

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Media Innovation Center, Evansdale Crossing, 7:30 PM
December 7, 2022
2022-2023 Hernandez-Uqaily Administration**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pareera Uqaily at 7:31pm.

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Pareera Uqaily.

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Donate

President Pro Tempore Khan- Present

Senator Amores- Absent

College Senator Azinger- Present

College Senator Blair- Present

College Senator Cahill- Present

Senator Chennuru- Present

College Senator Clark- Excused

Senator Conner- Present

College Senator Donner- Absent

College Senator Dozier- Present

College Senator Dysart- Absent

College Senator Escue- Excused

College Senator Griffith- Excused

College Senator Guschel- Present

Senator Hodges- Absent

College Senator Hudson- Present

College Senator Irfan- Absent

Senator Jones- Present

College Senator Madden- Present
College Senator Marquart- Excused
College Senator McMillen- Present
College Senator Milam- Present
Senator Miller- Present
College Senator Mitchell- Present
College Senator Moore- Absent
College Senator Neiswonger- Present
College Senator Oursler- Present
College Senator Patel- Present
Senator Price- Present
College Senator Risk- Present
Senator SantMyer- Present
College Senator Schwartzmiller- Present
College Senator Skean- Present
College Senator Tabidze- Present
Senator Uqaily- Present
Senator Volk- Present
Senator Whalen- Present
College Senator Wooten- Present
College Senator Zoglio- Excused

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by Senator Santmyer.
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by College Senator Hudson.
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 Price.
The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by College Senator Dozier.
There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

VI. Presentation from Matthew Cross

Matthew Cross: Vice President Uqaily got a great document out to Matthew Cross, which is why he is here to congratulate you and thank you for your endless work. Who participated here in putting out the resolution for accessibility and pedestrian safety? Not many, but thank you! Really appreciate you! Senator Price and Matthew Cross did the Safety Walk last spring and he wanted to do it this fall but came down with Covid. They had some progress going with WVU students, and he is happy to see the initiative again. Hopefully it can remain. Matthew has a few points to bring up if interested, want to walk safely, and create a safe environment for your community.

With this documentation, you will want to expect the administrations, either the City of Morgantown, WVU, or the county, to invest some money into infrastructure for improvements. Generally, any expenditure of revenues from a governmental organization is going to take some justification from the public. That is exactly what this document is: an appeal for community safety and investment in infrastructure. That's what it takes for administrators to spend the money, because a lot of times the government needs to be reactive by nature. Sometimes they spend money in proactive ways, if they want to get ahead faster. Sidewalks were put in and then people said that there were not even roads to drive on, so why would money be spent on sidewalks? That's the way it goes, so this is a great document to justify the mission.

Who does not know what the crossing systems are in Morgantown? We have two of them. The first step to overcoming ignorance is acknowledging it. If you want to check it out on YouTube, Matthew put together a PSA years ago called "Morgantown Pedestrian Board Explains Crossing Systems." What he would like to see you all do, if you're so interested in following up on this document, is come out with some new PSAs. You can see the one that Matthew shot himself because there was nothing in the city or state to use. He took the time to do it on his own. He would like that to be something you all take advantage of with your access to WVU. He could do it, but WVU tends to be a little offish toward city administration, and it needs to come from the inside. You need to take the initiative.

They did invest some money into pedestrian infrastructure. They had the red flashing lights that are on University Avenue and newly at the law school. They redid that whole sector to keep safe crossing the road. They had one down at Falling Road and some person took out the pole. Do any of you have any

experience with idiot drivers in Morgantown? Have any of you ever been an idiot driver in Morgantown? It happens. Have to get across to drivers what the positions and problems of pedestrians are.

Another thing to note is that in the dark, especially with daylight savings time, one thing that helps out drivers is to light yourself up with reflective gear. It's no big deal, but it could help. Reflective vests, backpacks, or anything like that can help drivers catch sight of people walking on the side of the road because sometimes drivers are distracted. When you are walking on a road without a sidewalk, walk facing traffic. It is a state law. You want to be able to see what is coming at you. If you walk with traffic, someone could come up behind you and you would never see them.

Another thing Matthew would like to see you take initiative on is new materials for student orientation. He has been trying to get into that for years, but has not had much luck. A lot of you probably walk from the Evansdale campus to the Downtown campus. University Avenue is not a great sidewalk, with the power poles in the sidewalk. There is a beautiful view of the river valley down here. If you want to take the initiative to put together some walking grounds and take pictures like you had in the document, that would be great and would really help out. In student orientation, try to get it across to parents that it is cost saving for vehicle maintenance and has health benefits for walkers.

College Senator Cahill: College Senator Cahill was talking to the dean of her school about getting the flashing crosswalks at the intersection of Beechurst and Huff Streets, with Eislen Hall and Reynold's Hall. She emailed someone who said that the issue was that one road is owned by the state, and the other road is owned by the city. How do you think that she can go about dealing with that?

Matthew Cross: Petitioning from the student body is really what is going to be needed.

About a month ago, Matthew documented a lot of problems down there and sent it out to West Virginia DOH, who controls a lot of the roads in Morgantown. It is state-controlled. A lot of times they are down in Charleston and are not aware, can't get up here, and aren't hearing you, but if you call them out and want it, they will hear you. Reynold's Hall just opened and they have people crossing the street all over there. It is pretty dangerous. He did get them to repaint the crosswalk across University Avenue and add a new crosswalk across Huff Street. Hopefully that will help drivers to make themselves more visible. Red flashing lights are a tough sell with the Division of Highways. The ones on University Avenue are city controlled, and are the first ones in the state. They worked hard to get those and

they cost a lot of money. Now, there are two more by Riverview, the law school, and 8th street, which is great.

If you want to, within your subcommittee of SGA on pedestrian safety, reach out to Matthew and put a document together with petition signatures to get the flashing lights there, he would advance that to the DOA and the NPA. Possibly now there is a proposal for a project on Patterson Drive and Laurel Street. Those will be the first ones he knows of in the state, so they are making progress. Please stay with him on this and keep up the great work. It is really great to see you taking the initiative, and they can get some things done.

College Senator Hudson: Do you think that there is any type of leverage over the passage of the recent Infrastructure bill to leverage using some of those funds to improve pedestrian safety in Morgantown?

Matthew Cross: Great question. For younger students getting involved in economics and so forth, funding is always an issue. They have applied for some funding measures for projects and proposals in town, TIGER grants, and some others as well. Some of that money from the Infrastructure Bill that was passed in the COVID Relief Bill has been applied to Morgantown. However, Matthew is not really savvy on it, he is just a citizen volunteer, and is not paid by the city of Morgantown, so any time and money he puts into it is all his. He doesn't mind doing it, because he likes walking, and wants to be safe and see you all safe. That's something you can look into as students, with funding and revenue streams. All of that is going to help to get this resolution passed, at least Article 2. It's a lot of work for the city, but they're moving on it, so let's keep up the momentum. Thank you very much again, for the people that did the work on the resolution. Keep up the good work. Be safe out there. Watch out for everybody in your cars, pay attention, and watch out for walkers. Happy holidays!

- President Pro Tempore Khan moved to add Senator Miller and College Senator Neiswonger to the roll via unanimous consent.
- The motion to add Senator Miller and College Senator Neiswonger to the roll was seconded by Senator Volk.
- There were no objections, and Senator Miller and College Senator Neiswonger were added to the roll.

VII. Open Student Forum I

VIII. The President's Report

President Hernandez: It's good to see everyone in comfy clothes slash holiday attire and President Hernandez is glad that this could be done for the last meeting of the semester. She doesn't know if it was allowed to look at the Secret Snowflake gifts, but she peeked at hers, so thank you to whoever got her that. She will definitely use her Starbucks gift card.

Short and sweet report this week. President Hernandez is meeting with the Eberly deans on December 13th at 10am to go over the STEM Foundation. Additionally, she has a Board of Governors meeting on December 15th and 16th, and will be prepping for that over the next few weeks along with finals. The monthly reports for December will be combined with January, so do not worry about them.

“You can't really be present for the people in your life if you aren't taking care of yourself.” - Kerry Washington

IX. Assembly Reports

College Senator Cahill: College Senators Cahill and McMillen met with Dean Hall on Monday and talked about a couple of ideas that they had presented at their first meeting, including the crosswalk idea. They discussed the online support fee of \$25 per credit hour. For a normal class, this is \$75. Dean Hall said that he has been trying to get that taken care of for five years now, but that things get handled better when coming from a student. Ideally it would be good to not have to pay that online support fee at all, but they also think it would be better if it was added into fees instead of listed as a separate line item. If anyone is interested in reaching out to other faculty and discussing this, please reach out to College Senator Cahill.

Additionally, The B&E has a really good Career Development Center and class about resumes, how to give an elevator pitch, memos, and other kinds of stuff. However, other colleges don't. Suggest that college senators push out your college's Center for Career Development and the one for the entire university for resume reviews before an interview.

College Senator Patel: Wanted to talk about legislation ideas for next semester. There is a career closet for Statler and a new one in Reynold's Hall. College Senator Patel met with the person that runs the closet in Statler last administration, but never really started on it, and is thinking of seeing if there is any way to do a university-wide career closet for all students. Some of the steps would include

taking the idea to deans of other colleges, finding spaces, marketing, and reaching out to the development office for funding. If anyone has any ideas for that, College Senator Patel would appreciate input.

A second idea is within some engineering student organizations, where there are mentoring programs. He would like to work with Statler College administrators to start a mentoring program for first-generation and underrepresented students in engineering. That might help retention rates within Statler College. That is a more broad idea, so if you have any feedback he would appreciate it.

College Senator Oursler: The Davis College is also trying to put together a Career Closet, so maybe College Senators Oursler and Patel can discuss it after the meeting.

College Senator Wooten: The Eberly College Senators will be meeting with Dean Dunaway this Friday. If there is anything you would like them to talk about, let College Senator Wooten know.

Vice President Uqaily: Please do not mute the microphones. There is a person over there doing that for us, and thank her so much for doing so.

College Senator Hudson: Over the past week, College Senators Hudson and Blair and Senator Amores have been working with Campus Recreation on the active study spaces. In conversation with them, they were able to work on getting the discussions going at HSC. They will be meeting with Patty Patterson, Director of Facilities at HSC, next week on Thursday, and will hopefully get the ball rolling on active study spaces there.

College Senator Dozier: College Senators Dozier and Schwartzmiller will be meeting with the Reed College of Media dean on January 13th. College Senator Dozier has been talking with the different student organizations in her college to try and combine them into one media coalition, so if you have any ideas for that or anything to bring up to the dean, please reach out to College Senators Dozier or Schwartzmiller.

X. Committee Reports

Senator Santmyer: Senator Santmyer is working on the Braille stuff and will hopefully be able to work on it a bit more this upcoming week and after break. Senator Santmyer and College Senator Schwartzmiller will be working on ADA

pick-up and drop-off spaces this upcoming week and over break. They hope to hear more about the DEI faculty training soon.

Senator Santmyer and Senator Price are presenting the Safety and Accessibility Walk findings to the Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board on Monday. Senator Santmyer will post the new meeting time for the Inclusion Committee next semester in the GroupMe. Good luck on finals and have a great break, you all deserve some rest!

Attorney General Long: The Governing Documents Review Committee had its final meeting last Thursday. They are going to put some amendments up to vote regarding the impeachment process outlined in the SGA constitution. If those pass through the committee, they will make them into another assembly bill to be on the ballot for the election. If you have any questions, please let Attorney General Long know.

Senator Conner: Senator Caputo will be coming tomorrow from 5-7pm in the GreenBrier Room. Senator Oliverio will be coming on Monday at 3:30pm in a TBD room. Everyone is welcome, but please let Senator Conner know if you will be coming so that she can get a headcount.

College Senator Blair: The Sustainability Committee has voted to keep Fridays as their meeting day for next semester, but they have not yet picked a time, as there is a tie. If anyone would like to join the smallest, but mightiest committee next semester, please put a vote in to be the tiebreaker.

Senator Price: The Student Experience Committee voted on their meeting time for next semester, which will be on Tuesdays at 5pm. If you are interested in attending those meetings feel free to come, or join the GroupMe, or reach out to Senator Price. In the words of Kim Possible, “call me, beep me, if you want to reach me.”

Thank you to everyone on the committee for helping this to be such a great semester. Let’s help make sure the Student Experience Committee remains the best committee in SGA next semester.

Vice President Uqaily: If you are announcing your updated committee times for next semester, please also send Vice President Uqaily a text, so that she can update them everywhere else.

College Senator Wooten: The Community Engagement Committee and fellow SGA members had a wonderful time this past Saturday engaging in the community with Pantry Plus More. There was a torrential downpour, but it was great and they

had a blast. That concludes the community engaging for this semester. The committee will not be meeting tomorrow.

- Senator Santmyer moved to add Senator Uqaily to the roll via unanimous consent.
- The motion to add Senator Uqaily to the roll was seconded by College Senator Cahill.
- There were no objections, and Senator Uqaily was added to the roll.

XI. Executive Reports

Chief of Staff Flower: Shortly after the meeting there will be a reveal of the Secret Snowflake, if everyone could find their Secret Snowflake then and let them know. If you have already opened your gift, do not worry. Happy holidays!

Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler: The Morgantown warming center has officially opened and is asking for volunteers. Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler went through the orientation and will send out the link for the shifts to sign-up. Will also send a message about the Relay for Life team. Last week there was a lot happening in all of the group messages, so she decided to hold off.

This Friday, December 9th, there will be free Flu shots at the Morgantown Mall, provided by the Mon. County Health Department. Really recommend getting it if you haven't already, as it is that time of year.

Yesterday, the Georgia run-off election took place, and Raphael Warnock triumphed over Herschel Walker, leaving the U.S. Senate with 51 Democrats and 49 Republicans. The West Virginia legislature also reconvened this December 5th and 6th to meet in committees and determine their leaderships. Roger Hanshaw was reelected as the Speaker of the House, Craig Blair was reelected as the President of the Senate, Doug Scott will remain the House Minority Leader, and Shawn Fluharty will remain as the Minority Whip. Mike Woeful will take the place of Senate Minority Leader, Robert Plymale was selected as Senate Minority Whip, and the Majority leaders and Majority Whips have not officially been announced yet. If you have any questions about what happened in committees or was on the agenda, reach out to Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler or Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey.

Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey: With the finalizing of the leadership in the legislature occurring, the start of the session is just around the corner. January 11th, 2023 marks the first day of the West Virginia Legislative Session and it will continue until midnight on March 11th, 2023. Hundreds of bills will be introduced during this time period, and Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler and Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey will do their best to track down and report on each of them on a

weekly basis. It is their goal to ensure that you, the students and assembly, are in the know and therefore can take action, whether on an individual level or on an SGA level in the best interest of WVU students. If anyone has questions about the session, please let them know.

Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Elswick: The LGBTQ+ Center is hosting a finals de-stress event this Friday, December 9th from 2pm-4pm at the Maple House. Every day next week they will be holding a Snack & Study from 9am to 5pm.

The Woman's Resource Center is hosting International Mountain Day on December 8th and 9th. They are hosting a youth flute concert on the 8th in the Gluck Theatre in the Creative Arts Center from 5:30-6:45pm. They are having a talk about Appalachian women and environmental justice on the 9th from 9am until 11:30 am at 325 Brooks Hall.

The Center for Black Culture and Research is currently looking for work studies. They are also still hosting and accepting Black Film Festival submissions until February 10th.

To shout-out some holidays that are happening. Kwanzaa starts December 26th and ends on January 1st. Hanukkah is from December 18th until the 26th this year. Christmas, every year, is on the 24th and 25th. Happy holidays if you celebrate any of these holidays. Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah, and Merry Christmas!

Student Organization Liaison Staten: Quick announcement from College Senator Blair, who wanted to plug that the library is doing a downtown stretch and snack break. That will be every 15 minutes on the hour starting at 4pm.

The themes for all of the President's Forums next semester have officially been solidified. They will be sent out shortly in the informal chat, but also will mention them here in case any assembly members would like to join and start messaging Student Organization Liaison Staten. The sooner all this is squared away, the better for her mental health. January will cover event planning and promotion, February club elections, March impostor syndrome and burnout, and April financial management tactics. Will also be dropping the dates and times in the chat. If any assembly members are interested in helping, let her know.

Attorney General Long: Tonight during Open Student Forum II, the president and vice president hopefuls will announce. Senators or persons running for the assembly need not announce at this time and can just fill out the filing packet on WVU Engage. It was brought to Attorney General Long's attention that some of the

appendices of the elections code need to be updated. They will be updated in the next couple of weeks.

XII. Old Business

A. AB-2022-08-07

- College Senator Dozier moved to explain AB-2022-08-07 in lieu of having it read.
- The motion to explain AB-2022-08-07 in lieu of having it read was seconded by College Senator Hudson.
- There were no objections, and AB-2022-08-07 was approved to be read.

College Senator Dozier: Nothing has changed since this bill was first read. It is an assembly bill to amend the 2022-23 bylaws to include DEI grants. They will be used for events, initiatives, and projects that will be held on campus or in the community that provide intercultural learning experiences on topics focused on diversity, inclusion, and social justice. DEI grants can be used as an additional .25% to the 2% that student organizations are permitted to receive per fiscal year. College Senator Dozier thinks this legislation is really important because DEI grants are beneficial, will promote inclusion and diversity throughout student organizations and campus, and will ensure that all Mountaineers feel provided for now and forever.

a. Discussion and Voting

College Senator Hudson: This is a really great bill and there was a lot of support for it last time. College Senator Dozier already explained the reasons why this bill is important.

- College Senator Hudson moved to end discussion and approve AB-2022-08-07 via voice vote.
- The motion to end discussion and approve AB-2022-08-07 via voice vote was seconded by Senator Whalen.
- The ayes unanimously have it. AB-2022-08-07 was passed.

B. AR-2022-08-07

- College Senator Mitchell moved to explain AR-2022-08-07 in lieu of having it read via unanimous consent.
- The motion to explain AR-2022-08-07 in lieu of having it read was seconded by Senator Volk.
- There were no objections, and AR-2022-08-07 was approved to be explained.

College Senator Mitchell: Looking to create a student advisory board for the College of

Applied Human Sciences. Nothing has changed from the last time it was read. They are trying to create a board with students of different majors. It is a giant college now and is inappropriate to not have an advisory board. This would be beneficial for interaction.

a. Discussion and Voting

- Senator Price moved to vote on AR-2022-08-07 via voice vote.
- The motion to vote on AR-2022-08-07 was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- The ayes unanimously have it. AR-2022-08-7 was passed.

C. AR-2022-08-08

- Senator Price moved to explain AR-2022-08-08 in lieu of having it read via unanimous consent.
- The motion to explain AR-2022-08-8 in lieu of having it read was seconded by College Senator Hudson.
- There were no objections, and AR-2022-08-08 was approved to be explained.

Senator Price: The Student Academic Advisory Board is an opportunity for students to provide direct input to the Provost Office on academic affairs by meeting regularly with officials from the Provost Office. Last time they had talked about concerns with the process. Last week, Senator Price met with Joy Carr, the Director of Undergraduate Advising and discussed the process. She put them into contact with people from the Provost Office who help to put together surveys and applications, and can help craft them in a way to achieve their goals.

a. Discussion and Voting

- Senator Uqaily moved to end discussion and vote on AR-2022-08-8 via voice vote.
- The motion to end discussion and vote on AR-2022-08-8 was seconded by Senator Jones.
- The ayes unanimously have it. AR-2022-08-08 was passed.

D. AR-2022-08-09

Senator Price: The add/drop initiative is trying to provide students with a little bit more time for trying to discern what is best for them academically while at the same time not creating too big of a burden for administrators and professors. They have talked to Associate Provost Widders and other members of the Provost Office throughout the semester. Senator Price would like to add an amendment to section 2 of this legislation, based upon Associate Provost Widder's suggestions and comments. He had offered to read over the legislation and give remarks after it was written, but was not able to get it in before the last reading, so they would like to incorporate that into this legislation now.

a. Discussion

- Senator Price moved to amend Section 2 of AR-2022-08-09 to read “recommends the adjustment of the add-drop deadlines at the beginning of the semester for courses running eight weeks or less to seventy-two hours from the start of the course” via voice vote.
- The motion to amend Section 2 of AR-2022-08-09 was seconded by Senator Miller.

b. Discussion and Voting on the Amendment to AR-2022-08-09

Senator Price: In addition to the add-drop proposal from the authors, Associate Provost Widders has his own proposal for the half-semester courses. This amendment reflects his proposal, to show support for his initiative within the Provost Office as well.

- The ayes unanimously have it. The amendment to AR-2022-08-09 was passed.

c. Discussion and Voting on AR-2022-08-09

- College Senator Skean moved to vote on AR-2022-08-09 via voice vote.
- The motion to vote on AR-2022-08-09 was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- The ayes unanimously have it. AR-2022-08-09 was passed.

E. FB-2022-25

Treasurer Daniel: There are five grants up for today. Two for t-shirts, two for travel, and one for supplies from WVU Robotics. In total, it is \$4,435.75. In addition, since it is the last meeting of the semester, would like to bring up the total numbers of how they have done. In total, over \$115,000 was requested, and they granted 62 grants for a total of \$52,970.

College Senator Cahill: The amount requested for AKPsi was \$1,007 not \$1,000.07.

- Senator Uqaily moved to amend the amount requested to \$1,007.

Vice President Uqaily: That is out of order during questions.

a. Discussion

- Senator Uqaily moved to amend FB-2022-25 for the amount requested for Alpha Kappa Psi to be \$1,007 instead of \$1,007.07 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to amend the amount FB-2022-25 was seconded by College Senator Cahill.

b. Discussion on the Amendment to FB-2022-25

- There were no objections, and the amendment was passed.

c. Discussion on FB-2022-25

College Senator Cahill: This is a great financial bill.

- College Senator Cahill moved to end discussion and approve FB-2022-25 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion and approve FB-2022-25 via unanimous consent was seconded by Senator Santmyer.
- There were no objections, and FB-2022-25 was passed.

XIII. New Business

A. Student Organization Registrations

1. MCAT Study Club

Nathan Gabler: Nathan Gabler is the president of the MCAT Study Club. Their goal is to provide a space for open discussion and studying in preparation for the MCAT exam, to help enhance member's education and improve their MCAT scores, and create a community for those working to further their education in the medical field. What makes them different from other clubs on campus is that there are currently no clubs designed to target the MCAT, which is one of the notorious parts of getting accepted into med school. Having something that focuses on improving that would be a great addition to education and schooling.

Their plans include hosting meetings, both in-person and online, on one weekday and one weekend day per week. There are about 37 interested people so far. They want to create an environment where people can feel comfortable to ask questions. They also hope to have mock testing, and keep data of the scores for monitoring progress and providing encouragement.

a. Discussion

Senator Uqaily: Nathan is a professional chair for the Biomedical Engineering Society. He is a really good person, super dedicated, and would do a really great job running this club.

Senator Price: This is a great club. As someone who has taken the LSAT, Senator Price can only imagine that the MCAT is basically the medical version of it. He thinks it would be a really great opportunity for medical students and those considering medical school to find that community and help in the same way LSAT prep groups have been. He firmly supports creating this group.

College Senator Mitchell: As another person who has taken the LSAT, cannot even imagine what it would be like to take the MCAT, as people tend to take it two or three times. Having a designated group to study would be really beneficial, especially because WVU is a university with their own med school, and there are only two in the state. It would create a really positive group for people to potentially stay in West Virginia for med school, which is needed.

Senator Whalen: This is great, especially because a lot of MCAT study tools are very expensive, so this could help accessibility for students who can't afford or pay for those things like extra classes or tutoring. It is also great for students who are in the same situation to share their grievances around these stressful applications.

College Senator Hudson: Has not taken the LSAT, but has taken the MCAT. Personally, College Senator Hudson felt the MCAT was not great in a group environment, but that was just a personal preference and he knows a lot of people who were in groups and found them really helpful. Supports this because everyone learns differently. There is literature that maintains that there is a direct correlation between accessibility of resources and socioeconomic status, so anytime there is an opportunity to create spaces, especially as a student organization that can provide funding to help get them the supplies they need and remove some of those barriers and help students who might not otherwise have access to the resources, it should be strongly supported. Need people going into the medical field, and people that have a passion for WVU and are willing to stay in West Virginia. Don't need finances or a lack of feeling buy-in from their peers as a reason for people not doing this. Strongly supports this and has worked with the advisor on many things, so he knows she is a great asset to the university and a great advisor for this group.

Senator Price: It's amazingly tremendous.

- Senator Uqaily moved to end discussion via unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by College Senator Dozier.

b. Voting

- Senator Price moved to approve the MCAT Study Club via voice vote.
- The motion to approve the MCAT Study Club was seconded by Senator Santmyer.
- The ayes unanimously have it. The MCAT Study Club was approved.

Vice President Uqaily: Your organization was approved unanimously. SGA is excited to see all that your student organization accomplishes, and if there is anything SGA can do for your organization please do not hesitate to reach out.

B. Confirmation of Bureau of Finance Voting Members

Treasurer Daniel: Had a great semester with BOF members, but with changing meeting times for next semester, they are unfortunately losing a couple of people. Up before you today are five phenomenal individuals. Treasurer Daniel asked who was interested in the groupchat, and these people liked the message. After talking to Treasurer Daniel, they still would like to be a part of it.

1. Charlie Long, Attorney General

a. Discussion

- President Pro Tempore Khan moved to bundle the nominations and consider them as one via unanimous consent.

- The motion to bundle the nominations and consider them as one was seconded by College Senator Cahill.
- There were no objections, and the nominees were bundled and considered as one.
 2. *Maria Amores, Senator*
 3. *Daniel Madden, Chambers College Senator*
 4. *Brooklyn Milam, Health Sciences College Senator*
 5. *Susie Risk, Eberly College Senator*

a. Discussion and Voting

President Pro Tempore Khan: If they are good enough for Treasurer Daniel, they are good enough for President Pro Tempore Khan.

- President Pro Tempore Khan moved to approve all five of the BOF member nominees via voice vote.
- The motion to approve all five of the BOF member nominees was seconded by Senator Volk.
- The ayes unanimously have it. All five of the nominees were approved as Bureau of Finance Voting Members.

C. Confirmation of Legislative Vacancy Nominee

1. Garrison Phillips, Eberly College

Garrison Phillips: Garrison Phillips wanted to join SGA and be a senator because he wants to advocate for people that don't necessarily have a voice at times, or those that otherwise want things done around campus. His background is in the Army National Guard and ROTC program at WVU. He is also a history and political science major.

With this experience, he believes that he can advocate for three different things. The first is advocating for Veterans Affairs in general. At times they don't have the necessary resources or communication from relevant organizations to get what they need and to get help in transitioning from active duty or military lifestyle to the civilian lifestyle at the University.

His second priority is mental health, specifically in terms of the physical health aspect. Garrison believes that physical health is a big determinant of mental health, and that its influence is very important.

Third is sustainability. Garrison would like to pursue a career in environmental law, and studying the intersection between security studies and the environment, climate change, and its effects. He would like to research and study more about transitioning in resources, such as coal and fossil fuel transitioning into renewable resources and energy sources for the future of the University. One

initiative he would like to pursue is around open student forums. In certain times, he feels that the formal settings of open student forum discourages active participation. He would like to bring open student forum to others and have it in a more progressive way that allows everyone to talk and reason through things, maybe with professors invited.

Garrison believes that he could be a good college senator as he has been an intern for SGA as a freshman and now this semester under College Senator Wooten. With those thoughts and qualifications, he believes he would make a good candidate for this position. Congratulations to College Senator Skean on her graduation.

Senator Price: How do you feel that being a history major has prepared you for this role?

Garrison Phillips: The biggest quote always thrown around for history majors is that if we don't look at the history and past, we are doomed to repeat it. From that perspective, his history major helps add perspective, correct any mistakes, and hold accountable anything that the university or organization made in previous times.

Senator Price: Understand that you served as an intern for Senator Manchin in the Senate. How did that experience also help prepare you for service in the assembly?

Garrison Phillips: It helped Garrison gain advocacy skills and speaking skills in general. There was a lot of time spent discussing with other interns or talking within offices, which was a really cool experience that helped him build interpersonal skills in terms of talking and communicating with others on a personal level. It also helped with policy advocacy, as he was able to work on defense work related to the National Defense Authorization Act and other acts that helped with energy and natural resources.

a. Voting

Vice President Uqaily: Garrison would be taking over College Senator Skean's position, so that is why the Oath of Office is after adjournment, as that is when College Senator Skean will conclude her term as college senator.

Senator Price: Senator Price has known Garrison for several years now. He can say that every time he has met him, anytime he talks or thinks about anything it is always very thoughtful and intelligent. He provides a very good perspective. Senator Price is confident that as a history major, Garrison can bring what SGA needs, as they need more history majors in SGA. He will also serve as a good replacement

for College Senator Skean. Senator Price is not sure what her major is, but can only assume that she has an appreciation for history. Having served the country as a veteran, Senator Price believes Garrison will serve the assembly with the same distinction, honor, and courage. Senator Price firmly supports the nomination of Intern Phillips to this college senatorship.

- Senator Price moved to vote on the confirmation via secret ballot.
- The motion to vote on the confirmation was seconded by College Senator Skean.
- The confirmation of Garrison Phillips, *Eberly College* passes with 25 yays and 1 nay.

XIV. Open Student Forum II

President Hernandez: It is a great honor for President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily to announce their intentions to run as student body president and vice president of West Virginia University. Serving as the current president and vice president, they are deeply humbled by the opportunity they have, and have had, to advocate for the student body with regard to their concerns and interests, for it is in the executive and legislative branches of West Virginia University's governing student body that the most crucial forms of advocacy are made, and where an open exchange of ideas, inquiry, and self-expression are the most important.

Vice President Uqaily: President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily plan to embody these principles while intending to run as student body president and vice president, continuing to work closely with the university administration and the student body to ensure for students the rights that come with being a part of the Mountaineer family. It is within the past two years of involvement in SGA where they represented student's voices, specifically in the areas of mental health, student experience, Covid-19, and sexual assault prevention, and aim to do so with twice the effort.

President Hernandez: They welcome change and openness, for they believe that being a Mountaineer and security go hand-in-hand. With this, they strive to solidify their intentions to run for student government as president and vice president of West Virginia University's student government at the Cherry Blossom 10-mile-run in Washington, D.C. this coming March.

College Senator Dozier: That is a tough act to follow; how do you follow up after something like that. It is an extremely honorable and humble experience to be standing in front of you all today. This time last year, College Senator Dozier wasn't even an intern, and now she is able to stand in front of you with the ability

to say that she has served briefly as an executive, and now as a college senator. Student Government Association is an organization that is vital to West Virginia University. It is the voice of more than 28,000 students. Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier believe that if working at its full potential, SGA has the power to better the university now and for years to come. They are committed to the improvement of the school and this state. They recognize the same drive and ambition in all of you, and ask that you will allow them to take that devotion to the next level.

Senator Santmyer: Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier have certain capacities in this university and are committed to the betterment of the Student Government Association at West Virginia University. Although Senator Santmyer has not been a part of SGA for as long as some of you all, it has allowed her to see the disconnect between those involved in SGA and the rest of the student body. As an advocacy group, this falls into the front of the issues in which SGA works on. Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier hope to improve the lack of awareness surrounding resources on campus that are here to support students. This is why Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier are formally announcing their intentions to run for student body president and vice president. They believe meeting students where they are, and bridging the gap between SGA and students and administrators is one of the most important responsibilities for them as student representatives. Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier could not be more excited to start this journey together, and look forward to connecting more with students from all walks of life.

Vice President Uqaily: Would like to recognize the two members of SGA that are graduating. Treasurer Daniel, would you please help Vice President Uqaily in helping recognize all their efforts towards SGA.

Treasurer Daniel: It is the last meeting of the semester, and sadly SGA is losing two of its members: College Senator Skean and Intern Liz. Would you two like to join us up here?

For starters, we are grateful for Megan, and her work as a college senator. She joined SGA during Treasurer Daniel's sophomore year, and the work that she has been able to do over the past semester has been truly appreciated. Some people may have looked at only having two more months left in SGA as an opportunity to take it easy, but she worked really hard and SGA is really appreciative of that.

Intern Liz has only been in SGA this semester and is headed back to Mexico after the semester ends, but SGA is still truly appreciative of the work she has done and her dedication to the student government association.

Vice President Uqaily has these cords for you both. Congratulations on graduating!

XV. Advisors' Reports

Advisor Le: Been working with the Purpose Center and Whitney Osbourne, who has tasked Advisor Le with finding a few students that are passionate about the CliftonStrength training. Any sophomores or juniors that have taken it and are interested in becoming a CliftonStrengths student champion, come see Advisor Le after the meeting so he can put you in touch with them. There is a training in January that would be beneficial for you all.

Secondly, congratulations to those that have announced and those that will announce. It's an exciting time of year to get to work with bright new faces and bright new ideas. If you have any questions and want to sit down with Advisor Le or any of the advisors, feel free to get in touch to schedule something. He looks forward to working with you in the future.

Congratulations to those that are graduating. Don't be strangers, come back and visit. Look forward to seeing what you will do beyond WVU walls; go be great. Congratulations to the new senator. Welcome aboard and let's get ready to work.

Please take care of yourselves. Last week, Advisor Le was probably out of it. He is fine now and thanks those that sent him messages for getting better. Please take care of yourself over the next couple of weeks and prioritize your mental health. Good luck on finals and continue to do well. If you need anything, they are just a phone call or text away.

XVI. Snaps

Snaps were given to Secret Snowflake participants, College Senator Dozier, Senator Santmyer, Senator Price, Senator Jones, Senator Santmyer, Chief Information Officer Jackson, President Hernandez, College Senator Skean, College Senator Dozier, Senator Santmyer, Intern Liz, College Senator Tabidze, College Senator Patel, Attorney General Long, President Pro Tempore Khan, Vice President Uqaily, President Hernandez, Chief of Staff Coiner, everybody, College Senator Phillips, College Senator Skean, College Senator Dozier.

XVII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was entertained by College Senator Hudson.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by College Senator Dozier.

The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.

XVIII. Oath of Office for New Senator

The Oath of Office was taken by newly appointed College Senator Phillips and was conducted by Attorney General Long.

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Assembly Bill: AB-2022-08-07

**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE 2022-2023 SGA BYLAWS
TO INCLUDE DEI GRANTS**

Short Title:	DEI GRANT TIER
Author(s):	Brogan Dozier, College Senator (Reed)
Sponsor(s):	Madison Santmyer, Senator Raafay Uqaily, Senator Brooklyn Milam, College Senator (HSC) Devin Price, Senator Matthew Hudson, College Senator (Health Sciences Emma Schwartzmiller (Reed)
Contributor(s):	Sohan Daniel, Treasurer Charlie Long, Attorney General

Committee Endorsement: Governing Documents Review Committee

First Reading Date: 11/30/22

Second Reading Date: 12/07/22

Date of Approval: 12/07/22

Presidential Signature:

Whereas, according to Article VII, Section 1 of the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, “the West Virginia University Student Government Association shall be bound by a set of Bylaws which will dictate protocol, procedures, and duties for each branch of the West Virginia University Student Government Association”; and,

Whereas, according to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Student Government Association

(SGA) Constitution, “The Student Government Association Bylaws shall further dictate procedures and requirements for formal and informal meetings of the West Virginia University Student Government Association beyond those outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.”; and,

Whereas, according to Article VI, Section 1 of the SGA Bylaws, The Bureau of Finance will be the committee responsible for providing oversight of SGA’s budget and advising the Student Assembly on all financial matters related to the organization, including, but not limited to, suggestions to the Student Assembly regarding grants for Student Organizations and approval of all expenditures within SGA; and,

Whereas, according to Article VI, Section 6 of the SGA Bylaws: SGA will have the authority to allocate additional funds outside of the organization in the form of grants. All grants are subject to approval by the Bureau of Finance; and,

Whereas, the addition of a DEI Grant is beneficial because it will promote inclusion, and diversity throughout student organizations and the campus as a whole. Ensuring that all mountaineers feel provided for; and,

Whereas, upon evaluation of the SGA Bylaws, the members of the Bureau of Finance & Governing Documents Review Committee voted on the following proposed amendment; and

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

Section 1: The following proposed Bylaws amendments shall take immediate effect:

Article 6.7.3 of the Bylaws shall be added as:

6.7.3 DEI GRANTS. DEI grants will be used for events, initiatives or projects to be held on campus or in the community that provide intercultural learning experiences on topics focused on diversity, inclusion, and social justice. DEI Grants may not exceed an additional 0.25% of SGA’s allocated external budget.

Article 6.8.b of the Bylaws shall be amended as:

6.8.b. Student Organizations may apply for multiple grants but may receive only 2.0% of the budget per fiscal year to fund organization conference, event, initiative, or project. This includes multi-organizational grants. Grants used for travel may not exceed 1.25% of that 2.0%; DEI Grants can be used as an additional 0.25% to the 2.0% student organizations are permitted to receive in the fiscal year.

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

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students
Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership
(Advisor) Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President
Sohan Daniel, SGA Treasurer
Tyler Seidel, SGA Auditor
Charlie Long, SGA Attorney General
Morgan Donate, SGA Executive Secretary
Daily Athenaeum

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2022-08-07

AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES (CAHS)

Short Title:	Establish Student Advisory Board in the College of Applied Human Sciences (CAHS)
Author(s):	Lauren Marquart, College Senator (CEHS)
Sponsor(s):	Bella Mitchell, College Senator (CPASS), Abbey Clark, College Senator (CPASS), Maria Amores, Senator Quinn Wooten, College Senator (Eberly) Laasya Chennuru, Senator Matthew Hudson, College Senator (Health Sciences) Devin Price, Senator
Contributor(s):	s) Endorsement: Student Experience Committee

First Reading Date: 11/30/22

Presidential

Second Reading

Signature:

Date: Date of

12/07/22 12/07/22

Approval:

Whereas, the WVU SGA mission statement reads “We, the students of West Virginia University, desiring to preserve within our University an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion”; and,

Whereas, the Student Government Association is a student advocacy group; and,

Whereas, the current CEHS and CPASS College Senators have been recognized as a team representing their former colleges that have merged together as of July 1, 2022; and,

Whereas, SGA supported and worked on the establishment of a Davis College and Mental Health Student Advisory Boards; and,

Whereas, the College of Applied Human Sciences is comprised of three schools known as the School of Education, the School of Counseling and Well Being, and the School of Sports Sciences; and,

Whereas, these colleges have an extensive and diverse background of students that deserve to have the opportunity to have their voices heard; and,

Whereas, the establishment of a student advisory board will help to create a bridge between the students and administrators, resulting in a better student experience; and,

Whereas, the selection process of students for the advisory board will consist of an application submitted by interested students, which will be reviewed by the current College Senators for the college; and,

Whereas, upon consideration of all applications, current College Senators will submit their recommendations of no more than 15 students to the current Director of the Office of Student Success for final review of their application and academic progress; and,

Whereas, each student selected will serve on the advisory board for the duration of the academic year, and must reapply each consecutive year they wish to serve; and,

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

Section I: supports the establishment of a Student Advisory Board within the College Applied Human Sciences

Section II: recommends that this Student Advisory Board work together with faculty from the Office of Student Success during the academic year

Section III: upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Evan Widders, Associate Provost

Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment

Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and
Leadership Daily Athenaeum

Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President

Morgan Donate, SGA Executive Secretary

Autumn Cyprés, Dean, College of Applied Human Sciences Zach

Thayer, Director of the Office of Student Success Amy Kennedy,

Director of the School of Counseling and Well-Being Nate Sorber,

Director of the School of Education

Valerie Wayda, Director of the School of Sports Sciences

The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2022-08-08
**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STUDENT
ACADEMIC ADVISORY BOARD**

Short Title:	Student Academic Advisory Board
Author(s):	Devin Price, Senator Brooke Jones, Senator
Sponsor(s):	Laasya Chennuru, Senator Tommy Azinger, College Senator (Statler) Azeem Khan, President Pro Tempore Brogan Dozier, College Senator (Reed) Raafay Uqaily, Senator Madison Santmyer, Senator Matthew Hudson, College Senator (Health Sciences)
Contributor(s):	Andrew Ross, Intern
Committee(s) Endorsement:	Student Experience Committee
First Reading Date:	11/30/22
Second Reading Date:	12/07/22
Date of Approval:	12/07/22
Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association mission statement reads “We, the students of West Virginia University, desiring to preserve within our University an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion”; and,

Whereas, the Provost Office is committed “to ensuring the success of our students and

faculty”; and,¹

Whereas, the Provost Office currently has an Academic Advisory Committee composed of faculty members to “meet monthly to review, respond to and provide feedback on the data and analyses generated by the Provost’s Office related to academic transformation, such as program review, instructional efficiencies, and academic structural changes”; and,²

Whereas, discussion between representatives of the Student Government Association and the Provost Office have prompted the creation of the Student Academic Advisory Board; and,

Whereas, the Student Academic Advisory Board will work to gain and provide direct and consistent student input to the Provost Office on issues related to academic affairs and WVU’s ongoing academic transformation; and,

Whereas, the Student Academic Advisory Board would consist of 7-10 students; and,

Whereas, members of the Student Academic Advisory Board would represent a diverse set of academic disciplines, standings, and personal backgrounds; and,

Whereas, the Student Academic Advisory Board would meet with representatives of the Provost Office on a regular basis; and,

Whereas, the Student Experience Committee would work with the Provost Office to set up the Student Academic Advisory Board with the goal of making the board self-sustaining in subsequent years; and,

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

Section I: supports the establishment of the Student Academic Advisory Board to advise the Provost Office on issues relating to academic affairs and experience.

Section II: will work with the Provost Office in creating a fair and transparent application process and disseminating application information to the student body in the spring 2023 semester.

Section III: upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

¹ [What We Do | Office of the Provost | West Virginia University \(wvu.edu\)](#)

² [Academic Advisory Council | Office of the Provost | West Virginia University \(wvu.edu\)](#)

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment

Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and
Leadership Daily Athenaeum

Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President

Morgan Donate, SGA Executive Secretary

Maryanne Reed, Provost

Evan Widders, Associate Provost for undergraduate

Education Joy Carr, Director of Undergraduate Advising

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2022-08-09

**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND EXTENDING THE
BEGINNING OF SEMESTER DEADLINE TO ADD OR DROP
COURSES WITHOUT RECEIVING A “W”**

Short Title:	Extended Add/Drop Deadlines
Author(s):	Emily Whalen, Senator at Large Devin Price, Senator at Large Brooke Jones, Senator at Large
Sponsor(s):	Laasya Chennuru, Senator Tommy Azinger, College Senator (Statler) Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis) Azeem Khan, President Pro Tempore Brogan Dozier, College Senator (Reed) Raafay Uqaily, Senator Madison Santmyer, Senator Matthew Hudson, College Senator (Health Sciences)
Contributor(s):	Devon Furash, Former College Senator
First Reading Date:	(CPASS) 11/29/22
Second Reading	12/07/22
Date: Date of	12/07/22
Approval:	
Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association mission statement reads, “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,

Whereas, students currently have seven calendar days to add and/or drop a course, without receiving a “W” on their transcript, at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters; and,

Whereas, students taking half semester courses currently have 24 hours to add or drop any courses without receiving a “W” on their transcript; and,

Whereas, there are a variety of factors that determine whether adding and/or dropping a course is in the best interest of a student, including changes in major, concurrent course work, academic requirements, scholarship requirements, jobs, etc.; and,

Whereas, students must have a sufficient amount of time to consider all of the aforementioned factors; and,

Whereas, representatives of the Student Government Association have been engaged in discussions with the Provost Office regarding the beginning of semester add/drop deadlines; and,

Whereas, universities in the Big XII have add/drop deadlines ranging from five to thirty-six days into the semester; and,

Whereas, the median add/drop date for schools in the Big XII is currently twelve days; and,

Whereas, Appendix A includes a thorough explanation of our reasoning and decision-making process behind the recommendation; and,

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

Section I: recommends that West Virginia University adjust the deadline to add or drop a class without a “W” at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters from seven calendar days to ten calendar days.

Section II: recommends the adjustment of the add/drop deadlines at the beginning of

the semester courses running 8 weeks or less to 72 hours from the start of the course.

Section III: would work with the Provost Office to educate students on the policy change if adopted by the Provost Office.

Section IV: upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the following:

Mandates:

Dr. E. Gordon Gee, President

Maryanne Reed, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Evan Widders, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership
(Advisor) Morgan Donate, Executive Secretary

Chloe Hernandez, West Virginia University Student Body

President Scott Wayne, Faculty Senate Chair

Daily Athenaeum

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2022-08-09

APPENDIX A

Over the past several months members of the WVU Student Government Association have been working with representatives from the Provost Office on extending the deadline to add or drop classes without a “W” in the fall and spring semesters. After gauging the ideas of our colleagues and classmates, meeting on multiple occasions with Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Widders, and researching the topic, we have decided to recommend extending the period to add and drop courses at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters from seven to ten calendar days. This extension would provide students with much needed time to weigh their academic and personal needs as it relates to their course load, while also

minimizing any potential downsides of extending the deadline. The purpose of this document is to explain our reasoning for our recommendation, and to address some concerns that have been raised.

To begin with, we recognize that setting the date to add and drop courses without a “W” is a complex issue. On the one hand, every semester students make important academic decisions that will impact them for the rest of their lives. Deciding whether to add or drop a class is not something that is taken lightly, as it holds a set of consequences for all involved. Some of the issues that have been raised include academic preparedness, course shopping, and financial aid.

One of the consequences of extending the deadline is that it may cause students to miss additional class periods. Under our proposal, the amount of class periods missed would only increase by one or two depending upon which days of the week a student has a course. Ensuring that every student receives the best education possible is the primary objective of higher education. Although the less time students spend in class has the potential to harm their overall learning within a course, given that the first several meetings of a class are primarily for going over syllabi and introductory information, as well as that extending the deadline to ten days would only lead to a student missing one or two class meetings, this proposal would not create an immense strain for students to overcome in catching up on any information that they have missed in the first several class meetings. Therefore, while we recognize the concerns that professors may have that missing an additional class period would make it harder for students to catch up if they were not originally in the class, given that this would only be one or two class periods, the burden to overcome would not be insurmountable. In this sense, our proposal both provides students more time to discern what is right for their academic future, while also

minimizing any loss of course content.

Another concern that has been raised is the problem of course shopping, which is especially prevalent for large, lab courses. Given that we have greatly factored this into our proposal, as well as the limited nature of this issue, we believe that ten calendar days will not greatly impact any current issues that the university may be having with course shopping. As is established in the legislation that this document is written to support, the median deadline to add or drop a course without a “W” at Big XII schools is twelve days. However, extending the deadline from seven days to ten days, although it would benefit students who are still trying to weigh extenuating circumstances, would not provide a significant amount of time to engage in strategic course shopping maneuvering. Furthermore, given how course shopping primarily applies to large courses and/or small labs with limited seats, rather than focusing on the add/drop deadline, which impacts all students, it would be more effective to take a targeted approach to dealing with course shopping in said circumstances. Ultimately, the issue of course shopping was something that we weighed heavily in forming our recommendation, as we want to create a policy that works best for faculty and students alike. We believe that extending the deadline to ten days is a reasonable middle ground between providing students with more time to ascertain their academic needs, while also taking into account the concerns of university faculty and administrators regarding course shopping.

The final major concern that has been brought to our attention is the issue of financial aid, specifically, for if a student drops below the required financial aid credit hour threshold. However, we reject this line of thinking due to the fact that students are already impacted by this policy if they drop after the current period. Under current policy, if a student drops below the

required number of hours that they need to maintain to receive aid and scholarships, they are already required to pay it back if the money has already been dispensed. The only difference is that they would also receive a “W” on their transcript. Given the variety of reasons why a student chooses to withdraw from a course or courses, combined with the fact that they are already

required to repay any dispensed money, the only effect that adding a “W” to their transcript is permanently marking their academic history. As such, the financial aid implications of dropping a course are going to be felt by students regardless of when the deadline to add and drop a course without a “W” is held. Furthermore, if both the add and drop dates are extended, then students would have a greater chance to pick up another class to replace a class that they dropped, thus, dispelling financial aid concerns.

Overall, we have attempted to deeply consider these concerns in forming our recommendation so that we can both act in the best interest of the student body, while also ensuring that faculty and administrative concerns are addressed.

Furthermore, turning towards the specifics of our proposal, we decided to focus on this issue due to the pressing needs of the student body. As has already been alluded to, there are a variety of reasons why students need to add and drop classes. Given the rising costs of college attendance and the general increase in the cost of living, many students have had to take on jobs

in order to finance their attendance at WVU. In addition to this, as students progress throughout their time at WVU, shifting academic focuses and majors may require students to shift the courses that they take. Beyond these factors, personal issues, such as mental health or familial

situations, may require students to drop courses in order to ease their academic strain. Overall, although it is impossible to name all of the reasons why students need to change their coursework once a semester has started, we can understand that these circumstances, some of which are outside of students' control, require much thought and consideration. Students who are experiencing these sorts of life altering decisions are put in an uncompromising position whenever it comes down to determining their academic futures in light of extenuating circumstances, and the prospect of being penalized with a "W" on their transcript for carefully weighing their choices. Therefore, extending the deadline to add and drop classes without receiving a "W" would provide students with some much needed breathing room when considering important decisions.

As discussed in the first section of this document, there are a variety of factors that are implicated in any decision to push back the add/drop deadline. Therefore, recognizing both the needs of our students, as well as the complex situation surrounding the deadline, we recommend extending the deadline from seven to ten calendar days. At the same time, we welcome further conversation with administrators and faculty about the recommendation in the hopes of developing a policy that works best for all parties involved. Overall, this compromise deadline heavily weighs both the concerns of students and those of faculty/administrators to create a policy that would work for all.

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Financial Bill: FB-2022-25
December 7, 2022

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 2022 Semester per the official WVU Academic Calendar.

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For expenses to purchase t-shirts for members.

<i>Alpha Kappa Psi</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
T-shirts	38 shirts	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00

TITLE II: Collegiate Gaming

For expenses to cover partial lodging for the PAX East event in Boston, MA from March 23, 2023 to March 26, 2023.

<i>Collegiate Gaming</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	100	\$1,643.75 \$1,643.75

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TITLE III: WVU Robotics

For expenses to cover supplies for an outreach event on January 27th, 2023 to reach out to freshman engineering students.

<i>WVU Robotics</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost

Pi Pico	24	\$96.00
Motor Driver	5	\$39.95
Chassis	24	\$311.76
IR Sensors	3	\$38.97
Breadboards	4	\$39.16
M-M Jumper Wires	2	\$16.58
M-F Jumper Wires	1	\$12.99
Red/black 22 AWG Wire	1	\$7.98
Micro USB Cables	2	\$29.98
AA Batteries	2	\$31.34
3.3 V Regulator (1)	1	\$8.99
3.3 V Regulator (2)	1	\$6.49
Schottky Diodes		

	1	\$5.99
Shipping Costs	1	\$53.82
		\$700.00

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TITLE IV: *WVU Women's Club Basketball*

For expenses to cover lodging and catering for a game against UPenn on January 21st.

<i>WVU Women's Club Basketball</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	3 Rooms	\$500.00
Catering	1 Create your own Pasta	\$175.00
		\$675.00

TITLE V: *Pre Physician Assistant Club*

For expenses to cover t-shirts for members.

<i>Pre Physician Assistant Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
T-shirts	29	\$417.00 \$417.00

APPENDIX A

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Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

<i>Financial Bill 2022-25 Totals</i>	
Organization Total Cost Alpha Kappa Psi	
	\$1,000.00
Collegiate Gaming	
	\$1,643.75
WVU Robotics	
	\$700.00
WVU Women's Club Basketball	
	\$675.00
Pre Physician Assistant Club	
	\$417.00
Total \$4,435.75	

APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

<i>Financial Bill 2022-25 Totals</i>		
Organization Total Grant Requested Total Suggested Alpha Kappa Psi		
	\$1,000.07	\$1,000.00
Collegiate Gaming		
	\$2,603.00	\$1,643.75
WVU Robotics		
	\$700.00	

WVU Women's Club Basketball		\$700.00
	\$600.00	
Pre Physician Assistant Club		\$675.00
	\$417.00	
		\$417.00
Total	\$5,320.07	\$4,435.75