



West Virginia University

9/16/2020, 2020-2021 Administration

I. Call to Order

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

“We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University and the Student Government Association, an atmosphere that helps to foster and open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected, and to promote the principles of diversity and responsible self-governance.”

III. Roll Call

President Pro Tempore Jones - present

College Senator Backus - present

Senator Brooks - present

Senator Colbert - present

Senator Daniel - present

Senator Donnelly - present

Senator Eby - present

College Senator Eyler - present

College Senator Hanson - present

Senator Harman - present

Senator Ihlenfeld - present

Senator Jernigan - present

Senator Knotts - present

Senator Kumar - present

College Senator McKnight - present

Senator Miller - present

College Senator Moore - present

Senator Nadeau - present

Senator Nichols - present

College Senator Rawson - present

Senator Rosello - present

College Senator Seidel - present

IV. Open Student Forum 1:

Camryn Pressley- Invitation to NAACP Trivia Night. If interested to contact her or Tracey Picou for zoom link/information.

College Senator Hanson- What the virus trends have been like for this week? It has been a quiet topic. Are cases up or down?

V. The President's Report:

President Chase Riggs- He and Pro Temp Amelia Jones wrote a paper to be sent to the faculty senate which was read at their meeting on Monday. They addressed current financial struggles of students and indirect cost of attendance/textbooks, etc. We wanted the faculty senate's opinion at first then learned they created an ad hoc committee to focus on all 3rd party platforms at the university. They will follow up with the faculty senate on how this will work during the semester. Cost of higher education was trending in an unfavorable way.

President Riggs is in the process of meeting with all big 12 presidents on their campus, what the situation is like on their campuses, and how student governments are addressing COVID. He has met with Baylor and Oklahoma State. He will be meeting with more groups in the coming days.

President Riggs also forgot to mention in the previous week that conference rooms will be unavailable, but he will let us know when they are available.

President Riggs had a meeting with Senator Rossello on the importance of having a positive mentality which he thought was especially crucial during this pandemic.

VI. Assembly Reports:

President Pro Temp Jones- Worked with President Riggs to draft the letter to the faculty senate and had an overwhelmingly positive response from them. They are willing to work with us and will update with the progress of the Ad hoc committee.

President Riggs, College Senator Seidel, and Pro Temp Jones will be meeting with Jessica Day who is the resource librarian for WVU to talk about open educational resources. Those advocate for open text, media assets for teaching, learning, and assessment for research purposes. This will be a helpful resource for the university and students. This conversation will be next week. If we

want to work on something related to legislation etc. we can collaborate and work on this project regardless of who you are.

There are a couple workshop opportunities at the Morgan House for the Center for Service and Learning on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00-7:00pm. Tuesday's workshop is how you see the world, and how you respond to microaggressions. Thursday is on social media posts to meet your audience in a way that is culturally competent. Only accepting 6 students for each event. Must follow social distancing guidelines.

Senator Nadeu- Had first joint meeting for the Student Athlete Action Committee on Thursday. We got the piece of legislation which will be on the agenda tonight. Have created some events to connect the student athletes and student body.

College Senator Eyler- About 2 weeks ago received an email about the dogs at the REC center, and the turf/grassfield are in bad shape. They put signs to have no dogs allowed at the turf field. Is working on a resolution for student support and to get a new field.

VII. Executive Reports:

Vice President Bragg- This is in reference to the legislative vacancy, the majority of applicants filled out the doodle poll incorrectly. Emails were re-sent to reschedule meetings for the coming week. Directly following this meeting if the assembly can stay on.

Treasurer Cappadona- Tonight is the first nasherville. There is only one org on it. If you have any questions you can ask your BOF members, or treasurer Cappadona.

Local Government Liaison Logan Riffey- Governor Justice announced that students isolated in Arnold Hall will be counted as just one COVID case. This change will be implemented Thursday at midnight. Local officials argued that WVU COVID cases were handled well enough that they will not be counted towards Mon county. This will likely shift Mon county from red to orange. Students in off campus housing will continue to count toward Mon county's total. Incentives will be offered for isolated students off campus to move to Arnold Hall temporarily.

Elections Chair Camryn Pressley- Chief of Staff Satterfield sent an email yesterday to Elections Chair Pressley with a list of college deans to discuss college senators. If any college senators want to be copied on those emails about marketing for college senators for next year's election to let her know.

She is working on a fall information session virtually. If anyone wants in on the powerpoint to let her know.

Auditor Shoemaker- There is a weekly audit report he will be sending to everyone showing our budget and BOF meeting for the week. The most important thing to keep track of is the projections. Our budget will change from last year due to a budget cut.

We have no travel grants this semester.

The next document is a continuous audit document he is working on so everyone can access it. That will be in the drive or if you want to check out the weekly summary or audit to just let him know.

Safety Coordinator Madison White- September is safety month. Had a town hall meeting earlier this month focusing on student safety. The safety 10 for 10 will go out later this month. These will be useful for us to use in terms of student safety and how people are feeling on campus right now.

Working on educational safety graphics to post on social media as a safety campaign. Please share them on your social media's.

Inclusion Coordinator Raimah- Intersectionality Coalition Event will be kicked off during diversity week. If you want to help out with that to let her know. They will be sending emails to the organizations involved with that event today and tomorrow.

VIII. Old Business:

Entertainment of motion to consider AR-2020-12. Senator Daniel, Senator Ihlenfeld, Senator Harman

Motion was passed. Senator Harman- assembly resolution 2020-12. We desire to share the personal freedoms and desires of the students at West Virginia University. As of September 14 there have been 319 positive cases of COVID 19 on the Morgantown campus since the start of classes. As of September 14 there are 921 students in quarantine and 393 students in isolation.

The CDC guidelines outline the lowest risk, more risk, and high risk. All classes will be held online from a statement from President Gee due to the recent spike in COVID cases until September 25th until further notice on the Morgantown campus. Resident halls will remain open and operational during this period. Of the 921 students in quarantine 394 are in isolation. As of September 14th Arnold hall the isolation point for students with COVID reached 48.75% capacity.

Many WVU students would like a proper internet connection, rely on off/on campus jobs on campus or campus amenities to do school work. Students, faculty and staff are only being tested on an irregular basis or for known potential exposures to COVID 19. The CDC does not recommend testing for returning students as it is unknown if it is helpful in detecting person to person transmission. Institutions may choose to test asymptomatic students or faculty who may have no known exposure to COVID 19.

Sections 1-7 upon passage and approval will be sent to a list of people.

Discussion AR-2020-12:

Senator Harman- it was brought to himself and other authors of the bill that we should transform this bill from a resolution to a proclamation due to the fact this bill is centered on the students' concerns and not the administration.

Dr. Thanh Le- A lot of the legislation was not much so recommendations but SGA was siding on one or other side of the opinions. I reached out to Senators, Daniel, Ihlenfield, and Harman and it felt more like SGA's opinion. We will go over the difference between a proclamation and resolution later.

College Senator Hanson- SGA should say something about this, but this is the most opinionated thing we could say. Recommend a discussion on how they would implement greater testing. Additionally, we should speak out advocating for a policy or greater implementation of flu vaccination.

Senator Harman- We need to talk about the flu in the future, work on legislation on the flu vaccination. Since we are advocating testing to be increased, planning would come after that.

IX. New Business:

Vice President Bragg- Consider Chloe Hernandez for Health Coordinator

Chloe Hernandez- Gives introduction about why she wants to be a Health Coordinator.

Alex Cappadona, Treasurer- FB-2020-07

Treasurer Cappadona- This is our first financial bill.

Senator Nadeau/ Senator Daniel/ Senator Jernigan- AP-2020-06

Senator Nadeau- An assembly proclamation supporting student athletes and athletics for Black Lives Matter. Promote principles of diversity, Black people who want justice in their communities. Black students, faculty and staff deserve to be heard about the injustice faced in the community. There have been a dozen BLM protests in WV. There have been 775 movements in all the states. WVU athletes have been threatened for supporting BLM. Placing BLM stickers on WVU athletes helmets is a step forward to promote BLM and justice.

This legislation based on sections 1-3 will be forwarded to a list of names.

We are looking to fastrack this proclamation to get it passed tonight.

Discussion AP-2020-06:

Senator Harman- It is important that we all express our support for this when we can.

X. Open Student Form 2:

College Senator Moore- Reach out to students isolating or quarantining in Arnold Hall. I was in a meeting with some honors students. The honors college will run a project to set up a hotline with students in Arnold Hall if they have any issues or anything. He will attend another meeting about this in a couple weeks.

Senator Ihlenfield- Creating a diversity curriculum which will be required for all WVU students. Talking about this with the Diversity Inclusion group.

XI. Advisor's Report:

Dr. Thanh Le- nothing presented at the meeting

XII. Adjournment:

Vice President Bragg- Please make sure we are getting factual information, and knowing the difference between proclamations and resolutions when writing these legislation pieces.

Dr. Thanh Le- Meet with administrators on front end and get more information to add to resolutions or proclamations. Be more collaborative, and bolster legislation. Do research, meet with organizations, administration, and get more context or facts.

