

West Virginia University Student Government Association Student Assembly Meeting Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM October 15th, 2024 2024-2025 Long-Browning Administration

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Abigail Browning at 7:30 pm

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Abigail Browning

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Orcutt

President Pro Tempore Olivero - Present

College Senator Barbour - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Davis - Present

College Senator Duvert - Present

Senator Fernando - Present

College Senator Ferrell - Present

College Senator Fleece - Absent

College Senator Henson - Present

Senator Hoh - Present

Senator Indomenico - Present

Senator Jones - Present

College Senator Jones - Absent

College Senator Kelly - Present

College Senator Khalilullah - Present

College Senator Lieving - Present

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Absent

College Senator Madden - Present

College Senator Magrogan - Present

Senator Meeker - Present

College Senator Merlin - Present

College Senator Morgan - Present

Senator Alex Olivero - Present

Senator O'Neal - Present

Senator Plymale - Present

College Senator Robinson - Present

College Senator Schmieder - Present

College Senator Shaffer - Present

College Senator Silva - Present

Senator Street - Absent

College Senator Tadros - Present

Senator Vuiller - Present

VI. Open Student Forum I

VII. Pedestrian Safety Presentation, Matthew Cross, Chair, Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board.

Cross: Good work on everyone who participated in the safety walk. I am going to send a link to the document that was put together 2 years ago to VP Browning. This document has 48 areas of improvement that we found, and we need to follow up on these to make it come to fruition. One problem we have here in Morgantown is that many of our corridors are owned by WVDOH. Morgantown only controlled 6 traffic lights in the city, and one was recently taken out by a car. We really need everyone to help, raise their voices and get things done. The rapid flashing beacons at Falling Run and by Pizza Al's are the first in the state and that is a big deal, so you guys can help accomplish these things. We want to help educate people. We want to help educate people and help facilitate more enforcement. There will be another safety walk in the Spring that will be on Evansdale and Downtown. Know your systems, we have 2 crossing systems here in Morgantown and there is a youtube video that explains it. We are also working on a third that will be the first in the state that you see in bigger cities. We are making successful advances in our infrastructure and we are very fortunate to have the help of SGA.



VIII. The President's Report

President Long: We went to Big XII this last weekend and it was very successful. We are going to hold an initiative bootcamp community call next Thursday at 5:30 on zoom. We will go over some of the things we learned at Big XII. The call is not required but, please let me know if you can't make it. Another part of the experience was a proposed idea from mainly TCU and ISU called the Big XII assembly. WVU SGA was not notified of this idea prior to the conference. Essentially the idea behind the assembly is one representative from each school meets annually during the Big XII conference and cannot pass anything without unanimous consent. Our delegation was not fond of the idea. To approve this assembly, ²/₃ of the Big XII must approve. We are going to talk with other schools to see where they are, but we do not feel like this needs to exist, if you have any questions, let me know. We are partners in this organization. Noone should be in this process alone. Even if one student reaches out to you, this does not mean that something needs to be done executively. When we are developing initiatives, we need to look at the data and make sure we are representing all students. Finally, I hope you all can attend our homecoming event, working with former SGA President Madison Santmyer. Great place to network and share ideas. LeeAnne has been working very hard on that. Nutting Hall in the Alumni Center 5:30-7:30 this Saturday. My quote is from President John F. Kennedy. "Effort and courage are not enough without purpose and direction."

College Senator Robinson: You said the delegation didn't like it because you all didn't really see a point in it, right?

President Long: Yes, and the amendments we had made it worse.

College Senator Magrogan: What was the point of the assembly?

Senator Olivero: When would they vote?

President Long: Only at the conference.

IX. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Browning: Please CC me and Matthew on all emails to administration so we make sure that nothing flies under the radar. Also let me know if you need help with legislation!

X. Assembly Reports

College Senator Magrogan: Please consider signing up for pedestrian safety month tabling! Its in 30 minute increments so it is not that big of a time commitment.

College Senator Merlin: Our cabinet juts got put up upstairs, it is a big black cabinet and should be filled soon!

XI. Committee Reports

Senator O'Neal: We talked about some DEI initiative with greek life and divine nine, and we thought of ballots and brunch, where people come to have brunch and learn about ballots. We want to get as much outreach as possible, so if you're interested please let me or Tris know. Voter education needs maximized so we can get people to go to the polls.

Senator Davis: Thursday from 6-8 we will be partnering with WV Rivers Coalition for a voting initiative, so if you wanna come, it'll be October 24th!

XII. Executive Reports

Outreach Coordinator Cantwell: Every Sunday I go and gather up the pop tabs and so far we have 218.

Internal Senates Liaison Hinkle: I attended the staff council today, and we are having a coat and clothing drive with numerous

Local Governance Liaison Ferguson: City council wants to make Belmar and Waverly avenues one ways due to issues with emergency vehicles and ubers. They want to try it for 90 days just to see if it works. Hazel's house of hope is having an open house tomorrow from 11-1.

Executive Secretary Orcutt: Hey guys, thanks to everyone who has been responding to my engage invitations. Those of you who have not, please start doing so, it isn't hard, all you have to do is press a few buttons. We want to start an initiative to make engage more accessible to students and show them what it has to offer, and if we as an organization don't lead by

example, there's no point for the students to follow suit. Also if you are not a part of the roster, please accept my invitation for that. Thanks!

XIII. Old Business

No old business at this time.

XIV. New Business

- A. New Student Organization Approval
- 1. Graphic Design Club
- 2. Board Games Club
- 3. Ice Sports Association

No representatives from Ice Sports association showed to the meeting.

A motion to strike Ice Sports Association was made my President

Pro-Tempore Olivero, seconded by Senator Olivero.

The ayes have it, the organizations passed.

B. Legislative Vacancy Appointments

President Pro-Tempore Olivero made a motion to consider all the candidates on one ballot, seconded by Senator Olivero.

The motion passes by unanimous consent.

- 1. Gabriella Selders, Health Sciences College Senator
- 2. Ella Mehring, College of Applied Human Sciences Senator
- 3. Michael Mugnano, Chambers College Senator
- 4. James Armstrong, Statler College Senator
- 5. Thomas Giggenbach, Davis College Senator

A motion to vote was made by President Pro-Tempore Olivero, seconded by Alex Olivero. The votes were cast by secret ballot.

Each candidate was approved by the assembly.

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XV. Open Student Forum II

Policy Coordinator Wooten: Pre-Law Society will be meeting with President Gee and former WVU president to discuss some things. Come out if you want.

College Senator Robinson: We are doing a trunk or treat, so if someone wants to be bluey for our theme Bluey Runs for Governor, let me know.

Senator Davis: It will be at eastwood elementary on november first.,

College Senator Magrogan: If anyone wants to play indoor soccer with me let me know.

XVI. Advisors' Reports

Thanh Le: Have a great homecoming weekend! Also reach conference registration will close next friday

Morgan Prunty: Packets for the parade close tonight at midnight, so if your org is interested in being in the parade it is \$25

XVII. Snaps

Snaps were given to President Pro Tempore Olivero, The birthday boys, and the new senators, the Big XII group, and Thanh Le.

XVIII. Adjournment