West Virginia University

Student Government Association

January 20th, 2016

E Moore Hall, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 7:07 PM
2. Roll Call

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – a

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska –p

-Governor Kiess –a

-Governor McIntyre –p

-Governor Moneyhun –a

-Governor Richardson –p

-Governor Riggins –a

-Governor Sabatino -p

-Governor Seabolt –a

-Governor Thompson – p

-Governor Waris –p

-Governor Watson –p

-Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a

-Athletic Councilor Taylor – a

\*(P stands for “Present”, A stands for “Absent”)

1. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement
	* + - * VP Morgan reads said Mission Statement
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
3. Open Student Forum I
	* + - * Dean Corey Farris: What I want to address is that last meeting there was conversation about the election. I went back through and reviewed the election code, and the concerns that we about the days, locations, and type of ballot – after my review, some of the things that were passed last week that probably shouldn’t have. In article 6B-21, it says there must be 3 locations, and there are with the Lair and Rec, along with University Park. There’s a reference on the number of days, in Section 5J it says there must be at least 2 days. The discussion to change to a paper ballot actually came from the elections chair. There actually wasn’t anything discussed that needed to be changed or have special exception. Based on my interpretation, the only determination now is what the Elections Chair deems is correct.
				* Gov. Thompson: All of you guys have probably seen this by now, but starting on Jan 23rd from M-F it runs from 6:30-8:30 PM, and busses will provide further transportation when they close. Please let your peers know.
				* Brewster: There’s an event American Association for Women, their hosting their second annual event on Friday, February 12th and I think SGA should be represented.
				* Barnhart: Mark your calendar, on the 1st and 3rd of February, there will 2 special PR seminars.
				* Riseburg: The opera this weekend is being moved to Sunday and Monday at 7:30 PM, there will be some cool stuff there. Next in art, I am running a music festival this spring “ExpressFest” I don’t know if you’ve seen it on social media. Some of the proceeds will be donated to WV School of Music. We’re going to make a scholarship to send the choir to Europe. If you could take out your phone and look it up on Twitter @ExpressMusicFest on Twitter, we’re starting off with a Kickstarter. We got approved by them in a day, we are for the students, by the students. #ExpressYourself. Literally every artist you want to see we’ve reached out to, there will be fundraising opportunities for any student org on campus, to actually working the event. It will be held at Camp Muffly, starting at noon on April 9th. We’ll also have a bus service taking students there. I need your guys support. Another big cause that is a part of this is voting – it’s the month before the primary election here in WV, so we’re trying to get registration booths there to get more people to come out and vote.

Barnhart: Is this University sponsored?

Riseburg: No, but we’re donating to the University.

* + - * + Fitzwater: After what was said this evening about elections, I think if she choosing to spend $20,000 on this election – then we’re failing the student body. We shouldn’t spend their money aimlessly.
				+ Humphrey: I support everything Gov. Fitzwater said, this is not spending money fairly. I understand the legality of the decision, but I’m disappointed in the decision nonetheless.
				+ Riseburg: Also, the first phase of the artist lineup will be dropped at 3:04 tomorrow afternoon.
1. The President’s Weekly Address
2. Governor’s Reports
3. Athletic Councilor Reports
4. Executive Reports
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
	1. Grants:

SEIGSC – McIntyre: I move to vote on suggested amount via roll call.

- Vice Chair Merow – p y

- Governor Dirkman – a

-Governor Fitzwater – p y

-Governor Humphrey –p y

-Governor Kaska –p y

-Governor Kiess –a

-Governor McIntyre –p y

-Governor Moneyhun –a

-Governor Richardson –p y

-Governor Riggins –p y

-Governor Sabatino –p y

-Governor Seabolt –p y

-Governor Thompson –p y

-Governor Waris –p y

-Governor Watson –p y

 Global Medical Brigades – The reason we’re here tonight is because we applied for a grant to Nicaragua, and last year we went to Panama. Over the course of 1 week, we’ve revamped and chosen a needier place. We’re projected to see over 1,200 patients this year. This year we’ll be taking 100% of our members abroad. First of all, we are an internationally based non-profit that provides healthcare to impoverished nations. We’re even starting a clean water availability service. This is a very costly trip, it is just over $61,000 – with flights and busses we’ve been fundraising a lot, but we still need a lot of help. A lot of these families haven’t seen healthcare in a couple of months, and after we leave, they won’t again for another couple of months. I know a lot of our student orgs say they benefit the campus a lot, but we’re representing WVU in an internationally setting where we’re helping to save lives. We’re representing 8 of the 14 colleges here on campus, and we’re taking all of our members. We’re also giving a great name to people from our nation, and it was recognized by members in the surrounding media. We’ve received over $9,000 in donations this year, and we’ve been actively fundraising for the whole year.

* Klandorf: How much for registration fees?
	+ $27,000.
	+ What does that include?
	+ So that money goes toward Global Brigades, and they pay for lodging and transportation.
	+ To differentiate, hotels are not a part of that fee, so we had to get a hotel.
* Hudson: We are deciding to offer them $1,500 dollars total.
* Global Brigades: Last year, we used more than enough and we’d appreciate any money you could give to us.
* Seabolt: I move to vote on the suggested amount via roll call.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –

-Governor Richardson –y

-Governor Riggins –y

-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –abstain

-Governor Watson –y

 Global Dental Brigades – Hi everyone, I’m the President of our student org. We’re also traveling to Nicaragua to also provide healthcare for the people there. Last year we went to Panama, and this gave our students a lot of hands on work with actual patients, which is great for job applications in the future. This taught them so much, along with helping people in these impoverished nations, it is such a great opportunity. The total cost for our trip is about $43,000 – in addition to providing healthcare, our student org is representing the University in a very positive light. We’ll be featured in the Eberly Spring Issue Magazine highlighting what we did in Panama and what we plan to do in Nicaragua. We’re taking 19 students this year, which is 100% representation from our club. We get to see a lot of dental care and issues that are very similar to what we’d see in rural WV. It’s helped to open the eyes of our students to the issues facing WV, and to stay in WV to practice dentistry. One of our students just got accepted in the WVU Dental School, and he wants to work in Southern WV. Joy mentioned a lot of sentiments that I’d like to echo. We’d just like to ask that SGA give us our full amount of monetary aid possible, and we’re investing a lot of time and effort into this. Of course, most importantly, we’re providing great care to the patients in Nicaragua who don’t get to see dental care very often.

* Klandorf: Did you say the students themselves will be performing tooth extractions?
	+ Yes, in the US, typically a student simply observes. However, with the Brigades – some of the students will actually be allowed to treat patients.
* Klandorf: It sounds very interesting, and very illegal in the USA, but I’ve never heard of laws that allowed students to work on humans.
	+ The dentists will be there over watching, so it’s not like the students will be doing it by themselves.
* Hudson: They had a similar request, and we’re suggesting they get $1,500 total.
	+ Seabolt: I move to vote on suggested amount via roll call.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

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-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –abstain

-Governor Watson –y

 Ed on Campus

* Heeter: I’m speaking on behalf of them tonight. Due to Mother Nature, I’m unable to be there tonight – We’re asking for our $1000, and I’m begging for the next $500. If we do get the extra $500, I’ll be able to take 12 members and they’ll be asked to bring their own $50-100 dollars for travel and lodging. Thank you for whatever money you can give us, and I really appreciate it.
* Hudson: We are suggesting to give them $1000.
	+ Seabolt: Can you repeat what they requested money for again?
	+ Riggins: How many students are going?
		- 12
	+ Watson: What’s the current balance of the budget right now?
		- $52,000.
	+ Capel: The number of grants is a little less than normal.
	+ Heeter: At the same time, we’ve set a certain precedent since the beginning of the year – and we’d be doing a disservice if we started giving everyone $1,500.
* Merow: She said the trip is $2,000, and how much do they have in their account?
* Kaska: I motion to move into discussion.
	+ In her message, they wanted extra money to roll over to the next year. If they do get the full $1500, they’ll get to roll it over into next year.
* Thompson: I really want everyone to giving her $1,500. Networking is huge thing, and if they’re going to NYC – that’s a phenomenal networking opportunity. AND, when a student gets hired by a company, which company begins to hire more from WVU.
* McIntyre: Do you think historically, that similar orgs that are going for networking, those companies have actually came back to our career fairs?
	+ Thompson: Every fall we have a Career Fair during breaks, and a lot of these companies have WVU grads already on staff.
* Waris: $500 split 12 ways is about $40, which is a lot of money for some people. To go off what Gov. Thompson was saying, if 12 students go to a conference – this is benefit to the University.
* Merow: I think they’re benefiting the University as well. I think we should consider giving them maybe $1,300.
* Seabolt: In today’s world, the value of a degree is digressing day by day. In the world of media, that is a very competitive market – if we could help out students in their jobs – I think we should.

Motions

* Fitzwater: I move to vote on amount of $1,500 via roll call.

- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –abstain

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –

-Governor Richardson –y

-Governor Riggins –y

-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

 Student Music Therapy Association

- Vice Chair Merow –

- Governor Dirkman –

-Governor Fitzwater –

-Governor Humphrey –

-Governor Kaska –

-Governor Kiess –

-Governor McIntyre –

-Governor Moneyhun –

-Governor Richardson –

-Governor Riggins –

-Governor Sabatino -

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* 1. Executive Appointments
1. Open Student Forum II
	* + - * Riseburg: On Saturday at noon, there’s a watch party at BDubs.
2. Advisor’s Reports
3. Announcements
	* + - * VP Morgan reads all the announcements from the meeting.
4. Adjournment – 8:00 PM

Announcements

Applications for the Mountaineer Leadership Program are available in the SGA office! Please contact Haley Quigley at haquigley@mix.wvu.edu or Destiny Harrison dnharrison@mix.wvu.edu for details.