

West Virginia University Student Government Association Student Assembly Meeting Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM November 8th, 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 - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Bromley - Present

College Senator Coulter - Present

College Senator Dursa - Present

Senator Eastman - Present

College Senator Farooq - Present

Senator Frazier - Absent

College Senator Henson - Present

College Senator Indomenico - Present

College Senator Jackson - Present

College Senator Kaminski - Present

Senator Leadmon - Present

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Present

College Senator Madden - Present

Senator Olivero - Present

College Senator Orcutt - Present

College Senator Oursler - Present

College Senator Phillips - Absent

College Senator Pillo - Absent

Senator Randle - Absent

Senator Sadler - Absent

College Senator Schmieder - Present

Senator Scholl - Present

College Senator Shiels - Present

College Senator Switala - Present

Senator Vodianyi - Absent

Senator Weeks - Present

College Senator Witt - Present

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

The motion to amend the agenda to "strike section C.1 under New Business" was entertained by President Pro Tempore Risk

The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by College Senator Oursler

There were no objections, and the amendment was approved

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

VI. Open Student Forum I

None were recognized for Open Student Forum I



VII. The President's Report

President Santmyer: I know we are at the end of the semester so if anyone needs anything, let me know. Yesterday I had a meeting with Maryanne Reed and Evan Widders. That went really well. I brought up a lot of the things we talk about in our brainstorming session and other things I have heard on campus. If there are any specific issues with professors or classes, send those to the provost provost@mail.wvu.edu and they can get worked on if there are smaller things. Larger scale, we talked about a lot of academic affairs today. There were 3-5 pieces of potential legislation that I talked to Daniel about. Scheduling issues, professional development courses, reducing the amount of third party platforms people have to purchase, and more. It went well and we can start moving forward with the transformation part of academic transformation. If anyone has any concerns or ideas on that, come to the academic affairs committee or talk to me or Daniel for that. For the 28th of November, we will have 8-10 of us going to the capitol Christmas tree event. That will be an overnight thing, we will have to get approved by Corey from that. That will include Thanh, Brogan, Rhys, and myself. I am hoping to bring apprentices to that as well, and 1-2 execs, and 1-2 assembly members. I am going to give some preferential selection to people who have not gone on any trips this year. Just out of fairness to give people more opportunities to take advantage of these things. We can give excused absences as well. It is the first time in 40 years that we have had a tree at the capitol from West Virginia. I will be sending out the form soon. I had ACS, Advisory Council of Students, that went really well, lots of campus updates. I am going to go back to the minutes we had to see if there are ideas that other campuses are doing. It was really productive. We are finalizing the survey about keeping people in the state of WV post graduation. It is a complicated process but we are almost done with that. We hope to send it out by Monday and keep it open until the beginning of the new year. I know a MBA program here is working on the same topic. We also talked about campus carry which we will talk about more tonight. I think we are going to do forums as well to address concerns. On the recruitment and retention side, I am going to do some type of working group on that. I want to work on getting faculty more involved in recruitment. We had the alumni panel on Monday, it went very well. I love talking to alumni, they are always really helpful. It is interesting to hear how things have changed. Also, please get people to write letters of support for the federal work study program just in case it gets any leeway. If anyone could go to Discover this week, it would be great to have you there in some capacity.

The Christmas tree will be in Morgantown this weekend. Split your time up so we can try to have a presence in both places.

VIII. The Vice President's Report

No report was given

IX. Assembly Reports

College Senator Oursler: I have a meeting with the Director of Transportation tomorrow. If anyone has any questions relating to transportation, let me know. Next week I have a meeting with the Director of Environmental Health and Safety. If anyone has any concerns, we will also mention campus carry in this one, let me know. Later that day, College Senator Jackson and I have a meeting with the Director of IT relating to his virtual wallet idea. If you have any questions, let me know before those meetings.

President Pro Tempore Risk: College Senator Orcutt and I have a meeting on Friday with the College of Creative Arts Dean. If you guys have anything you want us to mention to him, let me or her know. I also wanted to mention in gov docs, we are starting to work on constitutional amendments so if there is anything you want us to address, feel free to reach out to Attorney General Miller or me or feel free to come next Tuesday. Our documents are in the drive

College Senator Farooq: In the community engagement committee we have been talking a lot about getting involved in service activities. We have also been talking about how to put SGA out there to its masses in Beyond WVU and the Morgantown community. Something that is coming up is a community service activity which is taking place between the Palestine Student Association and The Citizens Foundation. They have a community service activity this Saturday at 10:00am. I will send the details in the groupchat. They are looking for additional volunteers. If you are interested, just look out for the message.

Senator Olivero: I will be meeting on Tuesday with the campus subcommittee for safety. If anyone has anything related to safety that they want me to bring up, your wish is my command.

X. Committee Reports

None were recognized for committee reports

XI. Executive Reports

Chief of Staff Long: This will be a LONG one, so I apologize. The alumni panel went spectacularly. The alumni contacts are in the drive. Please check the notes out. Secret Snowflake is going on. You get assigned a person to get a gift, there is a \$20 limit on spending. The spreadsheet to sign up for that is also in the drive. I will be assigning your secret snowflakes next week. It will take place at the final meeting of the semester. All are welcome to participate. There is an event tomorrow at 7:00pm. in the Mountain room with the former SGA president and chair of the mechanical and aerospace engineering department. The limit for that is 22 people and you do have to be in the honors college. He does plan to talk about his time in student government. If you have something important or business related, you can put it in the formal chat. If you feel like your information is important, go ahead and put it in the formal chat.

Elections Chair Weller: I just put out the Elections Committee application in the groupchat. We will set up election events, work as poll workers during the election. If you are on the committee, you have to be neutral. You cannot run or be a part of supporting a campaign. If there are any questions let me know.

Local Government Liaison Day: City council meeting was canceled yesterday. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the human rights commission, they are looking for volunteers. I know a lot of you are passionate about that. Please contact the city clerk or apply online. The city has put forth a resolution to accept grant funds from the state to build for bikes. It will be about a half a million dollar project. They are also adding lighting to the deckers creek trail, if anyone has particular interest in those, reach out to me.

Government Liaison Buxton: The legislative meet and greet is 7:00pm. on Monday in the Mountainlair Ballroom. Our legislative town hall has been rescheduled to see what the legislature is doing this term. We will probably be doing that in January.

XII. Old Business

A. AR-2023-10-02

College Senator Oursler: This resolution is asking the university to add more outdoor study spades to different places on campus. We have spots on all three campuses. We have received no comments since last week. I feel that this is a good resolution.

Senator Olivero entertained a motion to vote on this resolution via voice vote The motion was seconded by College Senator Indomenico With no objections, the resolution was passed.

XIII. New Business

A. Approval of New student Organizations

1. Tree Climbing Club

With no objections, the becomes a new student organization

B. Updates on Campus Carry and Safety, Corey Farris and Travis Mollohan

Corey Farris: Thank you all for inviting us to talk about the campus safety work that has been launched. The focus on the campus safety group would be to look at four different areas. The steering committee will be working with the subcommittees to identify concerns for the campus. We are going to make recommendations to the appropriate folks. We are going to communicate a lot of that information out to the rest of campus. The four subcommittees, campus carry, you will hear a lot about that. The state legislature passed legislation at the beginning of this year that will take effect July 1, 2024 as it relates to concealed carry on our campus. The second subcommittee will have what we call the "Morgantown Partnership". That deals with mostly off campus safety issues. Particularly, we will focus on Downtown High Street, Spruce Street, etc. We know there are other safety issues in the broader Morgantown community. In particular, focus on heavily traveled student areas around the community. The third committee is what we are calling the campus safety committee. That will address on-campus safety issues. Some of that will go hand-in-hand with the safety walks that SGA has done. The fourth group will be the communication group. April from University Relations will

lead that group. She will be charged with helping us get messages out on all of these safety things. Whether it is through social media, campus conversations, Unews releases, articles in the DA, or podcasts with U92. April will help lead those efforts for us. The steering committee that I mentioned in the first slide will probably be meeting monthly to receive updates, and eventually take recommendations from the subcommittees. The campus safety and the Morgantown partnership will meet every 4-6 weeks. The campus carry group will be meeting about every 2 weeks in the beginning, then go to monthly meetings around January, then go back to every two weeks or so. There will be lots of communication that will be coming out. There will be two communication plans that will be moving at the same time. One is the on-campus safety and the Morgantown partnership. The other will be our campus carry communication which is a significant one. It will have its own completely separate communication plan. That information will start going out about the middle of next semester. We want to introduce some of it before students leave, and then do some more communication for those on campus over the summer, and as students return in the fall.

Travis Mollohan: The campus carry subcommittee will be chaired by me. I am the Director of Government Relations for the university. The campus carry subcommittee held its first meeting on October 31st. We plan to meet regularly through July 1, 2024 which is the implementation date for Senate Bill 10. We are charged by the steering committee with a wide variety of topics including: how to implement this legislation for all three of our campuses (Morgantown, Keyser, and Beckley), weighing the differences between those campuses, project costs for the university, implement a timeline for safety measures and communication plans, develop a separate communication plan to keep students, faculty, staff, community members, and families updated. All of our recommendations will flow to the steering committee for review and approval before that implantation occurs. The subcommittee is represented by a cross-section of our campus and programs. Madison serves on the committee and the steering committee. We have representatives from faculty, staff, the Carruth Center, CAC, extension services, facilities, general counsel office, government relations office, health sciences, WVU Medicine Hospital system, libraries, provost office, research offices, student life, student housing, talent and culture,

university relations, university police, visitors center, and representatives from Beckley and Keyser as well. I will run through the parameters of the legislation and some of the exceptions we will have to weigh when implementing this. First of all, this is for concealed carry of a firearm. The legislation defines that as a pistol or revolver. Firearms will not be permitted at an organized event taking place at a stadium, arena, or venue with a seating capacity of more than 1,000 spectators. That does not mean that 1,000 people have to be in attendance, just that the venue itself has to be able to hold at least 1,000 people. Any building that is used by law enforcement agencies, so UPD headquarters, any other areas that they use and control on campus. A daycare facility located on the property of our institution. Continuing those exemptions in an area that already has adequate security measures in place. The legislation defines adequate security measures as electronic equipment, armed personnel, metal detectors, wands, and things of similar nature. In an on-campus room(s) where a disciplinary hearing for a student or employee is being held. In sole occupancy offices on campus. The legislation defines a sole occupancy office as a room with at least one door and walls that extend from the floor to the ceiling. That does not prevent faculty or staff from having a concealed firearm in their individual offices. Firearms are not allowed in a location where a primary or secondary education school sponsored function is being held on the property of the institution. And anywhere that a private function is being held, whether it is rented or leased, such as the Alumni Center. That facility would be firearm-free at that time. In an area where firearms are already prohibited by state or federal law. In specifically designated areas where patient care or mental health counseling is being provided. In high-hazardous and animal laboratories. In residence halls, however concealed carry would be permitted in a study lounge, dining areas, and other common places. University employees in the residence halls, that have a concealed carry permit, would be allowed to carry while they are in there. The bill requires the university to provide individual safes to students in the residence halls or choose a secure location in a residence hall where students would be required to store their firearms. Because of WVU's size, we are required to have at least two secure locations. The university is permitted to charge a reasonable fee for the storage. We are able to take disciplinary action against students or employees for violating the parameters of this law. We

- are permitted to regulate possession of a concealed firearm in any of the restricted areas.
- College Senator Oursler: You mentioned if there is a primary or secondary event occurring on campus, does that also mean when we have tours of prospective students who are going around campus and touring various buildings? Does that qualify as that sort of event?
- Travis Mollohan: That would technically be a school-sponsored event, however there are shared spaces. So we as a committee and university are going to have to determine what, if anything, we would do to protect those individuals as they move through different areas. Obviously they may be entering buildings that are already off limits. However, there are instances in which they would be passing through other areas. We will just have to weigh every scenario and work very closely with folks who organize those events to understand where k-12 students are moving through campus.
- College Senator Oursler: You also mentioned some sort of a disciplinary hearing, are those already centralized? Or will they have to be at a certain place?
- *Travis Mollohan:* Yes, so those are held in a centralized location. They are held in the Morgan house. That area would be off limits
- College Senator Oursler: You mentioned a venue that had a capacity of 1,000 capacity, would one of our buildings be considered a venue? What is considered a venue
- *Travis Mollohan:* No, but if you think of 1,000 seat capacity, you would have the stadium, the coliseum, the soccer field, the concert theater, potentially the ballroom here, baseball stadium.
- Senator Olivero: Any venue that does have over 1,000 seating capacity, would it have to have the security measures that the bill describes? For example, are students going to have to go through a metal detector to go to a football game?
- *Travis Mollohan:* That will be a decision that the committees and the university as a whole are going to have to make. That is something we could potentially do. We could say the stadium will have metal detectors at all entrances.

- Senator Olivero: For an event that could have over 1,000 people, that doesn't necessarily take place in a venue, such as FallFest, what kinds of protocol can we have under the law? Or what are we thinking about doing to ensure those types of events are safe as well?
- *Travis Mollohan:* I believe the language around adequate security measures contemplates I think we use wands for fall fest so the legislation would allow us to off limit that event in particular.
- Policy Coordinator Blair: Is there money coming from the state legislature to support the new implementations or is that going to come from each individual university?
- Travis Mollohan: Currently there are no funds set aside for this. I think there is a willingness amongst the colleges to ask the legislature for an appropriation. That is obviously to be determined based on the amount we each put forward. I have met with several other college campus carry committees. We are all talking to each other. From my point of view there is a need to be consistent. Some parameters of this law are very specific. We just need to make sure we are implementing it in the right way so the legislature doesn't question it. There is also significant variance between what works at WVU and what works at Marshall, etc. As we decide what measures we need to have in place and project these costs, we plan to go to the legislature and request an amount of money that would be put towards the implementation.
- *Bell:* If someone were doing something inappropriately with a firearm on campus, would that fall under student conduct, or UPD? How would that work under this specific bill?
- Travis Mollohan: I could see it being both. There are laws about the brandishing of weapons, open carrying the weapon, etc. I think one of the things we are going to have to be careful of is this will be very new to people come July 1, so we need to be cautious that we are not overzealous in punishment for some of these things. However, we have to abide by the law. I think some could potentially be student conduct, while others could be referred to do the judicial system. There are other statutes given that it is a concealed carry permit, that may come into play. Our general counsel office will help us on how to handle that.

- *Bell:* Is there anything that needs to be done from now until then such as increasing resources from the Carruth and stuff like that to have safeguarded measures when it comes to mental health and firearms?
- Travis Mollohan: Yeah, I think that is one of the reasons that Carruth is represented on the committee so we can weigh all of the additional measures in relation to mental health. We will discuss what we think we should be doing before the bill becomes law.
- Senator Olivero: I feel like there might be a weird balance between making students feel comfortable and safe on campus while not overtly making all of these measures super apparent and in your face. The more metal detectors you see, that might actually make you feel less safe. How do you find that balance of maintaining some level of safety and security?
- Travis Mollohan: I think you are exactly right and we have to be thoughtful in our approach. We don't want to create additional anxiety for our campus community. We want to make sure we put adequate security measures in place. The other thing that we need to be cognizant of is that these are concealed carry permit holders, and these folks have a level of training and understand how to carry and use a firearm. I think we have to be cognizant, because it is the law, that we are also not putting an undue burden on them. It is going to be a hard balance to capture. But I think our committee is well-balanced. Working with you all and faculty senate, staff counsel, and others, we can figure out that balance and keep everyone safe. We don't want it to become a burden or additional anxiety. There have been some colleges in this country that have had campus carry for more than 20 years, we are obviously the newest one. There are only about 12 states that have this. I think we have to look at those institutions and see if anything has happened. I haven't seen any research that suggests campus is more dangerous or safer because of concealed carry. We just need to figure out what works best for WVU and where the law allows us to make it as safe as possible for students, faculty, and staff.

Senator Scholl: Is there going to be some sort of training at new student orientation or for RA's? Do RA's know what they are signing up for and how to handle situations like this?

- Corey Farris: That is a good question. We are going through the RA recruitment period right now for next fall. Those are some of the questions we have already been asked. As we go through this process, our communication folks, university police, and general counsel will provide that guidance on what training depending on what the person's role is. There will certainly be some sort of training, we just aren't sure what it is yet.
- College Senator Oursler: We just met with the chief of police in our previous committee and one of her concerns that she brought to us, was if there were an active shooter on campus and someone who is conceal carrying ends up using their gun, how are the police officers supposed to know if they are the active shooter or "protecting" someone? I guess what is the plan when it comes to communication. It is hard to communicate with all students, we want to figure out how best to communicate this with them. How are we reinventing the wheel to communicate with students?
- Travis Mollohan: I think that beyond your traditional email notification, materials printed for students, incorporating it in new student orientation, I think the committee as a whole needs to spend the spring semester holding forums and talking to students. It is definitely a heavy lift to get folks to understand the parameters of the law and what is expected. At the faculty senate on monday, an idea was having a map of campus to show specific buildings that were off-limits. There are many things we can do to prepare for this. To your point about UPD, that is a situation that officers deal with on a daily basis. I can't speak to that, that is left to the chief and others. It is certainly an issue that has been brought up a lot in the debate, but that isn't really for our committee to take on.
- College Senator Shiels: Is there any plan for out of state students and their families on how to comfort them, obviously we don't want people to not attend our university because of that. Is there anything in place so far for that?
- *Travis Mollohan:* There are definitely cultural differences when it comes to firearms. I think we will have to take that into consideration. Some folks have never been around firearms before, etc. Because this is concealed carry and restricted to certain ages, I don't think we are going to see thousands of people with guns on campus. I would say there are probably

- people carrying right now. We have to be thoughtful in our approach and implement this the best we can for WVU.
- Senator Olivero: Is the plan to put the lockers in more than two places on campus? Is there a stipulation or requirement on the reasonable fee that could be charged to use for things such as maintenance, etc?
- *Travis Mollohan:* The legislation is very specific that we have to provide at least two for residents' halls. It doesn't contemplate that we provide a storage locker elsewhere. You could argue that we could provide more elsewhere. That is one thing we will have to weigh carefully. Reasonable fees are not defined in the legislation. We will lean on the interpretation of our attorney of our committee. I can't give you a specific, but that is something we will communicate to folks. It may be in line with other similar institutions?
- Senator Olivero: Just to clarify for the two, does that mean at least two buildings have to have a locker, or every building has to have at least two?
- Travis Mollohan: Just two residents halls in total
- Senator Olivero: Is there a discussion on trying to have them in more than just two total buildings, or would people have to go to different residents halls to store their firearm?
- Corey Farris: That is some of the work that the campus carry committee will do to determine what is the best course. Is it two, four, one per building? There are limitations on actual physical spaces. Working with residence hall staff, facilities staff, campus carry subcommittee, listening to those recommendations. That is the guidance that will percolate up to the steering committee. Great question
- College Senator Switala: For the students who want to live in residence halls with no lockers, would you be able to accommodate them or is that something you all are considering?
- Corey Farris: Yes, there won't be restrictions on where students can or cannot live. This will be part of the conversation that we have, whether we can designate space for students who do not want to live in a building with firearms. That is definitely something we will discuss.
- Senator Bromley: I know the legislation allows for individual safes in rooms to be used, is that something that is on the table?

- Travis Mollohan: Institutions can choose individual safes, or a secure location. I read it to say we can decide one or the other. I don't think we are looking for the individual safes, we would prefer a secure location. There may be individuals who do not want to be around firearms, and individuals who may want to be near a secure location for firearms. All that has to be weighed as we implement it. The steering committee will make a final decision before we implement that.
- Senator Leadmon: When these facilities open up shop, who will man them? It would be awkward to have an RA, who could be 17/18 years old. I know you typically have to be 21 years old to buy a weapon to conceal. How would that work?
- Travis Mollohan: I think there is a desire that in essence, what we would say is, there should be adequate security measures in place for the facility itself. Whether that is a code you enter to go into the room and then go into your locker to get your firearm. Obviously we want to make sure their property is protected when it is there. One of the things that permit holders will tell you is that you don't want other people to handle your gun. The bigger risk there is to something happening. It could be a combination of a passcode, a touch screen, a card swipe.
- Senator Leadmon: Will there be a requirement to store ammunition separately from the firearm?
- *Travis Mollohan:* That is not contemplated in the bill. We haven't heard that. We would need to consult with general counsel on that. But I don't think so.
- Senator Leadmon: I don't know for concealed carry, but at least outside of concealed carry, there is generally a thing to not store firearms with ammunition.
- *Travis Mollohan:* We will have to look at that but it is not contemplated in the legislation.
- Senator Olivero: When you are talking about allowing people to get their own firearms from the rooms, would that be in effect that you would have to have some type of registry of students on campus who are concealed carrying?
- *Travis Mollohan:* Concealed carry permits are not public record. We would have to protect that data. There was an understanding amongst the legislators

and gun rights groups that in order to implement this properly, we would have to have some of that data. We are going to have to be very careful about how that data is stored and that it is not used for any other purposes. We want to make sure that their property is protected, and that they are following protocol to access their weapons.

- College Senator Lipkovitch: I know there are administrative offices in the colosseum so would the limit only apply when there are crowds there? Or would that apply at all times?
- *Travis Mollohan:* Folks don't have to be there for that. I think we would have to contemplate the individual offices themselves. The way the legislation is written, I would think that the entire facility would be off limits. But I think the law would give us the ability to keep it off limits even with individual offices.
- College Senator Oursler: When it comes to the lockers themselves, would there be a daily check to make sure they have been deposited at the end of the day? So they aren't brought back into the rooms in the dorms?
- Corey Farris: Probably not. That would require us to know where every student is at all times. They may be at home, on a trip, etc. The management of that would be very difficult.
- Senator Leadmon: Would students have access to that 24/7?
- Corey Farris: I think that is part of the adequate security that we would have.

 Those students would have access to it 24/7. It will likely be close to the front of the building.
- Senator Leadmon: I would just look into storing loaded guns. It sounds like a nightmare in my opinion, with students transferring loaded guns into a safe. It isn't proper practice to store a firearm loaded, and in my opinion they shouldn't be able to have a loaded firearm to even walk out of the building. That could be a dangerous environment with people actively moving loaded firearms. I wouldn't feel comfortable, just with the knowledge of gun accidents. Additionally the storage of firearms with ammunition, is not only for accidents but also with mental health incidents, it would create an extra barrier. Since most gun deaths are suicides, I would strongly look into that.

Corey Farris: I think all of what you said is on our radar. On those committees we do have weapons enthusiasts who will advise us on best practices for storing firearms and things like that. All of those things we will listen to within the parameters of senate bill 10 and other laws. You're making great points.

Senator Eastman: Are these safes specifically for handguns or would there be space to store like a rifle?

Travis Mollohan: No. Rifles would not be permitted under this legislation.

Corey Farris: Great questions from all of you. We will take this back as we continue to put together what we are going to look like in the next year. I appreciate it and we will be back and can provide updates. We will be communicating frequently and often once we get these initial meetings out of the way. Thank you again.

C. Legislative Appointments

1. Catherine MaGrogan, HSC

With majority votes, Catherine MaGrogan passes and is the new HSC Senator

2. Clarence Moore, Law

With majority votes, Clarence Moore passes and is the new Law Senator

3. Farah Kisto, HSC

With majority votes, Farah Kisto passes and is the new HSC Senator

D. Period Of Giving x SGA Partnership, Apprentice Colin Street

This is a project that is a menstrual product drive between November 13th and December 30th to provide free period products for Morgantown High School students, WVU students, and local disenfranchised people.

Policy Coordinator Blair: This is an open call for us to get into action and start engaging. Can we try to get some type of internal budget funding? Can we throw

an event to fundraise for the vending machine? Can we try to write other kinds of grants from a student perspective? We want to figure out how we can see the next part of the vision through. This is the start of integrating this into SGA as well. If there are any questions, please reach out to us.

The slides are attached at the end of the document.

E. Presentation of October 2023 Audit, Treasurer Patel

This is the October Audit from the Bureau of Finance. In the month of October, the WVU SGA Bureau of Finance has allocated 27 grants to 25 student organizations.

Further information is attached at the end of the document.

F. FB-2023-15

College Senator Oursler entertained a motion to approve the financial bill The motion was seconded by College Senator Bielinski With no objections, the financial bill passed.

G. AR-2023-10-03

Senator Scholl presented and read AR-2023-10-03 which is a resolution to establish a campus workers' appreciation week

H. Elections Code Revisions Presentation, Elections Chair Weller

The presentation is attached to the end of the document.

If there are any further questions or concerns, reach out to Elections Chair Weller

I. AB-2023-10-02

President Pro Tempore explained AB-2023-10-02 which is a bill pertaining to the Elections Code

XIV. Open Student Forum II

- College Senator Switala: Next week is hunger and homelessness awareness week.

 Student Basic Needs Coalition will be tabling next week in the Mountainalir from 10:00-3:00p.m. If you stop by and fill out a survey, you get to spin a prize wheel.
- College Senator Moore: This weekend, the law school is having a semi-formal at Joe Mama's. It is \$10. It isn't dress to impress, but come looking decent. It starts at 7:00pm. and ends at 10:00p.m.
- Apprentice Coordinator Flower: I just want to plug the toy mountain. My apprentices are doing a collection and we have already got some donations. I want to encourage you all to bring toys to our next few meetings to help build this lovely mountain. We would really appreciate it.
- College Senator Oursler: Horticulture club is doing a fun event at the greenhouse at 5:30 tomorrow. We are going to be grinding and making coffee from coffee beans that were grown in the greenhouse. If you want to taste what actual coffee tastes like from the bean, come out tomorrow.
- Senator Leadmon: This month is where we advocate for men's mental health. The engagement committee was thinking about doing a 3v3 basketball tournament in support of men's mental health. There will be a price upfront to participate. We are thinking of November 28th, so if you get back from Thanksgiving break and just have the urge to ball-up. Start assembling 3v3 teams. I don't know if there will be a prize to win other than bragging rights. We will send out a sign up sheet soon.

XV. Advisors' Reports

Morgan: Plug for toy mountain. We can go from newborn to teenagers. Anything of \$5 value or more would be appreciated. If you are coming to the games, feel free to bring a toy. Also the Racks box-it-up for Thanksgiving is happening. The registration to sign up is this Sunday. They will be distributed the Thursday and Friday before Thanksgiving break.



XVI. Snaps

Snaps were given to Apprentice Colin, College Senator Oursler, Renesmee (tarvis wallar), Daniel Madden.

XVII. Adjournment

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



West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Assembly Resolution: AR-2023-10-02

AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION FOR INCREASED OUTDOOR STUDY SPACES

Short Title: Increase Outdoor Study Spaces

Author(s): Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis)

Gabrielle Frazier, Senator

Andrew Indomenico, College Senator (Eberly)

Sponsor(s): Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore

Elijah Eastman, Senator

Joanna Switala, College Senator (Eberly) Ian Jackson, College Senator (Statler)

Matthew Olivero, Senator

Anna Witt, College Senator (CAHS)

Peyton Bielinski, College Senator (CAHS)
Julia Lutman, College Senator (Chambers)

Contributor(s):

Committee Endorsement: Strategic Initiatives

First Reading Date: November 1, 2023

Second Reading Date: November 8, 2023

Date of Approval:

Presidential Signature:

Whereas, the WVU mission statement reads, "West Virginia University (is) committed

to...advancing education...by providing access and opportunity; and,"1

Whereas, the SGA mission statement reads, "We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University an atmosphere that helps to foster an open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression;" and,

Whereas, the SGA Vision reads, "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students by; creating a campus that can accommodate everyone,...enhancing environmental stewardship,...fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders," and,

Whereas; in a survey conducted by the SGA Sustainability Committee last year, 55.78% of respondents stated that they felt the quality of outdoor study or leisure spaces was either negative, needs improvement, or neutral;³ and,

Whereas; in the aforementioned survey, 76.8% of total respondents wanted to see more initiatives centered around outdoor study spaces on campus;³ and,

Whereas; students notice the current efforts undertaken by the university to improve this issue and appreciate the work put forth by campus workers to make this possible; and,

Whereas; there have been many studies that show, "that higher availability and use of campus green space was found to be associated with improved quality of life;" and,

Whereas; the West Virginia University Modernization Program under WVU Strategic Initiatives will focus on student experience and systems enhancement from 2023-2026⁵; and,

Whereas; recommendations for additional outdoor study spaces were made based on proximity to student activity, to address inadequate seating across areas of campus, or

¹ Mission - West Virginia University

² Mission and Vision | Student Government Association | West Virginia University

³ Sustainability Report.pdf

⁴ https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2019.03.003

⁵ WVU Modernization Program | Strategic Initiatives | West Virginia University

to add additional options for current high-traffic areas⁶,

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

Section 1: WVU SGA encourages the university to provide more outdoor study spaces across Downtown, Evansdale, and Health Sciences campuses;

Section 2: WVU SGA encourages the university to ensure outdoor study spaces and other outdoor recreation areas are accessible to students with disabilities;

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

Mandates:

Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
Ted Svehlik, Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services
Jamie Kosik, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Services
Charles Roberts, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Services
Jim Mirage, Director of Roads and Grounds
Traci Knabenshue, Director of Sustainability
G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students
Madison Santmyer, Student Body President
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)
Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary
Daily Athenaeum

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APPENDIX A- PROPOSED STUDY SPACE EXPANSION LOCATIONS

SECTION 1: Downtown

Proposed Increase in Permanent Seating Locations:

<u>Site 1</u>: Mountainlair Greens; <u>Request: Bolted picnic tables with umbrellas</u>





<u>Site 2:</u> Life Science Building Patio; <u>Request: Bolted picnic tables with umbrella covering</u>



<u>Site 3:</u> Downtown Campus Library; Bolted picnic tables with some covered; <u>Request: Umbrella covered tables with charging, more picnic tables</u>



Proposed Increase in Semi-Permanent Seating Options:

<u>Site 1</u>: Mountainlair front lawns; <u>Request: More adirondack chairs</u>



<u>Site 2</u>: E Moore Hall front lawns; Request: Consistent floating patio chairs, tables, cushions, adirondack chairs





<u>Site 3</u>: Life Sciences Building Front Lawn: <u>Request: More adirondack chairs, picnic tables</u>





<u>Site 4</u>: Mountainlair Greens Open Space; <u>Request: More unbolted picnic tables, under a covering</u>



Proposed Additions of Outdoor Seating Spaces:

<u>Site 1</u>: Downtown Campus Library;

Request: Adirondack chairs







SECTION 2: Evansdale

Proposed Increase in Permanent Seating Locations:

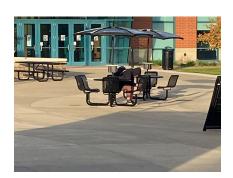
<u>Site 1</u>: Evansdale Residential Complex Front Lawns: <u>Request: More bolted table and chairs</u>



<u>Site 2:</u> Evansdale Residential Complex Front Lawns: <u>Request: More bolted tables and chairs</u>



<u>Site 3</u>: Student Recreation Center; <u>Request: More picnic tables with charging ports and umbrellas</u>



Proposed Increase in Semi-Permanent Seating Options:

Site 1: Engineering PRT Station/Building;

Request: More adirondack chairs





Site 2: Evansdale Library/National Research Center for Coal and Energy;

Request: Adirondack chairs





<u>Site 3:</u> Agricultural Sciences Building; <u>Request: Picnic tables with covering</u>





Site 4: Student Health Center/Soccer Field;

Request: Adirondack chairs



<u>Site 5:</u> Behind Allen Hall/Side Pocket of Towers;

Request: Adirondack chairs



Proposed Additions of Outdoor Seating Spaces:

<u>Site 1</u>: Engineering PRT Station/ Engineering Building Front Lawns; <u>Request: Adirondack chairs, lounge furniture similar to the E. Moore hall furniture</u>





<u>Site 2</u>: Agricultural Sciences Building; <u>Request: Picnic Tables</u>



Site 3: Creative Arts Center

Request: Picnic tables and adirondack chairs





<u>Site 4</u>: Evansdale Library Lawns; <u>Request: Adirondack chairs</u>



<u>Site 5</u>: Evansdale Residential Complex Front/Side Lawns; <u>Requests: Picnic Tables</u>



SECTION 3: Health Sciences

Proposed Increase in Permanent Seating Locations:

<u>Site 1</u>: Pylons Front Lawns; <u>Request: Tables with umbrella covering</u>





Proposed Increase in Semi-Permanent Seating Options:

Site 1: Pylons Side Lawns;



Request: Adirondack chairs



Proposed Additions of Outdoor Seating Spaces:

Site 1: Pylon Front Lawns;

Request: Furniture similar to E. Moore hall lawns







West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Assembly Proclamation: AR-2023-10-03

AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS WORKERS' APPRECIATION WEEK

Short Title: Campus Worker Appreciation Week

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Julia Lutman, College Senator (Chambers)

Sponsor(s): Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis)

Gabrielle Frazier, Senator

Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore

Bella Randle, Senator

Andrew Indomenico, College Senator (Eberly)

Contributor(s):

Committee Endorsement: Strategic Initiatives

First Reading Date: 11/8/2023

Second Reading Date:

Date of Approval:

Presidential Signature:

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) vision statement reads, "...developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff, and other key stakeholders"; and,

Whereas, campus workers oversee the maintenance, cleanliness, and safety of the

campus buildings, grounds, and facilities; this includes repairs, cleaning, and ensuring a comfortable environment for students, faculty, and staff; and,

Whereas, campus workers often assist in administrative tasks such as managing paperwork, organizing events, providing logistical support for various departments, and ensuring the smooth operation of the institution; and,

Whereas, recognizing the efforts of campus workers, including students involved in federal work-study programs, is necessary to encourage them to continuously excel professionally through their work and academically through their studies; and,

Whereas, campus workers may directly engage with students by providing essential services such as food services, housing assistance, library support, or campus security; they contribute to creating a positive and supportive environment for students; and,

Whereas, workers in academic support roles, such as librarians, lab technicians, or IT support staff, contribute to the educational environment by offering resources, technical assistance, and guidance to students and faculty; and,

Whereas, campus workers, including security personnel, play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of everyone on campus; their presence and vigilance contribute significantly to maintaining a secure environment; and,

Whereas, campus workers manage the logistics and operations necessary for the day-to-day running of the campus, such as transportation services, waste management, and utilities; and,

Whereas, campus workers often serve as essential members of the campus community, contributing to its culture and sense of belonging; they may interact with students, faculty, and visitors, thus shaping the overall experience of the campus; and,

Whereas, the dedication of campus workers across the university creates an advantageous environment for learning and an atmosphere that contributes to the experience of all students, faculty, and staff; and,

Whereas, campus workers are the backbone of an educational institution, contributing

in various capacities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the campus, creating a conducive environment for learning, growth, and community engagement; and,

Whereas, companies with an employee appreciation program find multiple positive outcomes, including, but not limited to: motivation, engagement, job satisfaction, increased retention, enhanced productivity, and performance¹; and,

Whereas, National Employee Appreciation Day is observed on the first Friday in March of every year; and,

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

Section 1: encourages West Virginia University to establish a Campus Workers Appreciation Week set during the first week of March,

Section 2: encourages the Student Government Association to use its social media platforms to highlight campus workers during Campus Workers Appreciation Week,

Section 3: encourages The Daily Athenaeum to publish an article during that week to highlight campus workers and what they do for the university and students,

Section 4: upon passage and approval, the legislation should be forwarded to the mandates below,

Mandates:

E. Gordon Gee, President

Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives

Ted Svehlik, Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services

Autumn Tooms Cyprès, Dean of College of Applied Human Sciences

Darrell Donahue, Dean of Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design

Gregory Dunaway, Dean, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

http://isteonline.in/Datafiles/cms/IJTE%20June%20issue%20web%20color.pdf#page=115

¹ Rayma, S R and, M R Vanithami, "The Power of Employee Recognition: Building A Culture of Appreciation in the Workplace," *The Indian Journal of Technical Education*, vol. 46, pp. 105-114. Jun. 2023. Available:

Joshua Hall, Dean of John Chambers College of Business and Economics

Keith Jackson, Dean of College of Creative Arts

Clay Marsh, Dean of School of Medicine

Pedro J. Mago, Dean of Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources

Diana Martinelli, Dean of Reed College of Media

Stephen Pachuta, Dean of School of Dentistry

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Charles "Chuck" Roberts, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management (Downtown and Evansdale Campuses)

Shirley Robinson, Staff Council Chair and Board of Governors Classified Staff Representative



West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Assembly Bill: AB-2023-10-02

AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS CODE

Short Title: Clarification, Financial, Team/Educational Period,

and Election Location Adjustments

Author(s): Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore

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Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary

Committee Endorsement: Governing Documents

First Reading Date: 11/8/2023

Second Reading Date:

Date of Approval:

Presidential Signature:

Whereas, according to Article VII, Section II of the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, "The West Virginia University Student Government Association shall be bound by the West Virginia University Student Government Association Elections Code, which will provide guidelines, rules, and regulations for the Homecoming and Student Government Association Elections. No amendment, varying a change in elections procedures to the Election Code, shall take effect, until an election,"; and

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

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

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

Section 1: The following clarification related amendments and additions set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take immediate effect:

Article 1.4 Definitions Shall be amended as:

1.4 DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Code:

- 1. "Academic Day" shall be any West Virginia University business day when classes are in session.
- 2. "Teams" in accordance with the detailed guidelines provided in section 5.7, shall consist of college/at-large senator candidates or a Presidential and Vice Presidential candidate.
- 3. "Candidate Education" "Informal Campaigning" shall be any events and distributed materials that are to be considered as distinctly separate from active eampaigning, while still allowing for affiliation with a team, logo, officially advertised platform and/or utilized goods and services that require monetary expenditures. in accordance with the detailed guidelines provided in section 5.8, shall be considered the period after the Official Candidates Meeting when candidates can engage in outreach activities.

- 4. "Active Campaigning" "Formal Campaigning" shall be any action undertaken by a potential or official candidate that involves affiliation with a team, logo, officially advertised platform and/or utilized goods and services that require monetary expenditures. in accordance with the detailed guidelines provided in section 5.9, shall be considered the period after Informal Campaigning when candidates can table, hold official events, make endorsements, create social media posts, distribute campaign materials, and utilize other promotional material for campaigning purposes.
- 4. "Help Desk" 5. "Polling Location" shall be any building or structure in which, at the moment, students may cast their vote in the election.
- 5. 6. "Agents" shall include, but are not limited to, any individual or group of individuals who support the candidate and/or actively campaign for said candidate.
- 6. 7. "Campaign Materials" shall mean a communication, tangible or intangible, authorized by a candidate or candidate's agent for the purpose of advocating the nomination, endorsement, election, or defeat of an official candidate.
- 7.8. "Official Candidate" shall mean an individual who has filed the appropriate paperwork pursuant to the provisions of Article III of this Elections Code and has been declared a candidate by the Elections Committee.
- 9. "Endorsement" shall include, but is not limited to, posts or reposts on social media platforms, the distribution of campaign-related materials, verbal support during public campaigning, and other visible expressions of approval as reasonably determined by the Elections Chair. It represents an official and explicit declaration of backing for a candidate or team, excluding private interactions. Tabling, collaborative events, and finance sharing are not endorsements, and may not be done across multiple teams.
- 8. 10. "Platform" shall be any particular stance that reflects one's campaign purpose.

Section 2: The following financial related amendments and additions set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take immediate effect:

Article 3.6 Expenditures shall be amended as:

3.6 EXPENDITURES. For official candidates seeking the executive offices (team of President/Vice President) of Student Government Association there shall be a spending limit of \$500 per team. For official candidates seeking the offices of Senator or College Senator, there

shall be a campaign spending limit of \$150 per candidate.

- 1. Fundraising shall not be conducted by candidates until after the Official Candidates Meeting as outlined in Article 5.6.
- 2. All candidates must submit an itemized list of all campaign incomes, including donations and expenditures on the official Campaign Financial Statement in the form of Appendix Five (5), which shall be provided by the Elections Chair during the candidate information session and throughout the campaign. Campaign Financial Statement sheets must be returned to the designated Elections Committee member to monitor the specific candidate's expenditures by 5:00pm during the following times:
 - a. The day that a candidate education event is to be held Two Fridays before the start of the formal campaigning period
 - b. The first academic day of **campaigning** formal campaigning
 - c. The academic day after the election period has ended. 24 hours after polls close on the last day of voting
- 3. Upon receipt of Campaign Financial Statements by the Elections Committee, statements shall be published on the SGA website twenty-four (24) hours after each statement submission deadline.
- 4. All receipts must be submitted regardless of amount.
- 5. Campaign Financial Statement shall include the costs of all materials used to specifically document the expenditures of candidates for the purpose of soliciting votes. Included shall be items such as, but not limited to:
 - a. T-shirts
 - b. Posters
 - c. Fliers
 - d. Handbills
 - e. Cards
 - f. Media Advertisements
 - g. Donations
 - h. Any other items for the purpose of administering the campaign or soliciting votes
- 6. Candidates must submit a copy of all printed materials used in campaigning at the time they submit a Campaign Financial Statement



- 7. Any donations received by a candidate shall be considered within the expenditure limitations.
- a. Donations of any amount or more must be included with the donor's information on the Campaign Financial Statement.
- 8. No candidate shall receive funds from any organization or any individual acting on behalf of an organization. The Elections Chair may use discretion to caution candidates on which donors to accept funds from.
- 9. Student Government Association and all subsidiary organizations specified under the authority of the Student Government Association Bylaws shall not donate or spend money on any candidate.
- 10. During the specified campaign period, candidates shall not use any personal monies, campaign monies, or any donated monies for the purchase of any controlled substance(s) with the intention to deliver or provide these items to others. These controlled substances may not be accepted by candidates as a donation from another person.
- a. Controlled substances include, for the purpose of this code, but are not limited to illegal drugs, tobacco products, paraphernalia, and/or alcoholic beverages.

Section 3: The following team and elections period amendments set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take immediate effect:

Article V Elections Timetable shall be amended as:

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS TIMETABLE

- **5.1 CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENT.** Potential candidates for Student Government may announce their official candidacy no earlier than the last SGA meeting in the fall semester prior to the election. All candidates must announce their candidacy at an SGA meeting before any other method of publicity shall be utilized. The Elections Chair shall publish the election timetable a week before the end of the semester in which candidates begin to announce their campaigns.
- **5.2 COMPOSITION OF THE ASSEMBLY.** The Student Assembly shall be composed of twelve (12) Senators and a number of College Senators to be determined based on a proportional representation model. These Assembly members are all elected during the West Virginia University Student Government Association campus-wide election held each year. The number of College Senator positions shall be directly related to the enrollment data for the respective

colleges. Each college will have one College Senator and will receive an additional College Senator for every 1,000 students enrolled in the college, abiding by the following data specifications (Ex.: A college with 500 students receives one College Senator, a college with 1,500 students receives two College Senators). This data will come from the fall enrollment of the prior calendar year for the spring election (Ex.: Spring 2020 Election will use Fall 2019 Enrollment data). The data must also come from a verifiable source, including, but not limited to, an official University database. The Elections Chair shall determine the number of College Senators for the election, as specified above, before the last meeting of the fall semester. The "Health Sciences" College Senator position shall encompass the School of Dentistry, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, and School of Public Health for both candidacy and enrollment data purposes, as this collection of Schools shall imitate the role of Colleges in regard to the Student Assembly. The College Senators will represent the following academic colleges:

- Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources
- College of Creative Arts
- College of Law
- College of Applied Human Sciences
- Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design
- Eberly College of Arts and Sciences
- John Chambers College of Business and Economics
- Health Sciences
- Reed College of Media

The Student Assembly will be elected in the Spring Election.

5.3 CANDIDACY INFORMATION SESSIONS. Beginning in the last academic week of the fall semester and ending after the first two (2) academic weeks of the spring semester, the Elections Chair shall hold at least one (1) virtual and one (1) in person or at least two (2) hybrid Candidate Information Session(s) to inform potential candidates about student election procedures. It is expected that the Attorney General and the Chief Justice of the Judicial Court shall be in attendance at these meetings. CANDIDATE INTEREST MEETING. The Elections Chair is mandated to organize a minimum of two (2) hybrid Candidate Information Meetings. These gatherings are aimed at informing potential candidates about student election procedures. The first meeting is scheduled for the final academic week of the fall semester, while the second will occur in the opening week of the spring semester. Additionally, one of these meetings will be conducted on the Downtown campus, and the

other will be held on the Evansdale campus. The presence of the Attorney General and the Chief Justice of the Judicial Court is required at these meetings to ensure a thorough understanding and adherence to the election protocols.

5.4 PACKETS AVAILABLE. Filing Packets shall be made available on the first day that candidates are permitted to announce their candidacy and may be submitted on a rolling basis until the filing deadline.

5.5 FILING DEADLINE. The filing deadline for all candidates shall be 5:00 p.m. five (5) academic days before the official candidates meeting. No materials *shall* be accepted after 5:00 p.m., and only candidates that file before the deadline *shall* have names placed on the official ballot. Late filers may petition the Judicial Court to have their names placed on the ballot. If the Judicial Court finds that the cause of the material being filed late is exclusively due to an unavoidable extreme extenuating factor, which shall rarely be the case, then the late filer's name shall be placed on the official ballot if still physically and financially possible.

5.6 OFFICIAL CANDIDATES MEETING. At 5:00 p.m. on the first 2nd Thursday after the first three (3) academic weeks of the spring semester, the Elections Chair and committee members shall call a mandatory meeting for all official candidates for the purpose of presentation and qualifications of the election and campaign procedures as outlined in this Elections Code. This meeting shall be publicized by the Elections Chair, and it is the duty of the candidates to attend. The Elections Chair shall publicize this meeting, and the candidates must attend. Failure of candidates to attend this meeting shall result in an automatic violation unless excused by the Elections Chair for academic reasons purposes. If a candidate misses the meeting, they shall be required to meet with the Elections Chair before being allowed to campaign. At this meeting, each candidate shall sign and submit a copy of the Statement of Understanding and Agreement Appendix Seven (7). The Elections Chair must provide all candidates with all necessary documents for the signage of this appendix form. Candidates shall also have their first opportunity to provide information for candidate education materials during this meeting.

5.7 TEAMS. Shall consist of college/at-large senator candidates, while the President and Vice President running mates shall be considered a distinct team and cannot join others. Registration opens at the Official Candidates Meeting and closes upon the first financial statement deadline. During registration, teams must submit member names, team names, and logos on a first-come, first-served basis. If logos or team names are the same or reasonably similar as determined by the Elections Chair, the later filing team must change



their team name or logo. Candidates not registered by this date shall not be considered team members. Promotion of teams is allowed only during the formal campaigning period, and any collaboration must involve individuals officially registered within the same team, except for the endorsement of President and Vice President candidates. However, the President and Vice President candidates cannot endorse college/at-large senate candidates or teams. Teams are the sole entities permitted to share finances and collaborate with other candidates during the election process. Independent candidates are not considered part of any team and are restricted from financial collaboration or joint promotional activities with other candidates or teams.

5.7-5.8 CANDIDATE EDUCATION INFORMAL CAMPAIGNING BEGINS. Within at least the first two (2) academic weeks following the official candidates meeting, the Elections Chair shall work with the Chief of Staff(s) and/or the SGA Advisor(s) to schedule events and produce materials for candidate education purposes. During the candidate education period, campaigning on social media will be restricted to official SGA and WVU SEL accounts and must be conducted under the supervision of the Elections Chair and the Elections Committee. Students shall be considered official candidates once this period begins. During this period, at least two (2) educational events must be held. Additionally, at least one (1) piece of educational material shall be released to the student body, and this must be released before absentee ballots are available to request. Begins immediately following the conclusion of the Official Candidates Meeting. Students shall be considered official candidates. During this designated term, candidates can announce their candidacy as individuals and engage in outreach activities with students and student organizations but are prohibited from using logos, slogans, or promoting other candidates, including those affiliated with the same registered team, except for the President and Vice President candidates; however, even in the case of President and Vice President candidates, team names and logos remain prohibited from promotion. The Elections Chair shall work with the Chief of Staff(s) and/or the SGA Advisor(s) to schedule a minimum of two (2) educational events—one on the Downtown campus and another on the Evansdale campus. During these events, candidates are allocated at least two hours to promote their platforms in a designated space determined by the Election Chair and the Attorney General, A designated election information booth, supervised by the Election Chair, will also be established at these events. An election information booth, supervised by the Elections Committee, Elections Chair, or Attorney General must also be present at the HSC for a minimum of one (1) day during this period. Additionally, at least one (1) piece of educational material shall be released to the student body, and this must be released before absentee ballots are available to request.

5.8-5.9 ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING FORMAL CAMPAIGNING BEGINS. Begins during a convenient time following the eandidate education informal campaigning period to be determined by the Elections Chair, the active campaigning and shall be limited to a period shall begin and shall last no more than not exceeding four (4) academic days and a full weekend. Permissible activities during Formal Campaigning for all candidates include tabling, official events, endorsements, team and individual social media posts, distribution of campaign materials, and utilization of other promotional material for campaigning purposes. Any of the aforementioned activities between candidates, including endorsements, must involve only individuals officially registered as part of the same team, except for the endorsement of President and Vice President candidates. However, the President and Vice President candidates cannot endorse college/at-large senate candidates or teams. Officially registered teams are only permitted to share finances among its members. Independent candidates are not considered part of any team and are restricted from financial collaboration and participating in the aforementioned activities with other candidates or teams. No active campaigning formal campaigning will occur before this date. The banner drop event will take place on the night in which active campaigning formal **campaigning** is set to begin.

5.9-5.10 DEBATES. All candidate debates sponsored by the Student Government Association shall be coordinated through the Elections Committee. A debate, incorporating all official candidates, shall occur on the academic day prior to the first day of voting and be structured in accordance to the guidelines in Appendix Nine (9).

5.10 5.11 GENERAL ELECTION. The dates of the general election shall be during a convenient week, following midterms, but no later than the second week after Spring Break in which students may vote. Voting, also known as active polling, shall be held on two (2) congruent academic days during the last week of campaigning. Voting shall be available from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EST on both of these days. During this time, candidates are prohibited from soliciting votes within thirty (30) feet of a polling location.

5.11 5.12 CLEAN UP. Two (2) academic days after the last day of voting at 5:00 p.m., shall be the deadline for removal of all election related materials from all campus buildings. This is the responsibility of each candidate. Failure to remove an election related item from University buildings by the deadline shall result in a violation per item as assessed by the Elections Chair. The candidate shall be unable to hold office until all fines are paid.



5.12 5.13 NEW ELECTIONS DUE TO DISQUALIFICATION.

- 1. In the case the winner of the President/Vice President race is disqualified because of penalties imposed due to a violation(s), a new election shall take place for that office. The new elections shall take place within fifteen (15) academic days of the last day of the first election.
- 2. In case a winner(s) of a Student Assembly seat is disqualified because of penalties imposed due to a violation(s), the next non-winning candidate in line by the most total votes shall be declared elected to that office.

Section 4: The following campaign related amendments set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take immediate effect:

All mentions of active campaigning throughout the entirety of the elections code shall be changed to "formal campaigning";

All mentions of campaign education period throughout the entirety of the elections code shall be changed to "informal campaigning";

Section 5: The following election location related amendments set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take immediate effect:

Article 6.2 Voting Procedure shall be amended as:

6.2 VOTING PROCEDURE.

- 1. The voting franchise shall be extended to all students enrolled at West Virginia University's Morgantown campus, who possess a valid West Virginia University student login and Duo Two-Factor Authentication credentials.
- 2. The procedure for casting a vote shall meet all of the following requirements if it shall take place at a physical location:
 - a. Locations or substitute locations shall be determined by the Elections Chair and approved by the Judicial Court. There shall be a minimum of two required voting locations. The Mountainlair and the Student Rec Center shall be required locations on all dates:
 - b. Once a student has selected the candidates for whom they wish to cast a vote, they shall

be asked to confirm their choices; and

- c. If a student encounters technical difficulties, they shall be able to contact the poll location attendant and receive a paper ballot if needed.
- d. If a student begins waiting in line during polling hours and remains in line once polling hours end, they are still guaranteed the right to cast their ballot after polling hours end.
- e. Students studying abroad shall be granted eligibility for and shall receive the WVUENGAGE link to vote one (1) academic day prior to the start of voting if they have not already been granted eligibility by applying for the absentee option outlined in 6.2.10.
- 3. The procedure for casting a vote shall meet all of the following requirements if it shall take place via an online platform determined by the Elections Chair and the WVU Student Engagement and Leadership Office:
 - a. An election may only be moved online in its entirety under extreme and extenuating circumstances which would threaten the well-being of students if they are forced to cast their ballots in person. These circumstances include, but are not limited to, global pandemics or other emergencies.
 - b. Students studying abroad shall receive the WVUENGAGE link to vote one (1) academic day prior to the start of voting.
 - c. Should technical issues arise with the online voting system before or during active polling, additional physical locations may be established at the discretion of the Elections Chair, subject to this Elections Code.
- 4. If the Elections Chair and the WVU Student Engagement and Leadership office are aware of any unique challenges related to an individual's ability to cast their ballot, they may make a decision and allow that individual to vote in a special manner deemed to be appropriate for that individual's circumstances (e.g. when a student simultaneously resides within two different colleges).
- 5. Polling Locations and hours shall be publicized and designated with adequate signage by the Elections Committee.
- 6. Polling location attendants must be either members of the Elections Committee or members of the WVU Student Engagement and Leadership team.
- 7. Polling location attendants shall perform the following duties:



- a. Watch for and respond to suspicious activity;
- b. Provide paper ballots if necessary;
- c. Respond to technical difficulties;
- d. Open and close voting locations at the designated times; and
- e. Other duties as deemed necessary by the Elections Chair or Attorney General.
- 8. Photographs of each candidate, provided by the candidate to the Elections Chair shall be made available in some way to voters on the official ballot.
- 9. A blank space shall be provided on the official ballot so that write-in votes may be cast. Write-in votes shall be considered valid if:
 - a. The student is approved as an official candidate;
 - b. The intention shall be deemed clear if:
 - i. The write-in vote cast for an office contains both the first and last name of an official candidate for that office;
 - ii. No technical error makes it impossible to determine the voter's choice:
 - iii. The write-in vote cast contains the intended office for the write-in candidate; and
 - iv. In the case of President/Vice-President, the two names are listed in tandem.

10. Absentee Voting

- a. The Elections Committee shall offer a robust absentee ballot option to ensure that each student's right to exercise their vote is accessible.
- b. All students, regardless of circumstance, shall have the option to request an absentee ballot from the first day of the academic week following the Official Candidates Meeting until twenty-four (24) hours before voting is to begin. This option shall be regularly published to official SGA media and to the student body throughout the spring semester upon its availability. c. Absentee ballots may be submitted from 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the election and shall be returned by 7:00 p.m. on the final day of voting.
- d. The procedure for casting an absentee vote shall meet all of the following requirements:
- e. A link will be sent to all eligible voters requesting an absentee ballot in a timely manner through their official MIX emails.
- f. Should technical issues arise with the absentee voting system before or during active



polling, the Elections Chair shall take all reasonable actions to ensure that all valid votes are collected.

Section 6: 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)
Daily Athenaeum
Madison Santmyer, Student Body President
Brogan Dozier, Student Body Vice President
Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary

West Virginia University Student Government Association Bureau of Finance – October Audit

Grant Summary

In the Month of October, the WVU SGA Bureau of Finance has Allocated 27 Grants to 25 Student Organizations.

Travel Grants

Allocated 4 Travel Grants for \$5,549.49

- WVU OSTEM \$1,240.33
- Alpha Phi Omega \$1,261.12
- WVU Global Medical Brigades \$1,524.02
- WVU Global Dental Brigades \$1,524.02

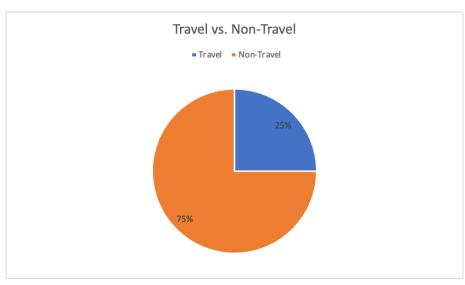
Non Travel Grants

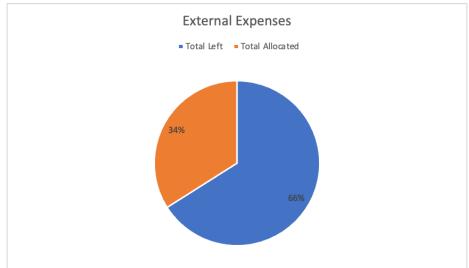
Allocated 23 Non-Travel Grants for \$16,692.23

- Motor Control Group \$1,250.00
- Motor Control Group \$940.27
- WVU BioChemistry Club \$270.00
- Pershing Rifles \$650.00
- WVU Sports Management Club \$350.61
- Quiz Bowl Club \$55.00
- Veterans of WVU \$1,520.00
- Appalachian Advocacy Network \$232.64
- Student Organ Donation Advocates \$275.00
- Middle Eastern Student Association \$1,000.00
- Women in Law \$667.80
- Alpha Omicron Pi \$1,000.00
- 100 Black Women \$400.00
- NAACP \$470.00
- WVU Beekeeping Club \$377.00
- Tau Kappa Epsilon \$1,524.02
- National Society of Black Engineers \$1,524.02
- WVU LGBTQ+ Club \$1,404.55
- WVU Filipino Association \$184.99
- Reformed University Fellowship \$200.00
- Ukrainian Mountaineers Association \$925.00
- WVU BioChemistry Club \$482.98
- South Asian Association \$988.35

Closing

We are projected to allocate over 100 grants to our entire budget to organizations by the end of March, 2023.





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Grace Everly, Auditor, WVU Student Government Association Rushik Patel, Treasurer, WVU Student Government Association

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West Virginia University The Student Assembly - Student Government Association Financial Bill: FB-2023-24 November 8, 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: Student Bar Association

For expenses to cover Barrister's Ball catering for the When in Rome dinner buffet at Morgantown Marriott Waterfront on April 6, 2024 from 5-10pm.

Student Bar Association		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Buffet Catering	325 people	\$2,400.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$2,400.00

TITLE II: Alpha Kappa Psi

For expenses to cover the cost of shirts for alumni and stoles for spring 2024 graduates.

Alpha Kappa Psi			
Item	Quantity	Cost	
Alumni Shirts	12	\$180.00	
Stoles	12	\$540.00	
Total Allocated Funds		\$770.00	



TITLE III: WVU Asian Association

For expenses to cover the cost of supplies for a movie night.

WVU Asian Association		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Supplies		\$220.39
Total Allocated Funds		\$220.39

TITLE IV: Women in Business

For expenses to cover the cost of crewnecks for members.

Women in Business		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Crewnecks	40	\$760.71
Total Allocated Funds		\$760.71



TITLE V: WVU Entrepreneurship Club

For expenses to cover the cost of attendance for a social bonding event at the Launch Pad Trampoline Park.

WVU Entrepreneurship Club		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Event Payment	20 people	\$500.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$500.00



APPENDIX A

Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals			
Organization	Total Cost		
Student Bar Association	\$2,400.00		
Alpha Kappa Psi	\$770.00		
WVU Asian Association	\$220.39		
Women in Business	\$760.71		
WVU Entrepreneurship Club	\$500.00		
Total	\$4,651.10		



APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals			
Organization	Total Grant Requested	Total Suggested	
Student Bar Association	\$15,600.00	\$2400.00	
Alpha Kappa Psi	\$770.00	\$770.00	
WVU Asian Association	\$220.39	\$220.39	
Women in Business	\$760.71	\$760.71	
WVU Entrepreneurship Club	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Total	\$17,851.10	\$4,651.10	

Period of Giving X SGA

A student org cohort initiative with SGA support and engagement

The Vision

The Period of Giving is a Menstrual Product drive during the Holiday season. Proceeds go toward providing free menstrual products to students at Morgantown High School & WVU, as well as to community members in need.

Event 1: Pjs and Bjs: A Round Table Discussion

- Dress up in Pjs for free Ben and Jerry's!
- Discussion on Menstrual Equity, Reproductive Rights, and LGBTQ+ Equality
- Featuring Local Advocates

Event 2: Bagels and Bystanders: An Intervention Presentation

- Hosted by the RDVIC
- Free Bagels!
- Informative & Engaging Presentation on how to fight the Bystander Effect



<u>November 11th</u>	<u>November 13th</u>	<u>November 30th</u>	<u>December 7th</u>	<u>December 20th*</u>
Details Finalized	Kickoff!	Event 1	Event 2	Last Day!

The Team

Organizing Partners

Entities involved in the planning and execution of the Period of Giving

- WVU's Students for Reproductive Justice
- MHS's Student Health and Safety Club
- Pantry Plus More
- Bartlett Housing Solutions
- Planned Parenthood South Atlantic
- Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center (RDVIC)



Sponsors

Entities that helped make the Period of Giving Possible, but we're directly involved in its planning

- Stone Tower Brews
- Morgantown Pride
- The Sexuality And Gender Acceptance (SAGA) Initiative
- WVU Residence Hall Association
- Alumni Hall
- WVU Office of Sustainability
- & Yoga
- Stick Tattoo Company
- WVU Student Union
- Mountaineer Area RoboticS (MARS)
- WVU Federal Credit Union
- Terra Cafe
- River Fair Trade
- Hoot & Howl
- Morgantown Art Party





How SGA can help:

Period of Giving

- sharing information and advertising
- sponsoring through financial or manpower support
- contact and legislative resources
- WVU ins and outs

What Happens Next...

MOUNTAINEERS GO FIRST.

SGA would help aquire a space in the Lair and potential funding for a vending machine to distribute free sexual health and period products from free to minimal expenses. This can start on a trial basis and eventually become a permanent fixture in the Lair.

Main project points:

Accessibility

- Making Resources Available
- Easily Accessible Information Year-Round
 - RDVIC & PPSAT

SGA Fixture on Campus

- Non-gendered, Non-open, but public Location
 - Two In Mind
- "How does SGA help me?"

Costs and Labor

- \$1,000 \$2,000
- SGA Bridging Student Orgs
 - Building off Period of Giving Coalition

Longevity

- Donations/Sponsors
- Self-Perpetuating
 - Free vs. Minimal Cost Products

Santmyer-Dozier 23-24



SGA Mission Statement

"...to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students... are protected... and promote the principles of diversity..."

Committee Work

This initiative forwards goals of both the Community Engagement and Student Life committees.

Student Org to Student Body connection

SGA would be facilitating a relationship between student organizations, future Mountaineers, Morgantown locals, and WVU faculty/staff units.

Platform goals

LGBTQ+ support, mental health support, sexual health resources, student needs and safety, community engagement





QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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2023 ELECTION CODE REVISIONS

ELECTION CHAIR WELLER



INTRODUCTION

- Gov Docs has been meeting to talk about the Election Code and possible revisions.
- Here are the main topics in which we will be discussing.
 - Expenditure Due Dates
 - Informal/Formal Campaign Periods
 - Teams
 - Voting Locations
 - Definitions

EXPENDITURE DUE DATES, 3.6

Three reports due at 5PM on the dates below.

- a. Two Fridays before the start of the formal campaigning period
- b. The first academic day of formal campaigning
- c. 24 hours after polls close on the last day of voting

Before:

- a. The day that a candidate education event is to be held
- b. The first academic day of campaigning
- c. The academic day after the election period has ended.

What was changed?

Specified language and set a specific dates and times.

EXPENDITURE QUESTIONS?



CANDIDATE INTEREST MEETINGS, FORMALLY KNOW AS CANDIDACY INFORMATION SESSIONS

• 5.3: "The Elections Chair is mandated to organize a minimum of two (2) hybrid Candidate Information Meetings. These gatherings are aimed at informing potential candidates about student election procedures. The first meeting is scheduled for the final academic week of the fall semester, while the second will occur in the opening week of the spring semester. Additionally, one of these meetings will be conducted on the Downtown campus, and the other will be held on the Evansdale campus. The presence of the Attorney General and the Chief Justice of the Judicial Court is required at these meetings to ensure a thorough understanding and adherence to the election protocols."

WHAT WAS CHANGED?

- Again, defined specific dates and moved up the second event.
- Hybrid events rather than in person and online.
- Required locations of both Downtown and Evansdale for these events.
- Name change to be more clear on what these events are.

5.6 OFFICIAL CANDIDATE MEETING

- Only change here is moving the date when this takes place.
 - Used to take place on the third Thursday of the spring semester
 - Now the second Thursday of the spring semester.
 - Decided this to help expedite the process and allow more time for the informal period to take place.

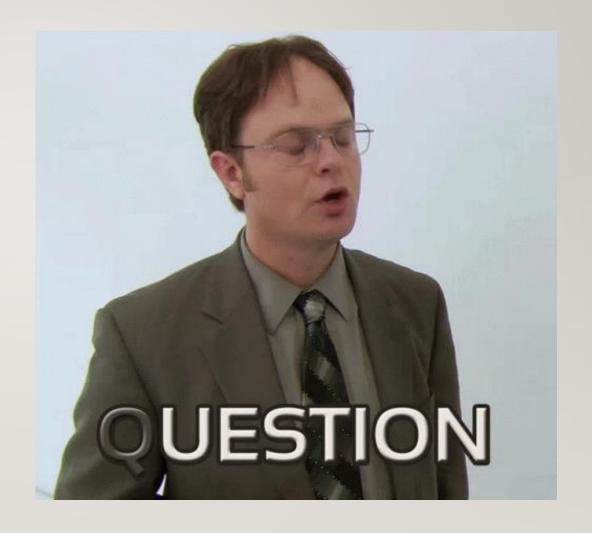
ELECTION EVENT QUESTIONS?



INFORMAL, WHAT WAS CHANGED?

- Informal Period has been expanded to allow more freedoms for candidates.
 - Candidates can announce publicly they are running for the election.
 - Candidates can speak with students and student organizations.
 - During this time candidates can only act as individuals and not in any team capacity.
 - This means no team logos, slogans, events, endorsements, or any team/group collation it prohibited.
 - President and VP candidates are exempt from this rule as they always act as a team.
- Candidate Student Outreach Events are more set.
 - Minimum of three events, required one Downtown and one on Evansdale.
 - A tabling event only during the specific time and place of the event.
 - An election information table must be present at this event.
 - Act as an outreach events for students to interact with candidates.
 - To be clear, this is still in an independent and non-team related event.
 - HSC may have an event but will have an election information table promoted during the informal period.

INFORMAL CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS?



FORMAL CAMPAIGN CHANGES

- Not many changes here.
 - More clearly defined what is allowed during this period.
 - Requiring team registration by the first financial statement.
 - Clearing defining how teams are allowed to pull finances, independents are not allowed to do this.

FORMAL CAMPAIGN QUESTION/DISCUSSION?



TEAMS BREAKDOWN

- No number cap on teams, President and VP are sperate from senators.
- Team Registration: Opens after the Official Candidates Meeting, closed by first financial statement. Must submit logo, name, slogan, and members.
- Teams are only allowed to be promoted during formal campaigning.
- Allowed to pull finances for team related items, events, memorabilia, etc.
- Endorsements allowed but only one way, senators can endorse President and VP but not the other way around.

TEAMS' QUESTION/DISCUSSION?





OVERALL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?