC QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO SEEK AND HOLD A POSITION IN SGA . All SGA positions, whether elected or appointed, shall be open to ~~full-time students~~ **any student enrolled at least half-time** at WVU who are in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above) which must be transferred from a BOT recognized institution. To continue to hold an SGA position, the WVU student

must remain ~~a full-time student~~ **at least a half-time student** in good academic standing. The Dean of Students will have the final decision on questions of status. All appointed positions must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Assembly.

Article 10.1.4 Shall be Amended as:

10.1.4 All applicants must meet the requirements to be on the Student Government Student Assembly as outlined in Article 9.1 and 9.2, **with the following exemption: First-semester freshman and first-semester transfer students may be appointed to elected positions.** These requirements shall be outlined on the application. For vacancies with specific regard to College Senators, applicants must be enrolled in the academic college for which the vacancy has been created.

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Financial Bill: FB-2023-17
November 29, 2023

As referred by the Bureau of Finance

An Act

Making grant appropriations for various student organizations on behalf of the West Virginia University Student Government Association.

Be it enacted by the Student Assembly of the West Virginia University Student Assembly:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Student Government Association Grants to Student Organizations account and not otherwise appropriated, for the Student Organizations listed below for the Fall 2023 Semester per the official WVU Academic Calendar.

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TITLE I: Muslim Student Association

For expenses to cover the cost of catering for the annual MSA Spring Banquet on April 14, 2024 in the Mountainlair Ballrooms.

<i>Muslim Student Association</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Catering		\$1400.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$1400.00

TITLE II: Alpha Kappa Psi

For expenses to cover the cost of stoles for spring graduates and shirts for alumni.

<i>Alpha Kappa Psi</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Stoles	8	\$360.00
Shirts	4	\$60.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$425.00

TITLE III: WVU American Marketing Association

For expenses to cover the cost of registration, lodging, and travel for a conference on April 11, 2024 - April 13, 2024 in New Orleans, LA.

<i>WVU American Marketing Association</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	1 person	\$319.00
Lodging	1 room	\$765.00
Flight	1 person	\$400.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$1524.02

APPENDIX A

Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals	
Organization	Total Cost
Muslim Student Association	\$1400.00
Alpha Kappa Psi	\$425.00
WVU American Marketing Association	\$1524.02
Total	\$3349.02

APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals		
Organization	Total Grant Requested	Total Suggested
Muslim Student Association	\$1400.00	\$1400.00
Alpha Kappa Psi	\$425.00	\$425.00
WVU American Marketing Association	\$1484.00	\$1524.02
Total	\$3309.00	\$3349.02