

# West Virginia University Student Government Association Student Assembly Meeting Media Innovation Center, Evansdale Crossing, 7:30 PM April 5th, 2023 2022-2023 Hernandez-Uqaily Administration

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pareera Uqaily at 7:30pm.

### 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- Present

College Senator Azinger- Present

College Senator Blair- Present

College Senator Cahill- Present

Senator Chennuru- Present

College Senator Clark- Absent

Senator Conner- Present

College Senator Donner- Absent

College Senator Dozier- Present

College Senator Dysart- Present

College Senator Escue- Present

College Senator Griffith- Present

College Senator Guschel- Present

College Senator Hudson- Present

College Senator Irfan- Absent

Senator Jones- Present

College Senator Madden- Excused

College Senator Marquart- Present

College Senator McMillen- Excused

College Senator Milam- Absent

Senator Miller- Present

College Senator Mitchell- Present

College Senator Moore- Present

College Senator Neiswonger- Absent

College Senator Oursler- Present

College Senator Patel- Present

College Senator Phillips- Absent

Senator Price- Present

College Senator Risk- Present

Senator SantMyer- Present

College Senator Schwartzmiller- Present

College Senator Tabidze- Absent

Senator Ugaily- Present

Senator Volk- Present

Senator Whalen- Present

College Senator Wooten- Excused

College Senator Zoglio- Present

### IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by Senator Price.

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 Santmyer.

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

### VII. The President's Report

President Hernandez: Please do your reports. Don't make Vice President Uqaily send angry emails for the last report. President Hernandez, Vice President Uqaily, Chief of Staff Coiner, and Chief of Staff Flower are working on a Board of Governors presentation about the year and wrapping up. Sorry, no quote for today, was focused on a biochem test.

### VIII. Assembly Reports

College Senator Dozier: Please fill out the exec application if you are interested in that next year. If you are in any group chats, student organizations, or know somebody please push that application there as well so there can be a lot of new faces and a good time next year. Secondly, College Senator Dozier will be sending an email out about this, but if you go into the Drive, there's a folder for transition documents. She individually made each person a transition document so navigate to the folder depending on if you are an exec, a college senator, or a regular senator and please fill those out. It makes it so much easier for the new senators since they are going to have a pretty new assembly and won't be redoing initiatives or doing double work. Lastly, please grab an Insomnia cookie from the back.

College Senator Oursler: For the native plants, they have ordered 2,000 pots which will be here next week and will start getting planted for Roads and Grounds. Additionally, College Senator Oursler met with Dean Donahue today during their Student Advisory Board meeting and they had some pretty cool conversations regarding the career closet that the Advisory Board has been working on. Wanted to update you all that as part of the Davis College's Day of Giving, they received close to \$1,500 to start a career closet focused on professional clothes for specific majors, such as waders and binoculars, so that they don't have to buy that out of pocket and only use it for one class, since waders are really expensive. There have also been some pretty cool conversations around using university farms as more of a resource for students within the Davis College and as a source of income through pollinator fields and collecting seeds and selling them.

*Senator Santmyer:* If you are interested in the Eberly Student Advisory Board, the application is open. Please help to get that pushed out. It's been sent to everyone in Eberly.

### IX. Committee Reports

Senator Volk: Reporting on behalf of the Community Engagement Committee and College Senator Wooten. The Community Engagement Committee is planning a book wrapping party event with the Appalachian Prison Book Project at 6pm on Thursday, April 13th in the Mountaineer Room in the Mountainlair. Come and join them; everyone is invited even if you are not a member of the committee, and they would love to have some help.

Senator Santmyer: Danielle Long in the DEI Office has already began working on a video for faculty as an overview of the accommodation process in faculty DEI training. Faculty who have an offense will be given a different video. They are working on a script for the video with the Accessibility Advisory Board. Additionally, there will be no more committee meetings for the Inclusion Committee.

Senator Price: There will be no more Student Experience Committee meetings for this administration, but there will still be a document with suggestions for the committees next year that cover student experience. Also still working with Transportation on putting together a survey on the MountainLine bus drop-off locations and routes, so be on the lookout for that.

### X. Executive Reports

Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler: Tomorrow at 6pm at the Hotel Morgan, there will be a discussion with the candidates for City Council. Early voting begins and goes until April 22nd, with April 25th being the actual voting day if you are registered to vote in Morgantown. You can vote for all wards, it doesn't matter which ward specifically you are in.

Trump was officially indicted with 34 counts of falsifying business records. These are all felony charges. Next begins a lengthy process; it seems like trials will begin in January 2024 or even as late as spring 2024. If you have any questions about exactly what is happening, feel free to reach out and Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler would be more than happy to talk about it.

Chief of Staff Coiner: Please turn in your superlative form for brunch asap.

### XI. Old Business

A. AR-2023-01-06

College Senator Cahill: An assembly resolution to continue including Title IX

information regarding sexual assault reporting and resources in student organization trainings.

\*The resolution was read. See appendix\*

### a. Discussion

Senator Volk: This is a great piece of legislation that's very important and timely.

- Senator Volk moved to end discussion via rising vote.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- Those in favor have it. Discussion was ended.

### b. Voting

- Vice President Ugaily entertained a motion to vote on AR-2023-01-06.
- Senator Price moved to vote on AR-2023-01-06 via rising vote.
- The motion to vote on AR-2023-01-06 was seconded by College Senator Ourlser.
- Those in favor have it. AR-2023-01-06 was passed.

### XII. New Business

### A. AR-2023-01-07

Senator Price: An assembly resolution to promote instruction on iServe in first-year seminar courses.

\*The resolution was read. See appendix\*

### a. Discussion

College Senator Cahill: This is great, and College Senator Cahill appreciates all the hard work that Senator Price has put into the three pieces of legislation on the floor tonight.

- College Senator Cahill moved to end discussion via rising vote.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by Senator Volk.
- Those in favor have it. Discussion was ended.

### b. Voting

- Vice President Ugaily entertained a motion to table AR-2023-01-07.
- College Senator Cahill moved to table AR-2023-01-07 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to table AR-2023-01-07 was seconded by College Senator Oursler
- There were no objections, and AR-2023-01-07 was tabled.

### B. AR-2023-01-08

- Senator Price moved to explain AR-2023-01-08 in lieu of having it read via unanimous consent.
- The motion to explain AR-2023-01-08 was seconded by College Senator Dozier.

- There were no objections, and AR-2023-01-08 was approved to be explained. *Senator Price:* This is Accessibility and Safety Walk part 2. In the fall, an Accessibility and Safety Walk was held, and at that time, three areas of the campus were surveyed. This semester, they were able to survey four areas of the campus and talk about it over the past couple of weeks. The important part of this legislation is what is in the appendix, which has a summary of the report and a link to an interactive dashboard with all the issues that were brought up. The legislation essentially endorses having the administrators and local officials address the issues that were brought up.

### a. Discussion

### b. Voting

- Vice President Ugaily entertained a motion to table AR-2023-01-08.
- Senator Volk moved to table AR-2023-01-08 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to table AR-2023-01-08 was seconded by College Senator Cahill.
- There were no objections, and AR-2023-01-08 was tabled.

### C. AR-2023-01-09

Senator Price: An assembly resolution to promote the use of open education resources by faculty.

\*The resolution was read. See appendix\*

### a. Discussion

- Senator Price moved to amend after sections three and four to add "upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded too" via unanimous consent.
- The motion to amend after sections three and four to add "upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded too" was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- There were no objections, and the resolution was amended.

### b. Voting

- Vice President Uqaily entertained a motion to table AR-2023-01-09.
- Senator Volk moved to table AR-2023-01-09 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to table AR-2023-01-09 was seconded by College Senator Dozier.
- There were no objections, and AR-2023-01-09 was tabled.

### XIII. Open Student Forum II

College Senator Blair: Would like to plug the Earth Day event again. If anybody wants to have their student organization there or is an artist and wants a table, there are still tables open for both groups. Qdoba is being catered, there will be three bands playing, and it will be super fun. General plug to come out on April 20th on the

- Lair Green. If you would like to participate in any way, shape, or form, please do; it will be super chill and fun.
- College Senator Dozier: On April 28th, there will be a fashion show in the Evansdale Crossing Media Innovation Center. If you want to model, you should text College Senator Dozier. All of you should model because you are so beautiful.
- Senator Price: Speaking to you not as Senator Price, but as Citizen Price, Director of Engagement for the Mountaineer Fentanyl Education Task Force. Wanted to plug an event, a Focus on Fentanyl event at 2:30pm next Thursday, April 13th in the Gluck Theater in the Mountainlair. President Gee, U.S. Attorney Ihlenfeld, and State House Speaker Roger Hanshaw will be there. It will be a great event to learn about what they are doing in West Virginia to combat the fentanyl crisis. If anyone is interested, please feel free to come or to share it with any organizations you are in.
- Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Elswick: On April 21st from 1pm to 4pm, Greek Life is hosting a Pride on the green. It is not just for greek life, it is a Pride event hosted by Greek Life. If you are a member of a student organization interested in tabling for it, let Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Elswick know. It will be really fun; they will be having speakers, music, barbeque style food, and showing support to Queer students.
- College Senator Oursler: Horticulture Club will be hiking the Core Arboretum tomorrow at 5:30pm. If you want to come hike and learn about the ephemeral flowers that are currently blooming, it may be raining so try to bring a jacket, and it will be a fun time. Will be meeting at the Core Arboretum at 5:30pm.

### XIV. Advisors' Reports

Advisor Prunty: If you have not submitted photos for the Excellence Awards for your other organizations, please do so; they are due at the end of next week by the date on the Engage form. If you are a part of another student organization's leadership team and would like to attend the banquet, please make sure to RSVP. All student organizations can bring two representatives, whether that be two students, a student and an advisor, or any of those things. Please come and eat the food that is being paid for.



### XV. Snaps

Snaps were given to President Pro Tempore Khan, Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler, College Senator Phillips, all of the Outstanding Senior recipients in SGA, all those in SGA who interviewed for Order of Augusta, Senator Santmyer, Attorney General Long, Gabby, the SGA president and vice president elect, and Attorney General Long.

### XVI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was entertained by College Senator Dozier.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by College Senator Risk.

The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.



### West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2023-01-06

### AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE INCLUDING TITLE IX INFORMATION REGARDING SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING AND RESOURCES IN STUDENT ORGANIZATION TRAININGS

| Short Title:         | Continuing to Include Title IX Information in Student Organization Trainings  |
|----------------------|---|
| Author(s):           | Bailey Cahill, College Senator (Chambers)   |
| Sponsor(s):          | Madison Santmyer, Senator Raafay Uqaily, Senator Kerrigan McMillen, College Senator (Chambers) Brooke Jones, Senator Brogan J Dozier, College Senator (Reed) Lauren Volk, Senator |
| Contributor(s):      | Brooklyn Milam, College Senator (Health   |
| Committee            | Sciences) Sexual Assault Prevention Committee   |
| Endorsement: First   | 03/29/2023  |
| Reading Date:        | 04/05/2023  |
| Second Reading Date: |   |
| Date of Approval:    | 04/05/2023  |

### **Presidential Signature:**

Whereas, the West Virginia University (WVU) mission statement reads, "...the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances...prosperity for all by providing access and

Whereas, the WVU Student Government Association's vision reads, "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by; promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone"; and,

**Whereas,** the West Virginia University Board of Governors Governance Rule 1.6 prohibits, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, domestic misconduct, and stalking<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas,** the West Virginia University Board of Governors Governance Rule 1.6 defines sexual assault as, "'Sexual Intercourse' or 'Sexual Contact' that occurs without 'Consent.' 'Sexual Assault' also includes 'Sexual Intercourse' between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law"<sup>1</sup>; and,

**Whereas,** WELLWVU conducted an anonymous self reported survey in the fall of 2021. 10.4% of respondents experienced sexual touching without their consent, 3.8% of respondents experienced attempted sexual penetration without their consent, and 2.9% of respondents experienced sexual penetration without their consent<sup>2</sup>; and,

Whereas, 13% of all college students students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation"<sup>3</sup>; and,

**Whereas,** the National Center for Education Statistics show a 531% increase in reported forceable sex offenses from 2001 to 2019<sup>4</sup>; and,

**Whereas,** West Virginia University students are not required to continue any Title IX or alcohol consumption training after their new student modules; and,

Whereas, there are over 450 student organizations at West Virginia University; and,

Whereas, each student organization is required to have at least one officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://policies.wvu.edu/finalized-bog-rules/bog-governance-rule-1-6-rule

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>National College Health Assessment, WVU Fall 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d21/tables/dt21\_329.10.asp?current=yes opportunity"; and,

complete required trainings on an annual basis; and,

Whereas, training participants are encouraged to share information and resources reviewed in the session with their organization.

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

**Section 1:** The Student Government Association acknowledges and supports the continuation of the module outlining Title IX prohibited conduct, the reporting process, and resources pertaining to Title IX and reporting in new student organization and student organization re-registration requirements.

**Section 2:** The Student Government Association recommends collaboration between the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Student Engagement and Leadership to ensure materials are up to date with Title IX procedures.

**Section 3:** Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

### Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor) Morgan Prunty, Student Engagement and Leadership James Goins Jr., Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Cortney Simmons, Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Margaret Von Doltren, Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Courtney Weaver, WELLWVU Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President Morgan Donate, SGA Secretary Daily Athenaeum

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### West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2023-01-07

### AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE INSTRUCTION ON ISERVE IN FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR COURSES

| Short Title: Promoting iServe Usage                                    |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Author(s): Quinn Wooten, College Senator (Eberly) Devin Price, Senator |   |  |
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| Contributor(s):  |   |  |
| Committee Endorsement: Community Engagement                            |   |  |
| First Reading Date: 4/05/2023  |   |  |
| Second Reading Date: 4/12/2023   |   |  |
| Date of Approval:  |   |  |
| Presidential Signature:  |   |  |

Whereas, the West Virginia University (WVU) mission states, "as a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all... by leading transformation in West Virginia and the world through local, state, and global engagement"; and,

Whereas, the WVU Student Government Association (SGA) mission states that we desire "to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected"; and,

**Whereas,** the WVU SGA's vision includes "actively engaging all 55 counties in West Virginia, supporting economic development, enhancing environmental stewardship, participating in meaningful community service"; and,

Whereas, community service allows students to better understand and engage with the broader community; and,

Whereas, "volunteering has been linked to stronger academic performance"; and.1

Whereas, the WVU Center for Community Engagement "commits to enhancing student learning by building a campus and community that encourages meaningful service connected to academic success"<sup>2</sup>; and,

**Whereas,** the WVU Center for Community Engagement houses the iServe platform; and,

Whereas, iServe directs students to a wide variety of volunteering opportunities for organizations and service initiatives on campus and in the broader Morgantown community, along with the ability to log community service hours; and,

**Whereas,** many majors, programs and courses at West Virginia University have a community service hour requirement; and,

<sup>1</sup>The link between volunteering and academic performance – The Oakland Press<sup>2</sup>

https://iserve.wvu.edu/agency/detail/?agency\_id=50665

**Whereas,** first-year seminars courses allow first-year students to "explore resources that help you navigate college life, from academic and financial information to food venues, fun activities, services projects and more"<sup>3</sup>; and.

**Whereas,** first-year seminar courses provide an opportunity to disseminate information to students in all majors and programs; and,

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

**Section 1:** Encourages first-year seminar instructors to provide instruction on iServe in their courses including the informational slide provided by the Center for Community Engagement in Appendix A.

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

### Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor) Jorge Atiles, Dean of Extension and Engagement and Director of WVU Extension Kristi Wood-Turner, Assistant Dean for Community Extension and Director of the Center for Community Engagement

Rhonda Black, Director of First Year Experience

Jen MacDonald, Program Coordinator of First Year Experience

Scott Wayne, Faculty Senate Chair

Frankie Tack, Faculty Senate Chair-elect

Lori Ogden, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair

Cindi Trickett Shockey, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Chair-elect Sean Manning, News and Information Manager

Daily Athenaeum

Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President

Morgan Donate, Executive Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://firstyearexperience.wvu.edu/home



## West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2023-01-07

### **APPENDIX A**

The following slide was provided by the Center for Community Engagement to promote iServe. First-year seminar instructors are encouraged to utilize this slide while discussing student involvement, engagement, or related areas, at least once during the duration of their course.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1x51S3cz5GsLJ3D2SaoxRmleCgYfdbOOv/edi

t?usp=sharing&ouid=113068723566552652487&rtpof=true&sd=true



### West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2023-01-09

### AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES BY FACULTY

| Short Title: Promoting OER Usage              |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Author(s): Devin Price, Senator               |  |  |
| Sponsor(s): Brooke Jones, Sen                 | Avery Connor, Senator Sandrik Tabidze, College Senator (Eberly) Garrison Phillips, College Senator (Eberly) Laasya Chenuru, Senator Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis) Rushik Patel, College Senator (Statler) Daniel Madden, College Senator (Chambers) |  |
| Contributor(s): Chloe G. Hernandez, President |  |  |
| Committee Endorsement: Student Experience     |  |  |
| First Reading Date: 4/05/2023                 |  |  |
| Second Reading Date: 4/12/2023                |  |  |
| Date of Approval:                             |  |  |
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advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity; by advancing high impact research..."; and, **Whereas,** the WVU Student Government Association (SGA) mission states that we 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, the WVU SGA's vision reads, "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by; promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone"; and,

**Whereas,** "college affordability directly impacts student decision-making and degree attainment" and "can increase retention rates for colleges and universities"; and,<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, the average cost of textbooks and school supplies at four-year public colleges in the United States in \$1,240 according; and,<sup>2</sup>

Whereas, from January of 2000 to December 2020 the cost of college textbooks increased by nearly 160 percent, in comparison to overall inflation increasing by 54.6 percent; and,<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas,** "eighty-five percent of current and former college students say that their textbook and course material expenses are financially stressful"; and,<sup>4</sup>

**Whereas,** "nearly half of current and former college students (43 percent) say they've saved money by skipping meals to afford course materials"; and,<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas,** SGA representatives have been in conversations with WVU Libraries administrators about the best ways to enhance access and usage of Open Education Resources; and,

<sup>1</sup> The Impact of Affordability | TEL Education (tel-education.org)

<sup>2</sup>TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION SERIES Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2022 (collegeboard.org)

<sup>3</sup> cpi2020.png (1214×1406) (aei.org)

<sup>4</sup> New Survey: College Students Consider Buying Course Materials a Top Source of Financial Stress (cengagegroup.com)
<sup>5</sup>ibid

**Whereas,** Open Education Resources (OERs) "are teaching and learning resources that either reside in the public domain or have an open license that enables anyone to reuse them. OER can range from discrete objects such as images or worksheets to full-length textbooks or courses"; and,<sup>6</sup>

**Whereas,** in 2019 the West Virginia Legislature passed legislation "to encourage and facilitate the use of open education resource materials in both higher education and kindergarten through 12th grade in West Virginia schools"; and,<sup>7</sup>

Whereas, "the percentage of college faculty using free open educational resources grew from 5% in 2015-2016 to 22% in 2021-2022"; and, 8

**Whereas,** "Open textbooks can help alleviate the burden of textbook costs for students and provide faculty with content that can be customized for their course"; and, 9

Whereas, WVU Libraries offers free OER workshops and consultations to WVU students, faculty, and staff; and, 10

**Whereas,** WVU Libraries possesses numerous repositories of OERs that are available to students, faculty, and staff; and,<sup>11</sup>

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

**Section 1:** Encourages faculty to utilize OERs in any course where an OER would serve as an applicable replacement for textbook or course materials that students would otherwise be charged for.

<sup>6</sup> Home - Open Educational Resources (OER) - Research Guides at West Virginia University (wvu.edu)<sup>7</sup> HB 2853 Text (wvlegislature.gov)

<sup>8</sup> Average Cost of College Textbooks: Full Statistics | BestColleges

**Section 2:** Encourages faculty to participate in OER workshops offered by WVU Libraries.

**Section 3:** Encourages first-year seminar instructors to provide instruction on and to promote the usage of OERs in their courses.

### **Mandates:**

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students
Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and
Leadership (Advisor) Karen Diaz, Dean of WVU
Libraries

Dennis Smith, Associate Dean of WVU Libraries for Services, Resource Management, and Technology Martha Yancy, Director of the WVU Evansdale Library Scott Wayne, Faculty Senate Chair

Frankie Tack, Faculty Senate Chair-elect

Ashley Petrone, Faculty Senate Research and Scholarship Committee Chair Adam Komisaruk, Faculty Senate Research and Scholarship Committee Chair-elect Diana Davis, Faculty Senate Teaching and Assessment Committee Chair Mary Stamatakis, Faculty Senate Library Committee Chair

Yogen Panta, Faculty Senate Library Committee Chair-elect Lori Ogden, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair Cindi Trickett Shockey, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair-elect Rhonda Black, Director of First Year Experience

Jen MacDonald, Program Coordinator of First Year of Experience Daily Athenaeum
Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Help lower textbook costs for students | E-News | West Virginia University (wvu.edu)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Home - Open Educational Resources (OER) - Research Guides at West Virginia University (wvu.edu) <sup>11</sup>ibid