

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
October 19, 2022
2022-2023 Hernandez-Uqaily Administration**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Pareera Uqaily.

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Donate

President Pro Tempore Khan- Present

Senator Amores- Present

College Senator Azinger- Present

College Senator Blair- Present

College Senator Cahill- Present

Senator Chennuru- Present

College Senator Clark- Present

Senator Conner- Present

College Senator DeLong- Present

College Senator Donner- Present

College Senator Dozier- Present

College Senator Dysart- Excused

College Senator Griffith- Excused

College Senator Guschel- Present

Senator Hodges- Present

College Senator Hudson- Present

College Senator Irfan- Present

Senator Jones- Present

College Senator Kuffner- Present
College Senator Madden- Present
College Senator Marquart- Present
College Senator McMillen- Present
College Senator Milam- Present
Senator Miller- Present
College Senator Mitchell- Absent
College Senator Moore- Present
College Senator Neiswonger- Present
College Senator Oursler- Present
College Senator Patel- Present
Senator Price- Present
Senator SantMyer- Present
College Senator Schwartzmiller- Present
College Senator Skean- Present
College Senator Tabidze- Present
Senator Uqaily- Present
Senator Volk- Present
Senator Whalen- Present
College Senator Wooten- Present
College Senator Zoglio- Present

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

- Senator Price moved to add College Senator Moore to the roll via unanimous consent.
- The motion to add College Senator Moore to the roll was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- There were no objections, and College Senator Moore was added to the roll.
The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by Senator Conner.
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Senator Amores.
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 Senator Price.

The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by College Senator Blair.

There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

VI. Open Student Forum I

VII. The President's Report

President Hernandez: This past weekend, a group of SGA members attended the Big XII Conference at the University of Kansas. It was a fun experience, and members learned a lot and will be able to bring a lot back to our own SGA. There will be a formal report written and shared in the Drive by the next meeting.

After tonight's meeting, there will be a form sent out for the new senator mentoring program. Anyone who has been a senator in the past can be a mentor to new senators. You can make it what you want. Going above and beyond is totally encouraged, but it's more just to be a resource for the new senators to ask questions about legislation, information, and stuff like that.

Please donate for the Month of Service. There is a website with all the details. You can bring donations to the Source, which is the SEL office, from 9 am to 5 pm.

VIII. Assembly Reports

- College Senator Cahill moved to add Senator Uqaily, Senator Whalen, and College Senator Clark to the roll via unanimous consent.
- The motion to add Senator Uqaily, Senator Whalen, and College Senator Clark to the roll was seconded by Senator Santmyer.
- There were no objections and Senator Uqaily, Senator Whalen, and College Senator Clark were added to the roll.

College Senator Oursler: Been having a lot of meetings with composting on campus, with dining services and other committees. Currently there are budgets in the works and it is in the works to start composting by the spring semester. If anyone would like to get involved, please let College Senator Oursler know.

College Senator Hudson: The museum at Health Sciences is set to open later next week. Some of the Health Sciences senators plan to visit the museum and show SGA's support. If anyone would like to come along, they are welcome to. Would like to start partnering with the HSC administration a bit more, since they are separate, even in title, from the rest of the university. There are potentially a lot of

professional and graduate students there that don't necessarily know about SGA, so this might be a good opportunity to let them know about SGA and who they have as student representatives on campus, as well as to hear some concerns.

Will be going forward with legislation about the Health Sciences facility updates. It is in the Drive under Legislation in Progress. Will start referring to committees once it gets to a more complete stage. If anyone has any input or suggestions, let College Senator Hudson or any other HSC senators know.

As an attendee at the Big XII concert, wanted to let everyone know that there was a shared Google Drive started with the rest of the delegates from the Big XII. It includes contact information and all the presentations from the universities at the conference, so you can see a lot of the initiatives other Big XII schools are doing in regard to issues. Found that many of us have the same issues, but the ways everyone is going about handling them are different. Encourage everyone to take a look at the Drive and reach out to any of the conference attendees with ideas. Working on collaborations in the future, such as with the Live Safe campaign and sexual assault prevention.

IX. Committee Reports

Senator Amores: Thank you for reposting the World Mental Health Day graphics.

Received a lot of great feedback from peers that the graphics were really confirming and that we're doing great things for the student body. Thank you to Chief of Staff Coiner, President Pro Tempore Khan, and Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey for helping get this done and to Communications Coordinator Gerson and Communications Coordinator Perry for creating the graphics.

The active study rooms are nearly complete. Senator Amores and College Senator Blair have a meeting with Sarah tomorrow and will hopefully get an update on the timeline. It has been getting pushed back due to facilities and back-ordered equipment. The rooms will be 100 A-D on the bottom floor in front of the testing center in the library. Right now they are not being advertised. The hope is that SGA can soft-launch the rooms, test them out, and offer advice. They should be ready for use next Monday. Would appreciate it if some people would go and test them out. Eventually they will need help with advertising and marketing. If you are interested, there will be a message sent in the GroupMe when they are ready. Senator Amores and College Senator Blair are also working on getting some more recreation spaces expanded outdoors, including the Mountainlair, Health Sciences Campus, and Law School specifically.

Reminder about the Carruth Center tabling. If you sign up to volunteer, please do not skip. Thank you to everyone that has tabled. Additionally, there will not be a Mental Health and Well-Being Committee meeting this Friday.

College Senator Wooten: Trunk or treat is fast approaching. If anyone is interested please talk to College Senator Wooten or College Senator Marquart. Tomorrow night, Thursday October 20th, the Community Engagement Committee will be meeting in the Cacapon Room at 6 p.m., and will be talking about a lot of things including small business outreach, community service initiatives, and future legislation.

Senator Conner: The Government Relations Committee is currently working on a West Virginia Legislative Priority survey, set to go out to the student body in mid-November in lieu of the upcoming 2023 Legislative Session. Hoping to have a draft of the survey done by this Monday. If anyone has any specific questions they would like to be included in the survey, reach out to Senator Conner.

College Senator Blair: Thank you to everyone for all the help pushing out the Sustainability Committee survey. There were just over 300 responses, with a lot of really good information. Some of them pertain to composting, which is exciting because there is a lot of momentum right now regarding that among students and faculty. After we go through the legislation which will be read later tonight, composting will most likely be next on our list. Any senators, interns, or anyone else who is interested, even if you are not in the Sustainability Committee, please feel free to take part.

Working with the Rec Center in terms of the study rooms. It is obvious that this is their priority and that they have been trying to do this for a very long time, and just needed some external support. Happy to be there and provide that. They are looking to expand. In the presentation that they gave at the SGA meeting, they discussed motivational stairs. Looking at turning the LSB stairs into something like that. Keep that on your radar if you might be interested.

Right to Food Day is coming up on October 28th. There will be a lot of great events for that, specifically from the Center for Resilient Communities Food Justice Lab in Brooks Hall. Student Organization Liaison Staten does a lot of work pertaining to that and has sent some information in the chat. Please check that out and reach out to College Senator Blair with any questions or if you would like to be involved.

Senator Santmyer: Community clean-up is this Saturday, October 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please sign up using the link sent in the chat. Participants will receive two community service hours through iServe. Thank you to Treasurer Daniel and

Student Organization Liaison Staten for their help in setting that up. There are currently 92 people signed up and would really like to get to 100.

LGBTQ+ is hosting a trivia night October 25th in the Mountainlair from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Accessibility and Safety Walk legislation is being worked on as well as a report from the walk. President Hernandez and Senator Santmyer are working on braille legislation. If anyone knows of any places on campus with braille accessibility issues, let them know.

Senator Price: Next week, the Student Experience Committee will be meeting in the Cathedral Room on Monday at 6:30 p.m. There will be some different legislations coming up soon. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Accessibility and Safety Walk. There will be a comprehensive report detailing all of the findings from the walk, and then legislation will be written and distributed to all of our partners in the university and community so that the suggestions and recommendations can be fulfilled.

X. Executive Reports

Division of Equity and Inclusion Committee Elswick: The LGBTQ+ Center is hosting their weekly brunch on Friday at the Carruth Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Accessibility Office is hosting a pumpkin painting activity October 24th, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Stewart Hall. The Center for Black Culture and Research is hosting a panel discussion about hip-hop and black culture, this Thursday, October 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Three hours before the Homecoming game next week they will be hosting a tailgate in the Gold Lot. The Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is hosting Club Unity next week, October 27th, with more details to follow. Next month, they will be doing a showing of Black Panther. The Women's Center is hosting the I Heart Female Pleasure event on November 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom. The Silent Witness Exhibit is happening in the Vandalia Lounge until Thursday, October 20th.

Last week, the Inclusion Committee and the Student Experience Committee held the Accessibility Walk, and they will be working on legislation for that soon. Meeting with the Accessibility Office to look into faculty DEI training, to discuss what is currently offered to them and what we can do to help. Meeting with the DEI Office to discuss training for SGA and how we can support them. The clean-up is happening this weekend, and the LGBTQ+ trivia is happening next week.

Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler: Federal marijuana policy has changed under

President Biden. All federal and Schedule C offenses for simple possession of marijuana were pardoned, and state governors were urged to follow in this. The Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Federal Attorney General were urged to reevaluate marijuana being scheduled as a Schedule 1 classification, which is the same category heroin, labeled as the most dangerous, is under.

The ACLU of West Virginia sent a letter to school officials at Mon. County urged them to reverse their directive that instructed the removal of Pride flags and Black Lives Matter flags specifically, as this is directly targeting marginalized students. The Morgantown City Council met yesterday, October 18th, and approved a resolution that opposes proposed Constitutional Amendment 2 on the ballot, which deals with different taxes. October 29th is National Drug TakeBack Day. There are places to drop off medications that are expired or no longer needed to make sure they are disposed of directly and not abused. Places include the Mon County Sheriff Offices, the Suncrest Town Center Kroger, Mon. General Hospital, and the Sam's Club Pharmacy. If anyone has questions about anything, reach out to Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler.

Student Organization Liaison Staten: Been working closely with her intern Iona to reach out to different organizations and ask them how SGA can help their students and organizations succeed. These conversations help decide on topics to discuss during the President's Forum. Will be meeting on Sunday to compile a meeting calendar with all the different organizations meeting times, so that they can be accessed more easily. The President's Forum for the months of November and December will be combined into one on November 14, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. College Senator Tabidze and Auditor Seidel are helping out from the BOF side, so the first topic in the meeting will be a discussion on grants. Hoping to get someone from branding to come and discuss during the second half of the meeting. Anyone who is a leader in a student organization, please keep an eye out for the sign-ups soon. The sign-ups for the SGA- Alpha-Phi clean-up close tomorrow, so please sign-up. The Right to Food Day is on October 28th. There will be a lot of events talking about campus food policy. There is a flier in the informal GroupMe which includes a QR code to sign-up for the different events.

Elections Chair Weller: Attorney General Long wanted Elections Chair Weller to pass on information about the new college senator numbers for the upcoming election. The Davis College will have two college senators, Eberly College will have six college senators, Chambers College of Business and Economics will have four college senators, the College of Creative Arts will have one college senator,

Statler will have four college senators, Reed will have one college senator, the College of Applied Human Sciences will have three college senators, the Law School will have one college senator, and Health Sciences will have four college senators. The Election Committee application will be finalized by mid-November, and will hopefully be up for confirmation in November/December.

Vice President Uqaily: Reminder to assembly members to attend committee meetings.

That is where a lot of legislation and ideas can be implemented. Reminder for college senators to schedule a meeting with your deans at least once by the end of the semester. President Pro Tempore Khan will check in to make sure this is fulfilled. Remember to put the minutes from any meetings with administration under the Administrative Meetings folder in the Drive. Encourage everyone to dress up for our Hallow-Meeting next Wednesday, October 26th.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

A. Student Organization Registrations

1. UX/UI Club

Sean Wilson: UX/UI Club is a community of students interested in learning about user experience design, which is basically just website and app design, as well as conducting market research. The goal is to build portfolios by developing case studies and creating user interfaces. Hope to develop collaborative skills in the form of design skills, ideation, prototyping, and testing.

Jackson Sigler: The design major is kind of switching more to a game design major rather than an app/web design kind of major. Based on simple Google research, it is clear that a lot of job opportunities are in app/web design as opposed to game design. This club is being made to help students who are also interested in this hot job market, create like-minded individuals, help each other, critique other designs, and build portfolios and websites to help with getting jobs and internships.

Sean Wilson: The goal of the club right now is to grow in size and interest. Would like to try and get as many members as possible, so they can do fun events. Would like to develop portfolios and build projects each semester, as well as to work together and invite guest speakers.

Jackson Sigler: Want to fill the gap in the major with the shift away from app/web

design. There are game design clubs within the major, so they are trying to fill the hole and build a community for people who are interested in app/web design.

Senator Price: Trying to understand as a Liberal Arts major. Is this a programming type of club? What do you do?

Jackson Sigler: Programming can be incorporated; it's actually a big part of it. It's all in one. There is the design aspect of making the website look pretty before coding it. There are definitely members of the club who are more on the programming side and developing the website. Others research and talk to users such as when they are encountering bugs. There are a lot of aspects to it.

- Senator Volk moved to bundle the student organizations and consider them as one via unanimous consent.
- The motion to bundle the student organizations and consider them as one was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- There were no objections and the student organizations were bundled.

2. Club Rifle Team

Amanda Wolf: Amanda has been shooting at the higher level for about two and a half years. She was looking for schools that provided the sport as well as her major, and the first college that popped up was WVU. She applied and tried to get recruited for the NCAA rifle team. Unfortunately she was not recruited and was heartbroken. Then, she found out there was an unofficial club team. She is now able to live out her dream of continuing her rifle career in college, as well as getting the major she wanted.

Kira: Kira was introduced to the sport her sophomore year of high school. Her brother was in his freshman year at WVU and told her about Ginny Thrasher and how she went to the Olympics as a college sophomore. Kira wanted to do that as well; she wanted to go to West Virginia and be in the NCAA. She made it to the Junior Olympics, but did not make the NCAA team. Then, she heard about the unofficial club rifle team. She hopes that through this organization, they can provide that experience and opportunity for other students.

Amanda Wolf: Competitive rifle shooting includes precision air rifle and precision small board. Air rifle is shot in the standing position and has sixty shots per match, while small board can be shot in three different positions with twenty shots in each position. They aim for the white dot in the center of a target, which is the same size as a twelve point font period or the size of the eye of George Washington on a quarter.

The club rifle team practices every Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 and every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00. Practice begins with individuals working on what they need to, and then the team comes together to play games.

Kira: Air rifles have a tube with pressurized air which propels the pellets. The small board shoots bullets. They are adjustable so each individual athlete can personalize them.

Amanda Wolf: Individuals on the team can compete in local, state, and national matches. As a team under the WVU Club Rifle Team name, they can also compete at local, state, and national matches. There is a national match held for club rifle teams in Indiana in April which the club is hoping to attend.

They also help the NCAA team with their matches on the weekend by setting up targets and monitors, keeping score, and inputting scores to the website. The club team also receives coaching from the NCAA team, and the club team then coaches the junior team, which helps build a great community.

Kira: Would like to provide a place for higher level shooters to train and work toward their goals. Want others to be able to come here and shoot while working toward their degree at their dream school. Would also like to make the sport more well-known, by getting people to come to matches, and helping with teams throughout the community.

Amanda Wolf: Goal is to make a name for the club, not only through scores but also just by attending matches. Would like to provide a place for people who have to decide whether to choose their major or the sport. Want to attend matches of all levels and represent WVU under the West Virginia name. Would like to gain the support of the WVU community and the rifle community in general.

Senator Price: You had mentioned that there already is or has been an unofficial team. Has this been a registered organization before that became inactive, or what is the story with that?

Amanda Wolf: Roughly five or six years ago, there was a team. However, a lot of people graduated, people stopped shooting, and there were not enough members for it to continue. This year there are just the right amount of people to restart it.

College Senator Azinger: How many members do you have as of now?

Amanda Wolf: We have five, sometimes six members. There are four people that are currently undergraduate students, one person taking online classes during high school, and a coach who is dual enrolled and can also participate.

College Senator Hudson: Since this is a student organization handling firearms, what

measures are in place? Since it's not through the NCAA how does it work with storage of guns?

Amanda Wolf: The club has OVIs, or open vault indicators, which go into effect everytime the rifle is set down until it is picked back up again. There are range safety rules and a cabinet in the range so that the equipment is under lock-and-key. They cannot be accessed unless the head coach or the head coach of the NCAA team is there.

3. Get Down

Caitlyn Grooms: The Get Down club is all about hip-hop dance. Dance has always had a lot of competition. Many peers have lost their joy and desire for dance due to the competition and the desire to be "good enough." The purpose of Get Down is to change this, to abolish the idea of trying to be perfect, and to bring back the love of dance. Each meeting, members will come together to bond and to learn and create hip-hop choreography and tricks.

Goal is to allow any WVU student to express themselves freely through the art of hip-hop dance. This means no competition, no performances, and no auditions. Members can simply just dance and bond with others. The only requirement is that members are WVU students. Plan to meet at the Rec Center on Saturdays. At meetings, members will learn and create choreography together. They will be able to make requests and learn tricks. Thinking about holding *Just Dance* days, where the game is projected and members can just play.

There is already a hip-hop dance performance team here. However, there are a lot of students who try out for it who don't even really want to make the team, but just want to have fun. The idea of this club is to have fun every week.

College Senator Amores: Have you already reserved space at the Rec?

Caitlyn Grooms: Not yet.

College Senator Amores: College Senator Amores can help out with that if needed.

College Senator Dozier: This idea is amazing and College Senator Dozier is so happy to see that this club is being created. She danced all throughout high school and knows it can be toxic, so she is happy to see a club that is focusing more on the fun aspect of dance. Do you have an executive board and people helping you, or is it just you running this club right now?

Caitlyn Grooms: Caitlyn is the founder and creator. She is here by herself tonight but there are also a vice president, treasurer, secretary, and about thirty members.

College Senator Neiswonger: Is that thirty executive members or thirty total members?

Caitlyn Grooms: Thirty total members.

College Senator Neiswonger: There's been a lot of interest then?

Caitlyn Grooms: Yes, there has been a lot of interest.

College Senator Neiswonger: That might go up to thirty-one members with Senator Price. He was smiling the entire presentation; he was really excited.

Vice President Uqaily: Don't know about Senator Price, but Vice President Uqaily will be there.

a. Discussion and Voting

Senator Price: Senator Price thinks all the clubs sound amazing. He really likes the UX/UI Club. Although he doesn't understand exactly what it does, it sounds like really cool stuff. He loves the rifle team; it sounds cool as well. Personally, he is a fan of *Dance Moms* so he does not know how he feels about unstructured dance, but Get Down seems like a really cool club and opportunity for a lot of students.

- Senator Price moved to approve the three student organizations via voice vote.
- The motion to approve the three student organizations was seconded by Senator Santmyer.
- The ayes have it. The three student organizations were approved.

B. FB-2022-20

Treasurer Daniel: Three organizations under this financial bill today. Paying for some registration, a Yeti cooler as a prize for a cornhole tournament, and for a speaker on campus.

Senator Conner: Are they keeping the Yeti Cooler or is it a rental?

Treasurer Daniel: They are giving out the Yeti Cooler to whoever wins the Cornhole tournament.

College Senator Neiswonger: How do you get into this?

Treasurer Daniel: Will send out information if you would like.

Senator Price: That would be appreciated.

a. Discussion and Voting

- College Senator Oursler moved to end discussion and approve FB-2022-20 by unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion and approve FB-2022-22 was seconded by Senator Volk.
- There were no objections, and FB-2022-20 was approved.

C. AP-2022-08-06

Senator Amores: This is an assembly proclamation to recognize and celebrate Filipino

American History Month.

The proclamation was read, see Appendix

Senator Price: Since it is already October, is the intention to fast-track this to get it passed tonight, or is a second reading still planned for next week?

Senator Amores: Hopefully the second reading will be next week, and that's the last Wednesday in October.

a. Discussion and Voting

- Senator Price moved to table AP-2022-08-06 until next week by unanimous consent.
- The motion to table AP-2022-08-06 until next week was seconded by College Senator Hudson.
- There were no objections, and AP-2022-08-06 was tabled until the next meeting on October 26th.

D. AR-2022-08-02

College Senator Oursler: This is an assembly resolution to support pollinator and biodiversity enhancing landscaping on campus.

The resolution was read, see Appendix

College Senator Hudson: On the second page at the bottom, universities were listed, including Marshall. In the next "whereas" statement, it was stated that if WVU does this, we would be the first in the state to do so. With Marshall also being in the state, is that referring to certification or...?

College Senator Oursler: It is in reference to changing and certifying. College Senator Oursler wanted to double check because originally it was just "changed," but when he was making sure that the statement was true, he found that Marshall is doing this on their campus, but they have not certified any of their landscapes. Therefore, if WVU were to certify them, we would be the first in the state.

Would like everyone to know that sections 1-4 have been read and approved by administrators. They thought that what was stated in those sections made sense and they want to work toward them. They provided some corrections, such as "when practical" in section 3 and 4, so they have had input in the legislation as a whole.

a. Discussion and Voting

Senator Price: This is an amazing piece of legislation. Firmly support its goals and objectives, especially in making sure that WVU stays #1 in the state over Marshall.

- Senator Price moved to table AR-2022-08-02 until the next meeting by unanimous consent.
- The motion to table AR-2022-08-02 until the next meeting was seconded by College Senator Dozier.
- There were no objections and AR-2022-08-02 was tabled until the next meeting on October 26th.

E. Elections Committee Internship Proposal

Elections Chair Weller: Last year, the Political Science Department created a new area of emphasis: elections and campaigns. One of the requirements to graduate with that AOE is an internship or applied study. People have been interning with local campaigns or county clerk offices to fulfill this. There is also an hour requirement that must be met. Want to propose allowing people in this AOE to join the SGA Elections Committee, so that they may get added hours. It would not be their primary thing, but would help boost their hours if they need it. This could be done through making them interns or confirming them in SGA, whatever the assembly would want to choose.

College Senator Azinger: Is this a seasonal thing? Would it only be during the fall or during certain years? Or would it be a perpetual thing that happens? What is the timeframe?

Elections Chair Weller: The class is offered every semester. After Elections Chair Weller is done with his term, it would be up to the assembly to decide whether they would want to continue the partnership or not.

College Senator Azinger: Just cause right now it's super concentration, with elections on everyone's minds.

Elections Chair Weller: It would mainly run in the Spring since that's when the elections are and that's when the committee would be. They wouldn't start until next semester.

Senator Price: It's a beautiful idea. Have you talked to the professor of the class or the program administrator to see if this is something that would count for their program?

Elections Chair Weller: Yes, brought it up with Dr. Harring, the professor in charge of the class and the AOE. He is totally on board with it, and thinks it's a great idea.

Senator Price: In terms of creating this as a formal program within SGA, what would have to be done on the SGA side? Would we need to have legislation, or would it be something the executive could do?

Elections Chair Weller: It would have to be voted on, since it is not explicitly stated in the Constitution whether outside SGA members can be in the committee. They could either be confirmed or be interns. It would be up to the assembly which way they would want to do it.

Senator Chennuru: Since the committee is being opened up to people outside of SGA, are you anticipating that there would be a lot more members on the committee?

Elections Chair Miller: At least in terms of next semester, Dr. Harring is anticipating no more than three people taking the class, so it would only be a few. If we decided to confirm them, it would not be a whole list of names. Next spring, it might be a different story.

Senator Miller: In the future there might be more than three participants. Would you recommend a cap to the amount? Theoretically there could be a lot of people on the committee, but that might not be practical, so how would that work for competitiveness?

Elections Chair Miller: Does anyone know how many people were on the committee last year?

Chief of Staff Flower: Numbers fluctuate.

Treasurer Daniel: Maybe 4-10.

Elections Chair Miller: Maybe a cap could be no more than half, since it fluctuates. Have not thought about it, since we don't anticipate many more participants. Since it is a new AOE, maybe it will grow in the future, so there could be a cap, and that could be something the assembly could discuss if they want to set a number.

Senator Price: Instead of making them elections committee members, they could just be interns of the elections committee. Then it wouldn't necessarily matter how many participants sign-up because their job would just be to assist the committee.

Elections Chair Miller: That would work too.

a. Discussion

College Senator Hudson: It makes the most sense logistically to bring them on as interns so we don't have to go through the confirmation process, especially since there are so few of them. Especially since it would set people who would not have been vetted by a committee, appointed, or elected by their peers to have them be interns. That also gives more flexibility in terms of how it is handled on a year-to-year basis, instead of trying to get rigid in passing legislation in anticipatory moves. If this is for a course which requires an internship, will this

provide ample experience to actually constitute fulfilling the requirement, especially given that SGA's elections are only in the spring.

Elections Chair Weller: It wouldn't be their primary thing, it's more of an add-on.

Experience is experience. On the administration side of elections it's more canvassing and the thick of it. The election's committee could give more of the administrative side of elections, which could be beneficial. Could talk to Professor Haring more about the specifics and what he envisions them doing.

XIII. Open Student Forum II

College Senator Milam: This month is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and this week is the Week of Action for DV. Tomorrow is Purple Thursday, the Silent Witness Exhibit is ongoing in the Vandalia Lounge, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a resource expo happening. Tomorrow night, at 7 p.m. on the Woodburn Lawn, DVIC and WVU Believe Them are hosting a candlelight vigil to remember victims that have lost their lives due to domestic violence and honor the survivors.

Treasurer Daniel: On November 11th, the University is hosting Mountaineer Idol. If anyone wants to sing, or if you want to hear Senator Price sing, come out to the event.

Senator Santmyer: Women in Politics and Government is hosting a tab drive. If you drink Celsius or anything like that, please bring the tabs to Senator Santmyer.

College Senator Oursler: Horticulture Club is meeting tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. They will be processing cana lilies and anyone is welcome.

XIV. Advisors' Reports

Advisor Prunty: Advisor Le is with us virtually, but he is driving so his service isn't great. Homecoming is next week. The SEL Office is responsible for the homecoming court and the parade. If you are interested in being in the parade, the application is open until Wednesday of next week. There is a \$25 fee for student organizations to participate. You can just be a walking unit, a float or car is not required. The parade will be next Friday at 6 p.m. Active campaigning for court starts on Monday, and voting will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. If everyone could help promote voting that would be appreciated. There will be help desks in the Lair and Rec Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, which will have plastic pumpkin decorating. The pumpkins will also be in the Source all week if you cannot make it to the help desks.

Additionally, next week on the Instagram page there will be a Halloween Candy Bracket Challenge. Please vote for the best candy, there will be one for a sweet and one for a chocolate. On Halloween there will be little goodie bags of the two candies that win for people to pick up and get candy on Halloween.

There is a link in the GroupMe for anyone interested in volunteering for the Homecoming Parade. Looking for several people to help stage all the floats, walking units, cars, and stuff like that. There will be a meeting in the Source around 3 p.m. and food will be provided. Then, volunteering will be from 4 p.m. to around 8 p.m. If you are interested, please sign up through the link.

The Snack Rack in the Rec Center opened on Monday. It is open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., as well as on Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You can get two prepackaged snack items and a piece of fruit every day during either of those time slots. So far it is going really well and students have really been showing up.

College Senator Blair: Is student government in the Homecoming Parade?

Advisor Prunty: No, but if you would like to, it is \$25.

College Senator Hudson: On behalf of the Health Sciences senators, is it possible to have Homecoming help desks and the pumpkin event on Health Sciences.

Advisor Prunty: To be honest, it has been hard to get people to work the Evansdale Desk. Will see how the resources look and see what we can do.

XV. Snaps

Snaps were given to College Senator Oursler, Neal Brown, Gunner, Advisor Le, Communications Coordinator Gerson, Treasurer Daniel, Big XII attendees, Student Organization Liaison Staten, College Senator Cahill, Intern Coordinator Backus, Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey, College Senator Blair, Student Organization Liaison Staten, Auditor Seidel, College Senator Cahill, Intern Coordinator Backus, Treasurer Daniel, Treasurer Daniel.

XVI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was entertained by College Senator Dozier.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by College Senator Hudson.

The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.

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The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Financial Bill: FB-2022-20
October 19, 2022

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 2022 Semester per the official WVU Academic Calendar.

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TITLE I: *Mountaineers for Life*

For expenses to cover speaker and travel expenses for Robin Sertell to speak at Mountaineers for Life event on December 7th.

<i>Mountaineers for Life</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Speaker Fees	1	\$1500.00
Travel Expenses	1	\$1120.00
		\$2620.00

TITLE II: *Student Organ Donation Advocates*

For expenses to cover a Yeti Cooler as a prize for a cornhole tournament they are hosting on November 5th.

<i>Student Organ Donation Advocates</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Giveaway Item	1 Yeti Cooler	\$325.00 \$325.00

TITLE III: *American Institute for Chemical Engineers*

For expenses to cover conference registration for 8 members to attend the Undergraduate AIChE Annual Student Conference from November 11th to November 14th in Phoenix, AZ.

<i>American Institute for Chemical Engineers</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Conference Fees	Fees for 8 members	\$1320.00 \$1320.00

APPENDIX A

Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

<i>Financial Bill 2022-20 Totals</i>	
Organization Total Cost Mountaineers for Life	\$2620.00
Student Organ Donation Advocates	\$325.00
American Institute for Chemical Engineers	\$1320.00
Total \$4265.00	

APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

<i>Financial Bill 2022-20 Totals</i>		
Organization Total Grant Requested Total Suggested Mountaineers for Life	\$3500.00	\$2620.00
Student Organ Donation Advocates	\$325.00	\$325.00
American Institute for Chemical Engineers	\$1320.00	\$1320.00
Total \$5145.00 \$4,265.00		

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Proclamation: AP-2022-08-06

**AN ASSEMBLY PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

Short Title:	Filipino American History Month
Author(s):	Maria Amores, Senator Deacon Hodges, Senator
Sponsor(s):	Laasya Chennuru, Senator Avery Conner, Senator Brooklyn Milam, College Senator Quinn Wooten, College Senator Lauren Marquart, College Senator Lauren Dysart, College Senator
Contributor(s):	Olivia Dowler, Legislative Affairs Liaison
Committee Endorsement:	
First Reading Date:	10/19/2022
Second Reading Date:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University (WVU) Mission Statement reads, "... the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity..."; and,

Whereas, the WVU Student Government Association Vision Statement reads, "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by; promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone..."; and,

Whereas, the first documented immigration of Filipinos to the United States was on

October 18th, 1587 in Morro Bay, California¹; and,

Whereas, since 1991, the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) has been celebrating Filipino American History Month during the month of October; and,

Whereas, Congress passed a resolution to nationally recognize October as Filipino American History Month in November 2009; and,

Whereas, Filipino Americans comprise the second-largest Asian American population in the United States; and,

Whereas, Morgantown is home to the largest population of Asian Americans and Filipino Americans in West Virginia; and,

Whereas, WVU Filipino Student Association Secretary, Michelle Carter, stated, “During this month, we celebrate our past, present, and future as Filipino-Americans by commemorating and sharing our Filipino History in the United States. We hope as a Filipino/Filipino-American Community to use this month as a way to share our history and also our heritage with everyone at West Virginia University.”; and,

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

Section 1: The WVU Student Government Association recognizes and celebrates the month of October as Filipino American History Month.

Section 2: The WVU Student Government Association urges students, staff, and faculty to honor Filipino American History Month in October with appreciation and appropriate activities.

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

Mandates:

Dr. E. Gordon Gee, President of West Virginia University

Meshea L. Poore, Esq., Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer of the West Virginia University Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Tony Dobies, Senior Director of Marketing

¹<http://fanhs-national.org/filam/about/>

Sean Manning, News and Information Manager

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership

(Advisor) Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President

Morgan Donate, SGA Secretary

Joanna Jacinto, President of Filipino Student Association

Tess Barnhart, President of WVU Asian Association

Elizabeth Zahnow, President of Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

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The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Resolution: AR-2022-08-02

**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT POLLINATOR AND
BIODIVERSITY ENHANCING LANDSCAPING ON CAMPUS**

Short Title:	Pollinator/Biodiverse/Functional Landscaping
Author(s):	Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis)
Sponsor(s):	Jillian Blair, College Senator (Davis) Megan Skean, College Senator (Eberly) Devin Price, Senator Rushik Patel, College Senator (Statler) Sandrik Tabidze, College Senator (Statler)
Contributor(s):	Matthew Olivero, Intern Ethan Beightol, Intern Ryan Hammond, Intern Garrison Phillips, Intern
Committee Endorsement:	Sustainability Committee
First Reading Date:	10/19/2022
Second Reading Date:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association mission statement reads, “We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion”; and,

Whereas, current university-wide landscaping practices favor conformity rather than biodiversity, containing species considered invasive, and lack the wide scale use of native plant species within campus plantings, which are needed to provide

sufficient habitat for our native species; and,

Whereas, invasive species such as Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) pose a threat not only to local and regional environments, but also pose a health risk to students by providing an ideal habitat for deer tick populations to shelter from changing environmental conditions. These plants are not favored by campus maintenance with the Campus Roads and Grounds Director James Mirage saying “we don't like taking care of the invasive plants on campus...they have sharp spines that make it difficult to maintain,” in reference to barberry specifically; and,

Whereas, many insect species are highly specific when it comes to the plants they need in order to breed; requiring native “host plants” in order for them to develop and survive, which range from herbaceous plants to large trees; and,

Whereas, changing traditional landscaping to native plants will require less maintenance, fertilizer, and general care, where “the combined costs of installation and maintenance for natural landscapes over a ten year period may be one fifth of the costs for conventional landscape maintenance” (EPA)¹, saving the university money; and,

Whereas, the incorporation of native plant species on areas that are more difficult to maintain for grounds personnel will significantly reduce the work needed to maintain these areas, increase erosion control on steep slopes, and help to cut the university's costs when it comes to the time and materials needed to maintain these spaces, with

James Mirage saying, “they have considered putting in pollinator gardens in these hard to reach spaces” for these exact reasons; and,

Whereas, there are many certification programs such as Monarch Watch, Bee Campus USA, Certified Wildlife Habitat Program, Certified NABA Butterfly Garden Program, and the Campus Pollinator Pledge that this university could qualify for if there was a change to the plants used in existing and new landscaping projects going forward; and,

Whereas, many colleges and universities across the country and locally have started the process of changing their current landscaping to plants that are native to their regions. These colleges and universities include, Marshall University, Goshen

College, University of Southern California, University of Texas, Grinnell College, Cornell University, University of Delaware, Clemson University, Virginia Tech, University of Pittsburgh, Chatham University, Junita College, University of Virginia, Georgetown University, and many others ; and,

¹ <https://archive.epa.gov/greenacres/web/html/chap2.html>

Whereas, if we change and certify our landscapes, West Virginia University will be the first college in the state of West Virginia to do so, showing that as Mountaineers we always “go first”.

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

Section 1: The Department of Roads and Grounds and The Department of Facilities Maintenance and Planning should consider removing invasive species from the university’s landscapes, replacing them with plants that are native to this region and helpful for local biodiversity to thrive.

Section 2: The Department of Roads and Grounds and The Department of Facilities Maintenance and Planning should consider adopting a policy which requires that native species are preferred over the use of non-native plants when designing and constructing new landscaping projects on campus, preferably host plants for different lepidoptera species².

Section 3: The Department of Roads and Grounds and The Department of Facilities Maintenance and Planning should consider, when practical, consulting with multiple departments such as entomology, horticulture, biology, etc. when considering new landscaping projects so that campus landscaping can become a functional outdoor classroom that benefits student’s learning experience.

Section 4: The Department of Roads and Grounds and The Department of Facilities Maintenance and Planning should consider, when practical, collaborating with relevant student organizations when planning new landscaping projects on campus so that the campus landscapes have direct input from students.

Section 5: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the following:

Mandates:

James Mirage, Director for Roads and Grounds

Traci Knabenshue, Director, The Office of Sustainability

² <https://wvdnr.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/WYbutter.pdf>

James Kosik, Associate VP, Facilities Management

Rob Alsop, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives

Ted Svehlik, Associate Vice President, Auxiliary and Business

Services Sven Verlinden, Director, Plant and Soil Sciences

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment Dr. Thanh Le,

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Assembly Resolution: AR-2022-08-02

APPENDIX

Invasive Species

The purpose of this section is to provide information about the aforementioned species within the legislation and provide more general information about invasive species. -

[Invasive Species | National Wildlife Federation](#)

- <https://academic.oup.com/ee/article/38/4/977/491284>

- [West Virginia Invasive Plants.pdf](#)

a. *Native vs. Non-Native vs. Invasive Species*

- [What is the Difference Between Native, Non-native, and Invasive Plants? | Audubon](#)

- [Native, Invasive, and Other Plant-Related Definitions | NRCS Connecticut](#)

Plant Selection

The purpose of this section is to provide information regarding the importance of careful consideration when choosing the plant species that are used in a landscape. If the landscapes are going to benefit biodiversity just including native plants will help, but if you choose a type of plant that is the host of certain species there will be a greater impact.

a. Host Plants

- [Coevolution of Lepidoptera and their host plants: The Salient Aroma Hypothesis - Butterfly Gardening](#)
- [Host Plants for Butterflies and Moths](#)
- [Dogbane Leaf Beetle Revisited \(Family Chrysomelidae\) - Field Station.](#)

b. Monarch Butterfly

- [Monarch-Butterflies-Eastern-US-brochure.pdf](#)
- [FINAL AppalachianPlantGuide Web \(1\).pdf](#)
- [FNN-Summer2014-PollinatorGardens.pdf](#)

c. West Virginia White

- [Garlic Mustard - New River Gorge National Park and Preserve \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
- <https://www.leapbio.org/content/6-resources/7-west-virginia-white-butterfly/garlic-mustard.pdf>
- [Invasive Species - Garlic Mustard | Western Pennsylvania Conservancy](#)

Benefits of Native Landscapes

The purpose of this section is to show the benefits that come both ecologically and financially when pollinator landscapes are installed.

a. General

- [Roots of Native Plants - Dyck Arboretum](#)
- [Greenacres: Landscaping with Native Plants | Great Lakes | US EPA](#)

b. Water Efficiency

- <https://www.ernstseed.com/cost-effective-native-vegetation/>
- [Landscaping for Water Conservation | Department of Energy](#)

Certifications/Programs

The purpose of this section is to show the different certifications that the university should consider applying for if landscapes are changed.

- [Monarch Waystation Program](#)
- [Bee Campus USA Commitments](#)
- <https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/certify>
- [Butterfly Garden Certification Program](#)
- [Campus Pollinator Pledge](#)

Similar Programs Elsewhere

The purpose of this section is to show other programs at other universities and

colleges across the nation. The programs range from simple gardens to wide scale changes. This shows that other universities across the country see this as an important issue.

- [Butterfly Oasis - Sustainability Department](#)
- [Native Prairie Project | Goshen College](#)
- [Native plants are growing again on USC's campus, thanks to students - Campus saves water with native plants, landscaping design – The Daily Texan - Native Landscaping | Grinnell College](#)
- [Botanic Gardens Native Lawn | Sustainable Campus](#)
- [Native Garden - UDBG](#)
- [Sustainable Landscape Demonstration | College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences | Clemson University, South Carolina](#)
- [Current Bee City USA Affiliates](#)

General Information

The purpose of this section is to provide general information regarding pollinator gardening, and designing landscapes for pollinator species.

- [PollinatorBookletFinalrevWeb.pdf](#)
- [Gardening and Landscaping Practices for Nesting Native Bees.pdf - AttractingPollinatorsEasternUS_V1.pdf](#)
- [NRCS West Virginia Pollinator Handbook](#)
- https://www.ernstseed.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Ernst-Seeds_2022-2023-Catalog_Reduced-Size.pdf