

West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Regular Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
November 5th, 2025

I. Call to Order

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

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA mission statement was read by Vice President Jones.

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Davis.

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator Cole, seconded by Senator Silva.

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Senator Silva, seconded by President Pro Tempore Robinson.

VI. Presentation, Cate Johnson, ASPIRE Office Overview

Cate Johnson: So what we do is we help students apply for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships. Some of these are big-name ones that maybe you've heard of, like Rhodes or Fulbright or Truman. But there's a lot of awards that you've probably never heard of that might be of interest to you. We also help students apply for graduate and professional schools in non-health-related fields. Our office also has a pre-law prep program, and I'll explain a little bit about that as well. Even though we are administratively part of the Honors College,

some of you might know that if you're an honors student. We are open to all students. We are open to undergraduates, graduates, and alumni.

I'd like to just show our website because, so I can help you figure out how to navigate our website, and hopefully you'll have some muscle memory there of remembering how to check things out. So I think the best thing to do is start on our main scholarship and fellowship tab, and this is where we have a list of about 20 awards that are sort of well-known as the most nationally competitive awards in the country. There's a National Association of Fellowship Advisors. Our office is part of that. And these are the awards that they have deemed most nationally competitive. We have winners for many of these, most of these awards, every single year, and sometimes we have multiple winners for these awards every single year. And so even though some of them are extremely competitive, again, it doesn't mean that you're not a competitive applicant, and it also doesn't mean that the odds are really that bad. Some of these awards might have up to a 50% acceptance rate, so don't let the phrasing of nationally competitive scare you out of the process.

The Boren Scholarship will give you \$25,000 to go study a critical language abroad. These are languages that are not necessarily your Western European languages. There's a few exceptions to that, but think Arabic, Russian, Swahili, Hindi, Indonesian, Persian, languages like that. You do not need a background in those languages. You can get \$25,000. You can go abroad and use that money to study that language and come back and get your foot in the door with the federal government. So if you want to work for the federal government, which I assume many folks in this room are interested in, you might have an interest in that, getting the Boren Scholarship will give you preferential hiring with the federal government. Gilman is one of my favorite awards to work with because it is one of the easiest to win. It is about a 40-ish percent acceptance rate for Gilman. If you get a federal Pell Grant, you have to apply for this award. Then I want to talk about Fulbright, which is one of my favorite awards. This one's not study abroad in the traditional sense because this is for you to go live and work abroad after you graduate. The earliest we work with students on this is their senior year. There's some folks in this room who I see who worked with us this year on a Fulbright application, and our fingers are crossed for them. You can teach English abroad. You can do graduate degree enrollment in a one-year master's program, or you can do a research project that you've designed. Many of our STEM students will go in that direction. They'll seek out working in a lab of another scientist abroad. It's really fun.

Okay, I'm going to show you how to contact us and then I'm going to see if anybody has questions. So in our about section on the website, you can contact me directly here with my email address. You can contact Dr. Ferrari right here directly. If you know law school is what you want to talk about, you can go directly to her. Or you can fill out the schedule appointment form

where you just tell us a little bit about yourself and what you're interested in and one of us will get back to you and set up a meeting with you.

VII. Open Student Forum I

No one was recognized during Open Student Forum I.

VIII. The President's Report

President Street: So this week, we have a board meeting. So I've got a board of governors meeting all day, Thursday and Friday. Again I serve on the Divisional Campuses and Strategic Initiatives Committees, but I'm able to attend all the committees. I'm just going to run through some of the items on the public board agenda, just in case you guys have any input you want to give me to give to the board. There is a private agenda as well when we go to executive session that I can't share, but just running through some of the public items. The board will be voting on premium seating upgrades for the Hope Coliseum, they'll be voting on renovations to the Potomac State Science Building. They'll be voting on a new rule for drug and alcohol testing for FTA and FMSCA positions at the university. And then on the consent agenda, which is normally a list of items that always passes, but if you have any concerns about them, please tell me. They'll be voting on upgrades to Jackson Mill Lodge renovations, so I'm sure those of you who want to retreat will be happy about that. They'll be voting on the Reedsville Farm Horse replacement, authorizing UPD to participate in a personal property transfer program with the Department of Defense, also known as Program 1033. They'll be discontinuing two programs in the Morgantown campus, the Bachelor's of Science in Health Services Administration and the Master's of Science in Applied Environmental Microbiology, Entomology, Environmental Soil Water Science, Plant Pathology, and Horticulture. With that, they'll be starting four new programs at the university in the Morgantown campus, an MA in Strategic and Organizational Communication, an MS in Plant and Soil Sciences, an undergraduate certificate in Wetland Management, and an undergraduate certificate in River Conservation Management.

Besides the board meetings, I did some work with the Advisory Council of Students last week into this week. We confirmed our next meeting for November 21st at 3:30, so that's more for our state field working group people, Dan and Travis, they'll come and give a presentation to SGA later in the semester and will be attending the Advisory Council of Students to give a presentation on how to interact with your legislator's presentation. We'll also be deciding what our month of service themes will be in February during the ACS meeting in November. And then

I went to the Board of Governors conference down in Charleston on Thursday last week, got some really good insights into what the Higher Education Policy Commission is working on. They're working on a piece of legislation to consolidate all of the state financial programs, so that way you only have to fill out one application and it'll just qualify you for everything you're eligible for. Pretty good piece of legislation, so we'll be working with them to see if there's any way we can get students involved with hoping to just make the process easier for getting financial aid for students in West Virginia. Besides that, while I was down in Charleston as well, I had to present to the Council of Community and Technical Colleges, it's similar to what your guys' committee are, but just at the state level.

I did some Batch initiative work this week as well. I've been building out a new platform for Emily, Bradley, and Kendall to work through. We onboarded the Medicine and Exercise Physiology Program, which is doing a pretty good job in terms of building community, so the ex-phys people, you guys are in good hands. And then Bradley and I met with Danica Ryan, who's the career service person in CCAM. In terms of campus projects, Andrew and I worked with Tracy Knabenshue to identify three potential sites for solar, one small ground one, one large ground one, and one rooftop one. We'll choose whatever site we get, depending on the solar grant that the grant writers are applying for. We're going to apply for free technical assistance from the Appalachian Solar Finance Fund, just to do all the backend engineering work. In terms of PRT benches, the PRT people sent us a new company to get seating from, as the old company still had their website live, but had been out of business for three years. We submitted a quote to them to see how much it would cost to get new seating, or to get seating on the PRT platforms, and I'm waiting to hear back from them. Ro and I have been on our survey blitz even more, which has been working. We're up to 700 responses on the enrollment survey, which is to take to the Board of Governors asking students why they enroll in the university, because that's a primary decision point that the board uses. I think Ro and I had like 10 presentations in the past three days. We've also been presenting to some GEF classes, and then we've been presenting to some Greek life organizations, and we're sending the survey to the Maniacs as well, just to get a good mix of people answering the survey. In addition to that, I ran into Chuck Roberts, who's the Head of Facilities at WVU. In Ro and I's freshman year, the assembly passed a piece of legislation requesting that there be more outdoor seating on the Evansdale Health Sciences Campus. Chuck mentioned to me that they created some projects that they have available for additional seating on those two campuses. They're just missing a little bit of funding to cap those projects off, so he's going to be sending us some of the projects that he already has put together, and we'll be looking at which ones that we might be able to fund with some internal budget. Besides that, I had a Student Success Task Force meeting, and they shouted out Olivia, so snaps to Olivia. And then the Career Service Director that was here and presented last week actually took your advice

and reached out to us to table with them, so we'll be putting that together, so good job on that. That's all I have for you.

IX. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Jones: Colin went over most of the things that we did jointly over the course of this week, but I just have a couple more things. I had a one-on-one with Carrie, and we went over some of your projects. I know we talked a little bit, Gracie, about your Green Bandana project. And so, overall, she's very happy with how SGA has been going this year. She said she's very proud of all of you guys. She said, in fact, she said, now, who's that girl who sends out the emails every week, Olivia, right? And I said, yeah, that's Olivia. She said, she's just dynamic. She's fantastic. So, Carrie Showalter loves you Olivia. Just thought I'd let you know, you're welcome. So, that was a good time. They also had some Student Health consultants come in to assess Student Health in its current state. They talked about maybe some challenges that student health is facing right now, and in the context of student life, and also talked a little bit about the prospect of a downtown career center, and what that would look like. Additionally, for the provost search we are down to our final three candidates, and they will be coming to WVU campus very soon. They are fantastic candidates, all very qualified. Some actually are overly qualified for the job, so I look forward to you guys being able to hear more about that as well. And, as Colin said, 191 presentations, and senator one-on-ones are still going good as well. If you haven't booked yours, obviously, please do that as soon as possible. Also, I have an Alumni Board meeting this Friday. Colin and I have tri-board tomorrow. Not much to talk about on the Alumni Board. President Benson is coming to give a presentation, so assuming he says something that's of particular interest to SGA, I'll bring that up in my report next week. Fabrizio, our new Vice President of Enrollment, will also be giving a presentation. So, I might be able to give some more information about his vision for trying to drive enrollment more at WVU. So, that's what I've got.

X. Committee Reports

Senator Cole: We had a pretty chill meeting today, we just talked about a couple of updates. We got an update from Gracie on the roundtable discussion and then I'm going to pass it off to Sydney here so she can give an update about the Guardian Angels training. But before I pass it off to her, if you want to come to the UPD Tour, it's open to just SGA. That is going to be Tuesday at 5:30 until 6:00. It's very short, just 30 minutes. It may go over a little bit and that's at the new UPD building on Chestnut right behind HSC. We talked about our December outreach

event with UPD that we're going to do and then UPD will be coming later in the month to give their monthly update to us. We also did talk about how we can better support the Rack during the holiday season.

Senator Hickle: So, like he said, we have the police department tour at 6:00 on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30. And then following that from 6:00 to approximately 9:00, we'll have the Guardian Angels training, but it's overall just safety and awareness training. It will be three sessions for self-defense, situational awareness, and basic de-escalation. So, for this, you'll receive two hours of community service and then you'll be certified to volunteer as a Guardian Angel in the future. So, thank you.

College Senator Tadros: Today, we sent out all the undergraduate TA forms to the capstone professors from the Engineering College. We sent that out at like 6:50. We already have two responses from professors saying they're going to share it with the students. So, that's pretty good. It's better than we expected. Hopefully, we'll be collecting data within the next week or two weeks and then we'll be able to analyze that. We should be able to present it to our dean within the next time after they take a break. Tyson, tomorrow, has a meeting with Stephanie Young. She is the point of contact for the FSC. And, as well, she's the point of contact that we got from the Eberly students meeting with their dean for undergraduate TA's in the Eberly College. So, he's going to talk to her about both those things tomorrow at 2:30. And then, today, Ayaan and I went to the HSC event to see what kind of things we could do to get feedback for them and how we're doing. Overall, it's pretty good. The donuts were good. A lot of people came and they liked them. So, they're going to give that feedback to the dean.

College Senator Mugnano: Today, the College Projects Committee in our icebreaker, we discussed what things we do to best reduce our productivity. This week, Grace met with Ericka LaRue from last week's meeting, and we are going to help them promote some of their big services. And we won a table on the 17th or 19th of November, and we're going to talk to Kate, if you haven't done that already. And then, we also had the honor of intern Matthew Williams come and speak to us about his intern project and how we can help with his peer mentor programs. We are going to, or he's going to be, working or getting in contact with Colin and Maya about how he can best help them. We also discussed CCAM mixtures and the details for that, and we adjourned at 6:57.

Senator Silva: Hi, everyone. So, for the Campus Connection Committee, we talked a little bit about our Know Your Rights video. We'll be getting that filmed and up and running

soon. And we would also like to table with some of the Know Your Rights information, namely things like the Know Your Rights cards and the Know Your Rights app. So, if you guys need tabling hours whenever we get that done, please let me know. And speaking of that, I will be sending in the chat when to meet for the NAMI trainings. So, if you would like to get trained with NAMI for the Green Banana Project, please put in your availability so we know when to schedule those trainings. We're also going to be tabling for sexual assault prevention between the 17th and the 19th. If you are interested in tabling, please reach out to me or Cheyenne. And also very important, for the Career Center, Hank is getting some feedback to send to the consultants. So, if you have any specific feedback or you know people that have specific feedback, send that to Hank so we can have a more robust report to give to them. Other than that, we started thinking and planning for what we're going to be doing next now that the Know Your Rights campaign is nearing its end. If you guys have any ideas of anything you'd like to see, please let us know. Thank you so much.

Senator O'Neal: Sustainability, we just kind of had a relaxing meeting today. We did a check-in. How are we doing? Do we want to do better or do we want to keep going? We kind of did some updates on requirements for service, student orgs, and tabling. We talked about getting more sign-ups for E-Day. Then we talked about some of the stuff going on with SNAP and how we have a plan in the spring to try to revive, like, one of the organizations on campus that deals with food waste. We kind of agreed that we should probably fast-track that, just in case, you know, with recent things going on, it'd probably be better to do that sooner than later, just in case something like that happens again, the resource is important. And then we did some updates. We met with the Association of Energy Engineers on Monday as one of our org visits, so we talked about that. We sent out the grant application to them. They're super interested in applying for some funds, so the Bureau of Finance, be kind to the Association of Energy Engineers. They seem super cool. And, yeah, we did some research on the Native Plant Legislation we're working on this month. That's all. Thank you.

XI. Assembly Reports

Senator Champ: I am going to send out the Greek Life training and open it up to more people outside of SGA. Also if you are in Greek Life and haven't seen it or heard of it, please send out the sign-up to your chapter. Thank you.

President Pro Tempore Robinson: I hope you're doing well. Thank you for filling out your project request forms retroactively. Thank you for doing that, so we can make sure you guys

are trying to start your initiatives that you'll be working on for the rest of your term. What we don't want to happen is the last three weeks of the administration where it's like a spam of legislation and drives or surveys or events and stuff like that. So, please make sure you're continuing to move quickly on your stuff and not saving it for April. Other than that I had a Student Success meeting on Friday and Monday. We talked a little bit about the national survey for student engagement. As you might guess this is a nationally conducted survey collecting data about different ways students engage with their university and how that might relate to retention and recruitment rates. We'll probably have that survey conducted from February to May. I gave a little bit of insight on how they can promote and administer the survey to get a large amount of responses. We'll be working on that soon. Now, Can I get a drumroll for senator of the month please? Senator Tuttle! Great job this month, she's so efficient working with the state government group. She's awesome at communicating with the relevant stakeholders, not to gas her up too much, but I think she's working with the most amount of people out of the whole team. Paige and I are working with a lot of people and she's communicating really well. She also did an excellent job helping us out during sustainability week. She communicates well with Dean Dunaway, and she's always very active in our team meetings and she's a very strong leader in the sustainability community.

Senator Cole: I have a Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee meeting not next Tuesday, but the Tuesday after at 3 p.m. and Dr. Evan Witters will be coming. So, if anybody has anything to talk about to Dr. Evan Witters, please do. This meeting is pertaining to academic integrity but I can bring up whatever so let me know thank you very much.

XII. Executive Reports

Laynie Miller, Communications Coordinator: So today I just want to briefly go over some things that I feel like I haven't had the opportunity to really talk to you about. It's very important that SGA is unified with our brand and our image, so I want to talk to you guys about that today. So I'm going to go over the communications process again and then I'm going to show you guys how to speak and act in a way that supports our brand and mission. And we're also going to talk about getting comfortable on camera and in interviews, because Alex and Peter are going to be our SGA spotlights for this week, so give them a hand.

All comms requests have to go through me. This includes interviews and presentations that you'll be giving out to different departments on campus. If someone asks and approaches you for an interview, you have to get that approved by me before you can participate in the

interview. Any media released by SGA or by an SGA member, especially if it has our logo on it, has to meet branding standards. That is just the rule, that is the way things work.

You guys don't post directly on behalf of SGA. The whole idea here is that you bring the ideas and the experience, and then the comms department helps you process that and express it in a way that fits the brand and the university standards. So if you ever have an idea for a post, a video, anything like that, please just come to me and we will work out a way to get it approved and make sure that it exists the way you want it. But this is why the comms request form exists. So if for any reason you're like, even if you think I think this TikTok idea would be cool, please send it to me because we can totally get that happening. But every time you guys appear in content or you speak to someone on behalf of SGA, you're reinforcing the idea that we are inclusive, we're accessible, we're student-centered, we're professional, and we're solution-oriented.

Mimi Ferguson, Community Engagement Coordinator: On the 18th, like Sydney was talking about, we'll have the Guardian Angels training, so Sydney's been working really hard with lots of different departments here at the university to plan the Guardian Angels program. And if you want to help her out with that and help the general student body, then you have to participate in that training, like she said. Also, that same week, but towards the end of it, we haven't nailed down an official day for this yet, but just pay attention in the coming weeks, we're going to coordinate with Appalachian Advocacy Network, at least plan service events for them. And I know lots of different people in SGA are also in that organization, so we're going to be coordinating with them to put together some care packages for our unhoused friends as the nights start to get colder. And then we're going to give those care packages to Mutual Aid, and they'll disperse them as they see fit. So, again, we don't have an exact date nailed down for that, but it should be a pretty good experience if you want to help out with that. And then if you do not have your service hours, and that's because the times are not working out for when we hold these events, we completely understand. We also understand that it's kind of hard right now, so if you've been unable to participate in our drives, we get that. So instead of doing a drive as our kind of background, like, hands-off event this month, instead, if you participate and volunteer for any food pantry or service program or food bank or the Rack this month, it doesn't matter if it's in Morgantown. It could be in your hometown whenever you're on Thanksgiving break. If you volunteer for any organization like that, we're going to give you SGA service hours for it just because of everything that's going on federally and how many people are struggling. And then also, SEL is doing Toy Mountain right now. I'm sure Morgan and Thanh are going to talk about that a little bit more during their advisor reports. As you can see up there, we have our toys that we've started putting together. So we have donation bins in the downtown library, the Source, the

Evansdale library, the REC Center, and Health Sciences. So if you donate toys for that, you can receive 30 minutes of service per toy you donate. That's all I have.

Katelyn Merlin, University Relations Coordinator: So kind of on the same topic, the majority of you do not have your tabling hours at all. I think there's maybe 11 of you, and I know more people have actually tabled, but you didn't fill out your table logs. You're not getting those hours, so thank you so much for your service, but please look at the excel sheet so you know if you have your hours or not. The 191 classes, if you sign up to help with that, we'll give you tabling hours for those, so make sure you sign up for that. And then make sure you fill out that tabling hours log, and then I'll give you your hours for that. Also, Thomas has his third party platforms initiative going on right now, and he's still tabling tomorrow on Evansdale in Crossings on the fifth floor, which I think there's only two people signed up for, so there are opportunities. You guys just aren't doing them, and we could use a lot more people for that, so please sign up. I think that's it. Thank you.

Garrett Oursler, Intern Coordinator: Hello. I'm going to keep this short. I have to announce the wonderful and amazing interns of the month, but first, we are under a special weather statement, so just be careful getting home. Anyway, if I can get a drum roll. Okay, so we have three interns of the month, because I have only heard the best things about them, and they're all about the BOF interns, so Jayden Acrod, Liam McCarthy, and then Lauren Cook are all three interns of the month. I know none of them are here at this moment, but they're at BOF, and they're doing all the things in the background, so thank you for all the work, and that's all I got.

Michael Taylor, Federal Government Liaison: We're officially in the longest government shutdown in American history. Usually, they don't have that big of an impact on higher education, but we're going into uncharted territory. WVU has a lot of veteran students and a lot of students who are in the National Guard. There are some potential impacts to our way to pay for school. For example, usually by this time of the month, I get a text that says, hey, are you still in school? So we can send you your \$800. We did not get that text this month. WVU students are feeling the repercussions of the government shutdown. Also, it has an impact on research funding. Right now, what has been allocated, obviously, is still in use, but new grants for research, especially at an R1 institution, are kind of important for that. They're limited, if not non-existent. And then financial aid and federal loans for students who might be starting next semester instead of this semester. I know a lot of people, being from the military background, that go to basic training, where they would usually be a freshman first semester, and then they come to school their second semester, and they have some pretty serious impacts for that. So just

keep an eye out, and if you have any questions about how you might be affected by the government shutdown, reach out to me, and if I don't know the answer, I do know someone who does.

Ethan Enterline, Local Government Liaison: The city council had quite a long meeting yesterday. They approved the application of a TIF district for the East End Redevelopment Project, which was formerly referred to as the Richwood Project. I'm not going to explain TIF, because I don't even fully know what it means. But basically, they helped the city fund projects that wouldn't otherwise happen, and it also allows the city to earn funds from those projects that they can use for whatever down the line. And I just wanted to share some updates from what's going to be coming from that project. By 2027, construction is expected to be completed on two new apartment complexes that are going to likely be called Woodburn Heights and Woodburn Flats, which would be a combined total of 275 units. The style of living will likely be similar to state-on-campus, for those that know about that. I think it's also roughly the same amount of units as well over there expected, and it's going to give another option to students looking to live downtown and have a nicer, quality place to live in. Also by 2027, they plan to finish construction on a grocery store space, which will also be crucial to students, especially those who live downtown without a car. They also plan to finish a parking garage, which I believe – don't quote me on this – I believe is going to be connected to the grocery store itself. And I'm looking at ways I can collaborate with somebody on trying to allocate parking spaces over there for students. By 2028, they expect to finish construction on a number of office, retail, and restaurant spaces that will kind of be like the Suncrest Town Center if you shop over there. They have a video online of the rendering development and what it's probably going to look like. So if anybody's interested in seeing visually what it's going to end up looking like, you can just search for the East End Redevelopment Project, and it will probably be one of the first things that pop up. Also at the city level, we found – we got good news that a warming shelter is going to be planned and built around the West Front area. Ever since the campaign was enacted, the city has kind of been scrambling to find a solution to that, and they finally actually have a plan for that. So it should be ready by winter for those that need it. I emailed one of the city councilors who was interested in finding ways to inform high school students – or, yeah, high school students and college students about local government. I'm still waiting to hear back from her, but I did cc the access liaisons on that, and I'm hoping we'll be able to collaborate with her on ways we can make that happen. And then I'm also planning to meet with Collin, Logan, and Mimi soon regarding some steps that should be taken regarding a direct control initiative that was proposed to me about a month ago, and I'll be able to share some more information about that once we have that meeting. And then lastly, I'm still making progress towards the Safety Walk presentation that we'll be giving to the city council. Mimi has been awesome in trying to help me

find a time to get to the city's agenda for me and Bryan to present. It's likely going to be happening around early December, but it's not been finalized yet.

Thomas Giggenbach, Internal Senates Liaison: There was a Faculty Senate meeting on Monday. One of the things they wanted to push to the students was the Mountain State Cyber Summit. There's going to be, like, government, academia, NSA. They're spotlighting university students and scholars. It's going to be at the Morgantown Marriott, either the 11th or the 14th. But students get in free. The other thing is that there was a student mental health update from Carrie Showalter. It was pretty bleak. Things are not looking great, especially this semester. It's been really bad, so please take care of yourself. And also, underneath that, Carruth has something called Healthy Minds University, which is a psychiatric unit. If anybody needs, like, any more, you know, pressing matters than what Carruth deals with, that's where you should go. And then, regarding the third-party platform tabling, tomorrow we had open slots from 11 to 12 and 1 to 2. It's a lot easier, also, if you have a partner. So we had one person from the 10 to 11 slot and one person from the 12 to 1. If you can table, I'd really appreciate it. I really understand it is hard to table. It's a busy time. I wanted to thank, though, Tatum and Koh for tabling today, and then the graphics officer, Abby, who made a great flyer. All right, that was it. Thank you, guys.

Logan Pierce, External Chief of Staff: I'm going to be really quick, so I'm just going to do executive for the month and then a quick update on the survey. We're actually at 700 survey responses, so we're almost going to hit 1,000. I know that seemed like really out of the range for us to do, but we are at 700, so we need 300 more, and then we're going to use that data to go forward and do great things. So the executive of the month, we're going to do one last drumroll, so please give me a drumroll for the executive of the month. The executive of the month is Will Andrews. We wanted to give him a round of applause. He's doing great things, and he's also working with career development really closely. So thank you for your good work. We appreciate you. That's all I have. Thank you.

Shelby Davis, Internal Chief of Staff: Now time to name the committee of the month. Congratulations to Sustainability for being committee of the month. Thank you for your two pieces of legislation that you're working on. I'm really excited. They've had several meetings with administrators this month, three amazing speaking events, and a very successful volunteer event, so keep up the good work.

XIII. Old Business

No Old Business.

XIV. New Business

A. New Student Organization Approval

1. GlamourGals – West Virginia University Chapter

Celine: My name is Celine, and I'm the president of Glamour Girls West Virginia chapter. I'm here to introduce to everyone a new club and a new initiative. The idea of starting this club is basically I really want to help the community out and I like painting nails. It was founded by Rachel Dole in the 2000s in hopes to combat senior loneliness through providing beauty services such as makeovers, like makeup, and also manicures. And so this is to address senior isolation while meeting empathetic teen leaders through intergenerational services and also to provide conversations and makeovers in hopes to really lessen the gap between generations of people. My officers and I really plan to make this commitment. So we plan to meet one to two times a month to visit a senior home that's really close to school. I'm looking into one near Evansdale so people can take the PRT there, and hopefully we'll get to build relationships with the seniors in our community through manicures and also makeovers. We'll most do like maybe a little bit of lip products or like if they want to, but usually we will provide nail polish and then the volunteers would provide them with a manicure if they wish to. So we'll also host special activities such as making friendship bracelets or like Valentine's Day card makings. Volunteers have to be part of the club to volunteer and help out, so if you guys are interested please join this club. Thank you.

2. The Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

Jarret: All right, good afternoon everyone, my name is Jared, and I'm the president and founder of the WVU chapter of the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, or SACE for short. So our mission is to strengthen the existing Asian American and Pacific Islander community across WVU by connecting Asian STEM majors across campus, forming a professional network that will hopefully prepare them for future success in their careers. An overview of what SACE is, it's one of those national professional organizations committed to supporting underrepresented minorities.

So many of you have heard of or probably are in the Society of Women Engineers or the National Society of Black Engineers, SACE is the equivalent of that but for Asians. However, we are open to all backgrounds and majors, for example, our social media manager is a psychology major, but she's done great work for us so far. And then what we were founded on our three pillars, professional development, which is just sharpening your career skills, celebrating cultural diversity, and just giving members a chance to give back to their local communities. And just as a reference, if you see this national chapter map of all our chapters, you'll notice that West Virginia is grayed out, that's because there is no current SACE chapter in the state, so we are literally making history and putting West Virginia on the map by being the first SACE chapter in the state. And then just recently we've had two meetings. Our first meeting was just to gauge general interest and outreach and recruit some officers. Last week, we had our Halloween shadowbox workshop. We were able to draw up some cool designs, laser cut them, and then print them out, and then for our attendees, they just used some wood stain and some glue to assemble some pretty cool shadowbox designs. And it's kind of what I want to try and get SACE for, as you may know, there are plenty of Asian organizations across campus who take all majors, but a lot of them are based downtown and there are a lot of engineering and computer science Asian majors who are on Evansdale that just unfortunately don't have the time to go to those kinds of meetings. And that's no one's fault, it's college, we're all busy, but with SACE, I want to try and get it so that we're present on both downtown and Evansdale. It's very ambitious, but to try and at least get that started, I think it would be very beneficial for as many STEM majors as possible. So our future plans, not much time left in the semester, but we hope to hold some kind of holiday bake sale. We're also going to collaborate with other engineering organizations for some kind of Christmas party. And in the spring, we're going to get a little more ambitious, we're going to our regional conference at UCF in January. We're also going to try to host some guest speakers in engineering or science, try to host other fun workshops that are STEM-based, just some more laid back, chill, social gatherings, and just try to do some more collaborations with other organizations as well. Our goal is to try and get this network spread as wide and far as possible before all the seniors graduate, and that is all I have.

Senator Cole moved to the previous question by voice, seconded by College Senator Mugnano. All ayes. The organizations were passed unanimously.

B. Historian Vacancy Appointment, Shelby Davis

Shelby Davis: So Jake was our historian, but he's going up for our at-large senator vacancy, which will be right after this. So this is going to leave the position open. Jake's done a great job this semester, getting a lot of the work done. So there isn't a lot of work left for the position. Realistically, it's something I have to complete in a few hours. So rather than onboarding a new person and taking time for those reports, those one-on-ones, and somebody to check in on them regularly, it would just make sense for me to absorb these rules. So I would still remain as the internal chief of staff. I would just also have this extra task. And there has been a precedent for an executive field two positions. Like two years ago, the attorney general was also the election sheriff for the spring semester. And so I plan to set up a system to preserve legislation and make it easily accessible, work with our alumni liaison to timeline some notable events, and do some other analysis on our past legislation with the website officer. And then it just makes more sense for me to fill the position and have somebody else. I already have access to the past legislation, which is a little cumbersome to get. The historian position was my idea, and I know what he's done for it. And I already know our alumni liaison and website officer. And then to have somebody else for the position would be a really inefficient use of time and create a lot more work with other people to support them. So yeah, thanks.

C. Assembly Vacancy Appointment, Jake Rogers

Jake Rogers: Hey guys, I was initially trying to be a senator in the campaign last year and that was an ambition of mine that I was extremely interested in, but now in my senior year majoring in poli-sci and history, I'm already looking at initiatives that I'd like to get done with you guys. Obviously, you're all extremely inspiring and a lot of the work that you guys have already done is too. It's evident to see as an executive, it's great. And in this session, the 105th session, I don't know if you guys knew that, I'm ready to start working on a couple new initiatives including the campus directories that I had previously displayed during our campaign in the at-large senate seat. I'd really like to help everybody with legislation, but specifically spend time focusing on student well-being and their experiences and joining all three campuses through those Eberly Lawn Parties. I thought those were a great initiative that we had started. I think that brings everybody together a lot and I think that's something that we need. We need to make connections as heavily as we can. So I also want to use SGA to consult for outreach, figuring out how we can more effectively reach all of the student body at an even level and figure out how to emphasize some of those things that we as students pay for already, like the dining plans and some of those traffic situations. Parking is an issue and we all deal with it, unless you don't have a car, but if you do have a car, that is an extremely big issue that you deal

with every day. And I've had a great time in the executive branch, but I think it's time that I take into a new step of that student government responsibility. So I appreciate your time and I hope that you guys find me in your assembly. So thank you.

College Senator Mehring motioned to vote by ballot, seconded by President Pro Tempore Robinson. Both candidates passed.

D. FB-2025-15, Treasure Leyden

Julia Leyden, Treasurer: Hi everyone, we have a financial bill tonight. It has nine grants for eight student organizations. Legendary bill. We're funding some awesome stuff. We're funding travel for the WVU Squash Club. And then we are funding an event for Women in Politics and Government, some travel, and some merchandise, so it should be really good. I highly recommend voting yes.

Senator Cole moved to the previous question and motioned to vote by voice, seconded by Senator Silva.

All ayes. The bill was unanimously passed.

XV. Open Student Forum II

President Street: So first off, there were 17 of you that liked the group me message I sent out about presenting to the 191s. Shout out Dominic for having the idea to democratize it out. Please come and talk to me in the back corner at the end of the meeting and I'll run you through some best practices for the 191s. Second thing, there's this organization called Campus Victory Projects that reached out to some candidates at SGA last year. They're essentially like an SGA super pack is how I would describe them. I just want to remind everyone that in the SGA bylaws you cannot work with external organizations for elections. They normally try to fund SGA campaigns. If you have been contacted by them, because they reached out to Ro and I as well again, please let Carter or myself know just so we know that no election code stuff is going to be broken. They start early, so just make sure if you get reached out by Campus Victory Project that you are not working with them. Third point, have any of you seen the white little spaceship thing in Woodburn Circle? So that was actually the original PRT model. So Me, Gabe, Matt, Koh, Noi, and Lake for a time were on a robotics team and we actually fixed up that model in high school. The transportation department here at WU gave it to our team. We fixed it up because it was not good. It did not look like that. And it was originally built to be a car as well. So you drive on the

road and then drive up into the PRT track. So yeah, I just thought I'd give you some background to the white little spaceship in Woodburn Circle. We've worked on it since like freshman year of high school. So it's cool to see you there. That's all I have though. Thank you.

Senator Cole: Tomorrow outside where these big tents are there's going to be a cool little PRT themed event that the bookstore is putting on. And grab some PRT merch and if you want to look at the PRT merch go on the WU gear website and you'll see my beautiful face smiling with a sweatshirt on. Thank you.

President Pro Tempore Robinson: Okay, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated is having two more events this week. Thank you to the people that have come to our first two, well our first three. They were really fun. I'm glad you guys came. Tomorrow we're doing pretty profitable. It's the power of thrifting. You can bring old clothes, old t-shirts and we will teach you how to make them look really cute and how to resell your clothes. We'll talk a little bit about upcycling and things like that. And then on Friday we are making cards for the Ruby Children's Hospital. They're going to be holiday themed. So if you guys want to come out to that let me know. Thank you.

Senator O'Neal: I just want to congratulate my committee. One for like being committee of the month. And also like we also got the member of the month this and last month. So congratulations to Briar and Paige for that. They do awesome work. I love my committee so I'll just congratulate you guys.

XVI. Advisors' Reports

Dr. Thanh Le: All right, really quickly, just a couple of things. Of course you heard, you mentioned, Toy Mountain has begun. So please feel free to bring in toys to us and we'll get it logged and add it to the mountain. I promise you by the end of the month it's gonna look totally different. We work really hard to make sure this mountain gets built out. So if you have it in your heart and you want to be generous, please feel free to donate. Also, there's lots going on with the federal shutdown and so with that our hearts are being tugged on and we're opening and we're providing support for our faculty and staff members through the Rack program. We have assured everybody that the students will not be impacted and so all students that are feeling the impact as well, please come by and let us know how we can support through that. We actually just received additional funding from the governor's office to continue to ramp up our operations in November as well and so we received a grant of \$5,500 to ensure that students won't be affected further in

November. So that's gonna help us really support the students and the faculty and staff members that are going to be using the Rack temporarily in November and so we also, if students are interested and any of you all are welcome to do so, we are offering our Racksgiving program, which used to be our box it up for the Thanksgiving program and so essentially we're giving out enough for a Thanksgiving meal of four and so it's great for Friendsgiving or anything like that nature. Please feel free to sign up. Those sign-ups are on the Rack Engage page and so if you're interested in picking up a Thanksgiving box for you and maybe some friends or maybe you and your family or whatever you want it for, please feel free to sign up for those in advance and so we'll be issuing those right before Thanksgiving. So because of that, if you also find it in your heart and want to be generous and want to help donate to help provide food for those boxes, please continue to donate to the Rack in all the different ways that we have and so please spread the awareness. I know it's going to be a hard couple weeks and going into the holiday season, especially with all the shortages of potential like food services or food opportunities, you know, we're here to support and if there's anything that you hear of, let us know. We want to try to support the best we can. We have different resources and different pots of money that we can utilize for students as needed and so if there's some dire need, just let us know. We want to be able to support as best we can, but other than that, that's it. Thanks.

XVII. Snaps

Vice President Jones: We are now in snaps I'm going to get the first snaps and I would like to give snaps to Denzel and Kaelen for hosting a pretty awesome Halloween party so snaps to you guys.

College Senator Everly: I want to give snaps to Julia because we had a pretty chaotic BoF meeting yesterday. We did not meet quorum and we didn't know that we weren't going to meet quorum so she just really handled that well.

Senator Silva: I want to give snaps to Colin. He really tried to take care of me and did take care of me amazingly when I was sick. I feel really bad that he's sick now. So snaps to him.

Senator Champ: I want to give snaps to anybody who is like going out of their way to organize events for people right now. I feel like it shows a lot about your character and I just think that that's really good to put out there from SGA.

College Senator Erwin: Snaps to Ethan for driving Brooklyn and I home on Saturday.

Mimi Ferguson, Community Engagement Coordinator: I wanted to give snaps to my entire department. If there was a department of the month I think that we would get it for October. Also snaps to Will for getting executive of the month.

Julia Leyden, Treasurer: So I just wanted to give snaps to kind of an echo what Grace said to all the BoF members. Especially those who came last night.

It was like our biggest meeting we've had this semester, and you guys really came through and helped out with the interns and everything. So I really appreciate you from the bottom of my heart because you guys do a volunteer position, most of you, and you go above and beyond every single week. So I just want to say thank you sincerely

XVIII. Adjournment

President Pro Tempore Robinson motioned to adjourn, seconded by College Senator Mehring. Ayes have it, the meeting was adjourned.