

West Virginia University Student Government Association Student Assembly Meeting Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM September 27th, 2023 2023-2024 Santmyer-Dozier Administration

I. Call to Order

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

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Brogan Dozier

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Prichard

President Pro Tempore Risk - Present College Senator Abbas - Present College Senator Arastu - Absent College Senator Bielinski - Present Senator Bromley - Present College Senator Coulter - Present College Senator Dursa - Absent Senator Eastman - Present College Senator Farooq - Present Senator Frazier - Present College Senator Henson - Present College Senator Indomenico - Present College Senator Jackson - Present College Senator Kaminski - Present Senator Leadmon - Present College Senator Lipkovitch - Absent College Senator Lutman - Present College Senator Madden - Present

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Senator Olivero - Present College Senator Oursler - Present College Senator Phillips - Present College Senator Pillo - Present Senator Randle - Present Senator Sadler - Present College Senator Schmieder - Present Senator Scholl - Present College Senator Shiels - Absent College Senator Shiels - Absent College Senator Switala - Excused Senator Vodianyi - Present Senator Weeks - Present College Senator Witt - Present

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by College Senator Abbas The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by College Senator Indomenico 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 College Senator Lutman 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

None were recognized for open student forum one

VII. The President's Report

President Santmyer: On Friday some of us are going to Charleston to speak. We are going to meet with Speaker Hanshaw and establish those relationships. Travis Mollohan is coming with us as well to work out government relations for the year. Please fill out your reports. Goodluck on midterms and remember to take care of yourselves. We have shirts for everyone, and we will pass them out during it.



VIII. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Dozier: Susie, Jill, Garrett, and Matthew have been working on getting our schedules lined up to do some interviews for legislative vacancies. I am excited to say we will not be having a meeting next week. Please enjoy your fall break and safe travels if you are going anywhere. One on One's will be coming up. Those will be with either myself, Susie, or Jill to discuss all things related to legislation. If your one-on-one isn't scheduled yet and you are trying to get legislation on the floor, please reach out to us. Senator Leadmon and Senator Olivero are working on the safety walk. If you are interested in that, reach out to me or them.

IX. Assembly Reports

- *College Senator Oursler:* I met with Tracy at the Office of Sustainability this week. They are working on trying to get student input on the quality of bicycling spaces on campus. This is for a recertification process they are going through. I would recommend filling that out and sharing it if you can. I have been working with Travis Mollohan on the campus collaborative project. If you want to know more details, please reach out to me.
- Senator Olivero: We are going to hopefully be doing the safety and accessibility walk on October 17th. For anyone who doesn't know, we choose around three areas of campus, bring in people from the university and city, we have students walk around and identify areas around the campus and city that are of concern. This can include issues with sidewalks, lights, elevators, etc. We use an app to take pictures and submit them. I will get more information on signing up for different slots and locations.
- *Senator Leadmon:* SGA will be doing the trunk-or-treat on the 26th. We will just have people volunteer. There is a group theme we are supposed to have. There will be more info coming.

X. Committee Reports

1. Academic Affairs

College Senator Madden: I am going through the candidate booklet and reaching out to people to get stuff started. If I reach out to you, don't be surprised.



2. Student Life

Senator Leadmon: We are going to start working on tabling to help with outreach. Once we get more information on that, we will open that up so everyone has the opportunity to table for SGA and spread the word.

XI. Executive Reports

- *Chief of Staff Long:* We only have eight people who have filled out the reports, these are due Saturday night, please fill them out.
- *Chief Information Officer Davis:* The website will be published tonight. If you haven't sent in a bio, you won't be there. The headshots will not be on there yet. Please send in your bio if you haven't done so yet.
- *Local Government Liaison Day:* I just wanted to ask you to please fill out the safety and accessibility survey. It is really important to let the city council know. The city council did just adopt the new plan for the city of Morgantown throughout 2033. If any of you are interested in knowing what their plan is, I can definitely send that out to you.
- *Outreach Coordinator Tiano:* We are holding two town halls on the 16th and 23rd on safety and accessibility. We will hopefully have some city representatives there. It is on the google calendar. Please keep collecting tabs.
- Attorney General Miller: There has been a lot of good conversation at gov docs. A lot of people have been coming to the meetings. Travis will be going over a lot tonight. If you can, please work over the election code. We want to make sure we have documents that are good and accessible.

XII. Old Business

There was no old business at this time

XIII. New Business

- A. New Student Organization Approvals
 - 1. WVU Crochet Club

Senator Olivero entertained a motion to vote on the organization The motion was seconded by College Senator Madden With no objections, the *WVU Crochet Club* is passed as a new student organization

B. FB-2023-10

College Senator Oursler entertained a motion to amend the bill as stated The motion was seconded by Senator Frazier With no objections, the bill was amended

College Senator Oursler entertained a motion to pass the amended bill The motion was seconded by College Senator Lutman With no objections, the bill was passed

XIV. Partnership with Fairmont State University SGA, President Santmyer

- *President Santmyer:* I met on monday with the Fairmont Student President to see if there is anything our two schools could work on together. I wanted to see if anyone had any ideas. We are doing a month of service in October with Marshall. Information will be coming out about that. If anyone has any ideas, please give input.
- *College Senator Oursler:* If they are interested, they could join the campus collaborative. They could take the third farm, while we handle the other two.
- *President Pro Tempore Risk:* I know last year we did a retreat with Pitt, but something like that with Fairmont would be nice.
- *President Santmyer:* We talked about that. They could come here or we could go there. Something like that would be nice. If there are any other ideas, please reach out to me.

XV. Elections Code, Election Chair Weller and Attorney General Miller

Elections Chair Weller: Gov docs have been talking a lot about revisions in the election code this year. No huge changes, just tweaking some things. Before we start drafting legislation for this, we wanted to get the assembly's opinion on certain things to gauge where to go. We have broke this down to four major topics: candidate education period, campaign finances, teams, and the voting format. The



candidate education period will now be called the informal period. We are expanding the freedoms of candidates during this period. Such as allowing candidates to talk to student organizations during this period. You can be open from whenever the date is we announce you can run and actually talk to students about it. While you can't table or have signs during this period, you could still engage with students during this time. We want to make this time more of a tabling experience. Students can come in and talk to the candidates, and will also have an election information table during this. We want to do two events, one downtown and one on evansdale.

Matthew Olivero: Can you explain what candidates wouldn't be allowed to do?

- *Elections Chair Weller:* While we haven't exactly figured this out, you would be able to go to student organization meetings and get a grasp of what students want. You should be able to talk to students as much through the campaigning process as you can. You can straightforwardly announce that you are running and engage with students.
- Attorney General Miller: You cannot go into your classrooms and talk about it. You cannot have signs, logos, or official flyers. We want to restrict tabling or going out there. We want it to just be a discussion amongst students and organizations. We think it would be very helpful to tell people you are running, and help for students to actually know about it.
- Senator Frazier: Would SGA still be hosting some of the events that were held during the candidate information period? Or would we be responsible as candidates to do events?
- *Elections Chair Weller:* Under the elections code, we are required to do two events and that is the minimum. We could have more, that is discretion to the elections chair committee. But I would like to have more than just those events. We want to make sure to clarify language on what those events have to be. I wouldn't want an elections chair a couple years down the road to do the bare minimum. We will still have the debates as well.

College Senator Oursler: All of the different restrictions, are you going to write those in the code so they won't change year to year?



Elections Chair Weller: We want to be as specifically as possible in the code so there isn't very much room for interpretation. A big issue with our current elections code is that there are a lot of gray areas. We definitely want to find language and lay out what that is.

Financial wise, we want to limit the amount of statements you have to put out. There were around four last year, and it was a lot to manage. Before the current election code, it was only two and that was said to not be enough. We are wanting to meet in the middle at three. These would be due during the informal period, about a week before active campaigning begins.

Currently under this elections code the voting format is in person with a no-excuse absentee component. We are landing on keeping this the same, just because we made a huge change last year and we don't really want to make a big change again. We don't want to make it too confusing for voters.

- Attorney General Miller: The reason we made this compromise and change was because people in SGA in the past were pretty much out there electioneering. If we have completely online voting, we can't enforce that. People will go out and force it, as it has happened in the past. I think the way it is is a good compromise. I think it will work well with the new changes we are making.
- *Elections Chair Weller:* There was a big debate last year on whether we should do in-person or online, so this is the compromise that we came up with. We would also add a section if we decide to keep this component. I would like to lay out a section saying exactly how the absentee ballot works because I know it is kind of confusing. The request to have an absentee closes three days before the election begins. Thanh and the elections chair need ample time to update the voter rolls. Because the absentee ballot is completely separate from the in person ballot. They are not the same, and you have to have permission to vote on the absentee. I would like to add a specific section on how it works.

Our last topic is teams. Under the current code, there are no regulations on teams. Teams are basically political parties. They derive from tickets, which were official teams with the name on the ballot. We want to tighten this up, or get rid of it. We are split on getting rid of teams or limiting them. Some limits we have been thinking about are limiting the size of teams, if vice presidents and presidents can be on a team with senators, and pulling finances. There are a lot of gray areas, with no regulations. I do not want to have to use my discretion on this, nor do I

want future elections chairs to. It could completely change how the election works.

- *College Senator Oursler:* I was at the last few gov docs meetings, and I think that teams do need to be reevaluated. I think there should be a limit. What I thought would be a good compromise would be to separate the president and vice president from teams. They should be working together, not with teams. I think limiting the number of teams to five people, maybe a little more, would be great. You can't share finances, can't have the same logo, or colors, all of that is separate. It would force the other teams along with the president and vice president to work along with one another and endorse each other. It wouldn't allow for any finance sharing. I also think that within a team there should be a small allowance of finance sharing.
- *Elections Chair Weller:* There are members of gov docs that lean more towards getting rid of teams. When it comes to the pulling of certain finances, my only concern is that i dont' know how I would regulate that. Say if we set it to 20%, there is no way for us to really know. That is another reason we are thinking of getting rid of teams because it essentially eliminates this idea of campaign finance pulling. Also, whether it is inclusive or exclusive to have teams. On one hand, it could help some join a team and get elected while on the other hand it could exclude those who are not familiar with SGA and running.
- Senator Olivero: I agree with the idea that we should tighten some things up with teams. I think Garrett has some really interesting ideas around that. I really struggle with the idea of getting rid of teams entirely. I think that would penalize people for trying to work together. I do not think that is something we should do. I think teams actually help people who may not be as popular. People like myself, outside of this bubble, aren't well known. For that reason alone. I feel like teams actually help out where those who are more "popular" could help other people who may not be, to get their foot in. I can say without teams, I do not think I would have won. I want to speak on the barrier of entry for SGA being unreasonably high. I don't really feel this way. I think a lot of our assembly now was not in SGA last year. What I will say as my involvement last year was that I became an intern. We go to student org fairs everywhere. We have a class of 50 interns this year that could fill a ballot on its own. All they had to do was a little due diligence on getting involved on campus, as I would hope a lot of people who want to run for a



position already would be. I really don't think this is some sort of elitism, I really don't think that is the case. Our assembly reflects that the changes we made last year did a lot to help diversify the backgrounds of people in SGA. I think tightening certain aspects of teams could really confer to that. In my current frame of mind, it would be hard, maybe impossible, to support getting rid of teams entirely.

- Senator Scholl: I would like to reiterate that, while the financial aspect of teams is something that could definitely be tightened up, I think the idea of a team allows us to meet people we wouldn't have met otherwise. I thought it was a very diverse group of people. I was also from the intern program, definitely not as involved as Matthew was. Although he and I ran on completely opposite ideas, we still ran on the same team. I thought it was a good sense of comradery. I understand where you are coming from that you do not want to exclude people, but I do not think that was the case at all with this administration. It could possibly be a problem for the future, and I do see that. But, my hope would be that the organization would not support a system like that. I think teams are vital and more beneficial than they are negative.
- Senator Sadler: I ran on a team too, and I think you guys have some good points on them. But also, when I was running it was very much "bridge the gap" and everyone underneath it kind of got lost in the sauce. I can tell you that barely anyone who voted for me probably knew my platforms. I can tell you that people I had voting for people didn't really know their platforms. I think if we were forced to do things on our own, it would force us to get out there and show what we are running on. When we are representing students, it is not a popularity contest. Them knowing this big team is one thing, but them knowing what we support is more imperative to them than a team.
- *Attorney General Miller:* I would second that. I would say that riding coattails is sometimes dangerous. Especially when we had the tickets. People wouldn't even show up to do anything, people would just get elected because they were on it. I still think it is a problem when telling people to just vote for someone when they don't even know their policy or platform. I am personally a proponent for getting rid of teams. It gets into that dangerous situation where people just follow and don't even have a platform.



- *Elections Chair Weller:* If we did get rid of teams, I would envision that there would still be some form of collaboration. I wouldn't even be opposed to people doing events together as long as it wasn't like under 'team blue''. It wouldn't be complete isolation if we did get rid of it.
- *College Senator Pillo:* I think teams serve a vital role, especially for people who are less outgoing and less well versed in SGA. I personally didn't know so many things, and I think being on a team helped me a lot. I would like to see more restrictions and guidance around it. One idea I had was that the vice president and president could give a presentation on their platforms and values, and then the candidates could decide themselves if they wanted to run on teams or wanted to be independent. But maybe an idea where vice president and presidential candidates cannot reach out to join teams. It would have to be on everyone's own accord.
- *College Senator Indomenico:* As far as making our platforms known, I feel like that is kind of on us. When we did elections last, pushing the team was a big thing. But making the policies known is on us. We can push both. We should be making our policies a bigger push.
- *President Pro Tempore Risk:* Personally as someone who came in last year, it is difficult for me to see what changed. To me, it felt like teams were exactly like the ticket system. They were like, "oh don't pull your finances", but we still found a way to do so anyway. And, "oh your name isn't on the ballot together". One of the things I did like about tickets was that there was a cap on the amount of people that could be on your ticket. Switching it to teams enabled to to gather an entire assembly of people together if you wanted to. I probably couldn't name half of the people on my team's platforms. There was really an emphasis on pushing the team, rather than pushing individual platforms. It would've been nearly impossible to do that. I would really like to see that change, whether it is completely getting rid of the teams system, or creating a cap or whatever we would like to do. I am open to anything there. Also, I think that not having super large teams would encourage people to find similar platforms to you.
- *Apprentice Coordinator Flower:* I don;t have an opinion one way or another, but I wanted to provide some background. With the ticket system there was a cap. There were a specific number of senators and at-large senators that could run on a presidential and vice presidential ticket. The team's thing came around on accident last year



out of the gov docs committee. Just because there were discussions of not really being a way to stop people from working together. For some reason it was written in there, but I do not think it was meant to be the way it turned out to be. That was completely fine because it was okay by the election code but it was not the way it was envisioned. There were some pros like bringing everyone into SGA, having a collective vision of what they want the organization to look like. But what you did see with tickets, was two tickets essentially working together which did cause some tension throughout the year. I think that was something we tried to combat. We just wanted to see people working together collaboratively. Theoretically under tickets that could happen as well, but we are human so it doesn't. My opinion is that the team's system doesn't really work, there should definitely be a limit. It is whether we want to go back to the ticket system with limits, or just do away with it all and have everyone independently. But that is a good conversation to have in gov docs.

- Senator Leadmon: I am Carter, I ran on a team. I got 297 votes. I got a whole lot less than the person on my ticket who got the most number of votes. I still can't think of why. The name of the team is not on the ballot. If somebody votes for you, they have no way other than remembering your name or to guess. I suppose in theory, they could have a card or some document they look at before voting. You still have to get your name out and shake hands. I know one team had like 30 senators. But I do not foresee that happening again. That was an oddity. You would think there would be at least two teams of equal standing. Under those circumstances, I don't see how the current system would be broken or we would need regulations to demolish teams. It would be just a bunch of people having some weird network of endorsements. Or just go back to the ticket system which was pretty flawed because you could just vote down, "oh this person, Carter Leadmon ran on "positive adjective team" or something like that. We made some pretty big changes last year so I don't know why we would do that again so quickly. I think teams give you a platform to speak.
- *College Senator Bielinski:* Is the only thing that we would be getting rid of combined funding and using the same logo? If things like that are the only things we are getting rid of then it is not going to stop a group of people from working together. Will there be limits on how many people you can endorse? How would that work?



- *Elections Chair Weller:* It all depends on what you guys want to vote for. It could be a couple different avenues. If we were to get rid of teams we could say no group logo, no group social media, group pulling of finances. You could still organize together just not as an official entity. It is endless what we could regulate. At the bare minimum I think we could add some clarification on teams. I would do whatever you guys want. Discretion is a nice thing to have but not with something as big as this.
- *President Pro Tempore Risk:* I think that the biggest point would be to have a certain level of consistency year to year that won't be changed year to year. I know last year was very different from the year before. With the vagueness of teams in the election code, it is just hard to navigate. It is hard to tell what teams would be like in the future continuing in this gray area. Instead of guessing into the future it would be nice to have more of a consistency. I think that is the overall goal regardless of what is decided.
- *Chief of Staff Long:* The last election, before this year, was very controversial. There was an outcry from the student body to change our elections. I know we are putting out a student survey about this. I do not feel like we should be making very drastic changes without student input. It makes us look really internally focused, and kind of disorganized to be changing the election code drastically every year. It takes away from the work of serving the student body which is what I felt like I was doing in that position.
- *College Senator Pillo:* Since I do like the idea of teams, I think it is good for us to be together in that sense. But I almost think we could benefit from removing the president and vice president candidate from the teams. If it were only senator teams, I felt that a lot more senators would band together based on their platforms and what they personally believe in. It takes out a lot more of the competition aspect of it.
- *Elections Chair Weller:* I am working on a survey. I am going to try and have that done and sent out fairly soon. I encourage everyone here to fill it out. Student input is paramount in this. If there is something else in the election code you want to talk about, we can do that as well.



- *Policy Coordinator Blair:* With the survey that is going out, are you wanting to know how the student body prefers and wants to engage in voting? Or is it how the student body thinks we should be running? If the primary goal is to ask how you think we should run, I feel that this is going to fall into one of those sinkholes where SGA sends out another survey and nobody cares. But if it is about how they vote, I think it could be more successful.
- Attorney General Miller: I think finances is an important aspect of it obviously. But I still think there are other important aspects. For example, how do they feel about our campaign events? Do they hear about them, do they like them? How would they rather engage with people running in SGA? Not so much focused on what rules we should do. But rather if they felt they could talk to candidates genuinely. Or if they were able to see and understand candidates' platforms. And how they felt about the voting method and if they found it was easy.
- *Elections Chair Weller:* My current draft has both. It's a broad sense of how the students feel that the elections are ran. If anyone has ideas of any specific questions we could include, just send me a message and I will include it.
- *College Senator Pillo:* Have you all looked at how many senators will be for each college by chance?
- *Elections Chair Weller:* I don't know yet because of the academic transformation stuff. I want to say that last year, we announced those around October or November. So that should hopefully be soon.

XVI. Strategic Initiatives Discussion, College Senator Oursler

College Senator Oursler: I want to make sure everyone understands what is happening in Strategic Initiatives as we are trying to move very quickly. I want to bring up what our committee is doing and some topics the university has already released that could help provide topics for legislation. I want everyone to fill out this survey right now. There are many departments in Strategic Initiatives: Auxiliary Business Services, Corporate Relations, Dining Services, Finance, Government Relations, IT, Real Estate Operations, Shared Services, Town and Culture, and University Police. Under Auxiliary Business Services it is environmental health and safety, there is design and planning, facilities and maintenance, roads and grounds, office of sustainability. A lot of student focuses are in that department. Gabby and I will have a meeting with the vice president of that and some other directors.

This is showing you what we have done so far. We have gotten three of the ten met with. Gabby and I have been in meetings nonstop for the past couple weeks. We are moving and doing. This survey will help guide us in what we discuss. It is a great resource for us to bring up those topics during meetings. It would be nice to start out with preliminary stuff. Strategic Initiatives are also a part of the ten year plan. This covers a lot of different topics. It would be good to use these as "where as" statements. They are working right now to enhance the student experience. It would be great to talk to them and bring up things we would like to see that could enhance the student experience. We are the first people to have access to the modernization program. We can be really influential in this.

I was wondering if anyone has any initiatives they want to work on or what can we do if anyone has any ideas or what you would like to see us do.

Student Organization Liaison Scaff: Are you all allowed to do stuff on the rail trail?

- *College Senator Oursler:* The rail trail is not under university jurisdiction, but I do believe there are portions of it that the campus uses. I can always ask, they could have unique partnerships with the city.
- *Student Organization Liaison Scaff:* I was just wondering because I think some places are not well lit. If possible, those safety poles could be installed. I wasn't sure if that was in the jurisdiction to handle.
- Senator Frazier: I just wanted to mention from our meeting with corporate relations that he is really excited to work with SGA. He brings companies into WVU, so we can chat with them. He has really great connections with the local FBI here. I proposed to him that I could see if senators were interested in working with the deans to create some of these events. For Eberly college senators, this could be a really great connection as there isn't a strong one already established in that college. Just let me know. He is also working on the way admissions works so if anyone is interested in that. These people are really nice and great to work with
- College Senator Indomenico: Do they work with career things? I would be interested in that



Senator Frazier: Yeah

College Senator Oursler: He put mine and Gabby's contact information so that if a company or person is visiting campus, he will be like "hey do you know somebody in this thing that would want to go eat dinner with this person tonight" Hopefully if there is an opportunity we could send that to you all too. Corporate relations is under utilized so hopefully we could start utilizing their services more.

What are some outreach events you all would like for Strategic Initiatives?

- Senator Leadmon: I just want to second tabs. I like saving tabs because it makes me feel good.
- *College Senator Indomenico:* Something I have been thinking about is a book drive for the Appalachian Prison Book Project.

XVII. Open Student Forum II

- *College Senator Coulter:* Appalachian Advocacy Network will be selling prepackaged snacks and drinks on Friday from 10am-2pm. outside of the Mountainlair. Please come and support, they will be very delicious.
- *Senator Vodianyi:* On October 2nd the Ukrainian Mountaineer Association will be having a film screening. It will be at 6pm. We will have pizza. Come support our community and bring your friends. I will be happy to see you.
- Student Basic Needs Liaison : This Saturday from 11-3pm. will be Happy Minds Fest.We are going to have a yoga session starting at 11. Two bans will start at noon.There will be free food and drinks. Multiple crafts and activities. Please come by
- Senator Weeks: The Russian and Eastern European Club is holding a polish harvest festival tomorrow at 7pm. on the Mountainlair Green. There will be crafts and food, please come out.

XVIII. Advisors' Reports



Thanh Le: There have been a lot of good conversations today. I will give my yearly conversation around elections and stuff. I did hear a lot of people say from their experience, which is great. I think your experiences are valid, however I want to challenge you all to look at elections in a different way. I want us to look at the election code as if they were not to change for another five years. These are election codes that will go beyond your experience and your tiem here. I want you to think about the process that removes barriers, that maintains inclusiveness, and provides opportunities for diverse backgrounds to enter SGA. I know it is hard to remove yourself and your experiences, however you have to think about that. I believe that with inclusion will ultimately come representation from others with different backgrounds. I am sure Karsey heard this in my class last year. I try to remain somewhat neutral when it comes to elections. I have seen year in and year out that anytime there are teams or tickets, there is a pseudo political system. It starts to sound like our government very quickly. I think a lot of times students get really serious around this time and it doesn't become fun anymore. Feelings get hurt intentionally or unintentionally and a lot of times it doesn't result in the most beneficial way to the organization. I think some of you all are right, we can feel a little loosey goosey if we are changing things too much. I am a firm believer in letting systems run their course and to stabilize and some point. Be mindful of this and try to remove yourself. Hopefully the way we are trying to run it will be inclusive and have an equity in everything. Everything goes back to the year before on why we want to change anything, and I think we need to look forward. The homecoming parade application is still live. The REACH conference is this weekend, applications close tonight. We would love to see you there. Take care of yourselves during midterms. Do well, do not run yourself ragged. I hope you all have a great and restful break.

XIX. Snaps

Snaps were given to College Senator Oursler, Elections Chair Weller, Apprentices

XX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was entertained by Senator Olivero The motion was seconded by College Senator Farooq With no objections, the meeting was adjourned



West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association September 27, 2023

As referred by the Bureau of Finance

An Act

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

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

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

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TITLE I: Society of Petroleum Engineers

For Expenses to cover registration for the SPE Annual Technical Conference + Exhibition on Oct. 15th-18th in San Antonio, TX.

Society of Petroleum Engineers		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	8 people	\$1000.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$1000.00

TITLE II: Beta Psi Omega

For Expenses to cover a local photographer taking headshots for the organization.

Beta Psi Omega		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Photographer Fee	37 photos	\$250.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$250.00



TITLE III: International Law Studies Association

For Expenses to cover lodging for the ABILA International Law Weekend at Fordham Law School on Oct. 19th-21st.

International Law Studies Association		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	3 rooms x 3 nights	\$1470.84
Total Allocated Funds		\$1470.84

TITLE IV: American Advertising Federation

For Expenses to cover supplies and food for an Idea Book Decorating Social on Oct. 17th.

American Advertising Federation		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Food	Chipotle Burrito Box	\$230.00
Supplies	6 items	\$130.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$360.00



TITLE V: Clear the Stress Club

For Expenses to cover t-shirts for members and recruiting.

Clear the Stress Club		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Shirts	55	\$748.36
Total Allocated Funds		\$748.36

TITLE VI: Women in Politics and Government

For Expenses to cover a table runner to be used at club events.

Women in Politics and Government		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Table Runner	1	\$33.15
Total Allocated Funds		\$33.15



TITLE VII: Sigma Phi Delta

For Expenses to buy stoles for brothers who are graduating this year.

Sigma Phi Delta		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Graduation Stoles	15	\$720.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$720.00

TITLE VIII: WVU Country Line Dancing

For Expenses to buy t-shirts from Underground Printing to then be sold to members.

WVU Country Line Dancing		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Shirts	100	\$1,000.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$1,000.00



TITLE IX: Runway of Dreams WVU

For Expenses to buy t-shirts to use in a fundraiser to help cover the cost of an upcoming fashion show.

Runway of Dreams WVU		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Shirts	60	\$960.22
Total Allocated Funds		\$960.22

TITLE X: WVU Asian Association

For Expenses to buy supplies and materials to help members learn the arts and crafts of making sushi.

WVU Asian Association		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Supplies	22 items	\$177.70
Total Allocated Funds		\$177.70



APPENDIX A

Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals	
Organization	Total Cost
Society of Petroleum Engineers	\$1000.00
Beta Psi Omega	\$250.00
International Law Studies Association	\$1470.84
American Advertising Federation	\$360.00
Clear the Stress Club	\$748.36
Women in Politics and Government	\$33.15
Sigma Phi Delta	\$720.00
WVU Country Line Dancing	\$1000.00
Runway of Dreams WVU	\$960.22
WVU Asian Association	\$177.70
Total	\$6,720.27

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APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals		
Organization	Total Grant Requested	Total Suggested
Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Beta Psi Omega International Law Studies Association American Advertising Federation Clear the Stress Club Women in Politics and Government Sigma Phi Delta WVU Country Line Dancing Runway of Dreams WVU WVU Asian Association	\$1000.00 \$250.00 \$1554.00 \$360.00 \$748.36 \$33.15 \$720.00 \$1622.00 \$960.22 \$177.70	\$1000.00 \$250.00 \$1470.84 \$360.00 \$748.36 \$33.15 \$720.00 \$1000.00 \$960.22 \$177.70
Total	\$7,425.21	\$6,720.27