West Virginia University

Student Government Association

January 13th, 2016

E Moore Hall, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 7:33
2. Roll Call
3. - Vice Chair Merow – p
4. - Governor Dirkman – p
5. -Governor Fitzwater – p
6. -Governor Humphrey –p
7. -Governor Kaska –p
8. -Governor Kiess –p
9. -Governor McIntyre –p
10. -Governor Moneyhun –p
11. -Governor Richardson –a
12. -Governor Riggins –a
13. -Governor Sabatino -p
14. -Governor Seabolt –p
15. -Governor Thompson –p
16. -Governor Waris –p
17. -Governor Watson –a
18. -Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a
19. -Athletic Councilor Taylor – p
20. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
* VP Morgan reads SGA Mission Statement
1. Open Student Forum I

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1. The President’s Weekly Address
* Thank you VP Morgan, it’s good to see you all again. I hope you all had a great holiday. To begin I want to begin with committee meetings; communication team, every Monday from 6-7 PM, pertaining from ads to social media, talk to Liz Barnhart. BOF will meet on Thursday next 2 weeks at 8 PM in Blackwater Room. After that they will be on Mondays as well at 9 PM. SALA will meet this Tuesday at 5 PM in the SGA Office, we’ll be talking about the upcoming legislation. Our advisor/councilor meeting is TBA. This weekend with UpAllNight, “Big Baller” on Friday, “Charm Laser Tag” at 9 PM in Ballrooms. With Student Programming, any ideas you have for events on campus, that will be in the SGA office starting soon in that box. Campus Leadership Class signups, a lot of our people took this – it’s looking for sign-ups before Friday. Director Quigley is opening Intern Applications for the new semester, I’m not sure how long that will be open for. Invite your friends! Director Hagebeock wants all members of SGA to submit tips/duties for their position for the SGA handbook. Elections are coming up very quickly, the last day to announce is Jan 31st, talk to Director Harrison for more info. Related to that, this spring semester is exciting, we have 30,000 people out there who elected and to work for them and that we stay conscious and help them out where can. Every single day make sure you’re not lame, or a duck – and Go First, because that’s what Mountaineers do! Let’s go Mountaineers!
1. Governor’s Reports

- Merow: Mountie Bounty is not being accepted at SandwichU, but is now opening at various bookstores around campus (BookHolders, BookExchange)

- Fitzwater: Next week, WVU will be hosting on campus interviews for LGBTQ coordinators, we have a couple events where people can come to listen. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 12-1 (free lunch, discussion in Hatfields B), 1:30-2:30 (more discussion

- Humphrey: Over break, I was reassessing my objectives that I began with at the start of my term. I’ve penned an AppEd about why Access Codes cost students dearly, I’ll be sending that out to the DA soon with my opinions.

- Kaska: Next Tuesday at 7 PM in SGA Office is a share a swipe committee meeting

- Kiess: We’ve been working with ResEd about policy changes within Residence Halls. We’ve submitted questions for a survey that will be send out to the students soon. We’ve gotten overwhelming support, but we need quantifiable numbers. I’ll also be a panelist in the All-Hall Meetings on Jan 26th, this is a great thing that RHA is doing, and I’m excited to be a part! Last meeting, we had something from parking that we can’t release quite yet, but next week we should be able to. Last semester, I worked on something called Project Nanny, we were making kits for students who had loved ones in ICU. We were able to buy enough contents for 50 kits, which was very nice. Thank you to everyone who has helped out with this project in any way.

- McIntyre: Before break, I mentioned an entity called RentCollegePads, and I tend to usually have a bad feelings about things like that. I would never support something to the student body at 100%, and I found some things that we less than satisfactory, so we nixed that relationship with that entity. On a brighter note, Student Renters Alliance is now a recognized student org, so we’re very happy about that. It was a good semester, so that’s all.

- Seabolt: Just a quick update on things I worked on last semester. On every light pole, everything has a little tag so if you see a blown lightbulb, please report it. LiveSafe is a new app that the University has purchased which tracks people getting home.

- Waris: Fist of all, I’d like to apologize for my lack of presence last semester – it was my most challenging academically. Our next goal is to find ambassadors at HS to go to Middle Schools to combat childhood gov’t. I met with people from Potomac St, and they have severe issues with mental health. If you’d like to get involved, please see me after the meeting.

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1. Athletic Councilor Reports
* Taylor: Some good news is that we and the Maniacs are renting out a club suite for 3 women’s basketball games, the first game is Kansas St Feb 6 @ 1, Feb 17th & 24th at 7 PM. It will be fully catered, so please attend!
1. Executive Reports
* Workman: As President Capel mentioned the next SALA meeting will be Next Wednesday at 5 in the SGA office. We’re preparing for WVU Day at the legislature, trying to get a bus, if we don’t get enough we’ll be carpooling. We’ll be discussing textbook affordability, we’re going to start developing packets, who to talk to, and what we’re going to do. If you could attend the next SALA meeting, that’d be great.
* Sutherland: I’m just going to be talking briefly about MLK Day of Service. We have 3 different locations (Charleston, Fairmont, and Morgantown), signups are on iServe. At 7 AM, students are expected to meet at Gluck Theatre. From 8-9 will be the breakfast. Morgantown, Charleston, and Fairmont will be leaving at various times. For February, we’re working on Random Act of Kindness Week, where we can find activities for students to partake in for that week. A few days ago, one of my favorite music artists David Bowie’s died, “I’ve always had a repulsive need to be something more than human, I felt stupid to just be a human, I wanted to be more, so add water.”
* McIntyre: Hi, welcome back to another great semester. SOPAC Feb 16th at 7 PM, Student org fair will be this Friday at Coliseum before wrestling/cheerleading tournament. We feel like there are many resources out there for student orgs, and we’d like to share them with ALL student orgs on campus. Lastly, if you have any issues with student orgs, please see me after the meeting.
* Barnhart: Hi, Happy New year. To go off what George said, we’re going to have weekly Comm meetings, so we can stay up to date as much as possible. Along with that, we’re going to start doing weekly or bi-weekly press releases just to let the students know what we’re up to within SGA. I’ve created a Google Drive that you will submit everything you do into so we can keep track of you more effectively. I’m going to send Valentine’s Day cards to all Big XII schools, so thank you!
* Heeter: Hi, first off I just sent an email about Executive Reports, they are due Jan 31st. We’re trying to create a new planning committee starting next year.
* Morgan: Going off Director Sutherland said about MLK Day. I worked a lot about Big XII Day of Service last semester, there will be 12 big events of community service that the University will be sending out shortly. Every month we’ll be doing fun things. In August, we’ll be encouraging freshman and other returning students get out in the community and give back. We’re trying to encourage other Big XII schools to join us.
1. Unfinished Business
2. New Business
* VP Morgan: There are some election issues, so I’d like to suspend the rules.
* Waris: I move to suspend the rules, 2nd by Kaska.
* Harrison: I had a meeting today with the County Clerk, and the first thing we have to discuss is the amount of machines, but this year due to budget concerns, we can only have precincts at the Lair and the Rec. With the voting, it’ll be a big cart, and there will be poll workers there.
* Kaska: Move to recall roll
* Morgan: Wait until Emma is done
* Harrison: The voting right now is supposed to be March 1-3, but I’m proposing an emergency day. For Budget and Time concern, we only can do voting March 1-3. Next, there is no straight ticket voting, and packets are now due Feb 10th at noon. They will be available to all candidates on Jan. 28th.
* Morgan: We need to discuss voting machines, only having 2 locations (12 at Lair, 4 at Rec) and voting days on Tuesday, Thursday, with an emergency day on Wednesday.
* Harrison: We only have $20,000, so more machines is not an option
* Morgan: Motion to move into discussion, 2nd Thompson
* Kiess: Last year, we were supposed to vote 3 days, but due to a snow storm we couldn’t. Why?
* Humphrey: What statistics do you have from last year’s election?
* Moneyhun: I was very uneducated my freshman year, but I think by eliminating polling locations, we’re going to lose lots of votes. So why have they done this in years past?
* Thompson: There will be 12 at Lair? Do they have to stay Together?
* Yes
* Thompson: So there’s some ratio of poll workers, my biggest concern is that most people on Evansdale campus don’t vote, and by eliminating voting locations aggravates me.
* Humphrey: First, how much was the budget for the election last year in comparison to this year?
* 22,000
* Humphrey: We’re getting rid of the multiple locations because of the new system?
* Kaska: This new system only allows 2 systems? And it’s thru the county?
* Yes
* Kiess: Why can we not split up the machines?
* Harrison: She only wants the 2 locations, due to security, and so to have sole machines apart from each other is impossible. These machines come in pods of 3.
* Kiess: Why can’t we move anything to Engineering? We’re missing A LOT of people.
* Harrison: We can move the location from the Rec to Engineering?
* Waris: Can we take 1 pod from the Lair?
* Fitzwater: Are there other systems?
* Moneyhun: It seems like everything is discussing is pointless.
* Humphrey: I think we should stand up to the county in terms of these new terms?
* Kaska: How about Evansdale Crossing?
* Morgan: We do not have to choose locations tonight.
* Riggins: We can only have voting from March 1-3? (POINT NOT VALID BECAUSE HE IS NOT ON ROLL CALL)
* Humphrey: My concern is not 2 locations. But, we’re taking the amount of numbers down from 7 to 2 and also with reducing the amount of days to vote from 3 to 2.
* Brewster: This happened a few years ago, they don’t HAVE to work with you. This election could be held on scan Tron sheets, this “vendor” is Monongalia’s county clerk’s office. They didn’t even want to do this, but now they are willing to, but only on their terms.
* Thompson: Are there other options? Because it’s obvious none of us are fond of this program?
* Harrison: There is no time to test a new election.
* Kiess: I still don’t understand, why can’t we take 1 pod to another location? Who cares if there is a limit of 2 locations? Why can’t they do 3 locations?
* Harrison: All we have is the 4 carts, but we have to decide on locations.
* Humphrey: Deciding the quantity is the issue, but what if they can’t find the locations suitable?
* Thompson: There’s a question of moving it? Is moving it too difficult?
* Harrison: The size is the issue, but they are quite large.
* Brewster: These new systems have you vote, then take your ballot and put it in a new box, which is just cumbersome. For real elections, little old women run the polling stations, but these machines are HUGE and there aren’t many people who can move these machines. If Dr. Shafer is able to give up his staff members to help us for the day, then this is possible.
* Blair: A point is that there’s currently only 1 ticket, I know we need to have a valid vote, but it won’t need
* Kiess: The principle is that there needs to be suitable voting locations for a valid election.
* Seabolt: What do we need to vote on?
* Morgan: Location of the carts, you all should vote on this with proposals for Emma to take back to the county office.
* Seabolt: I think what we should do is to state our ideas for the county clerk’s office, and vote on them.
* Harrison: If there is a snow day, there will be NO voting on that day.
* Humphrey: What Seabolt is suggesting is that we change the elections code?
* Morgan: Not permanently, but just this election season.
* Kaska: I think 3 days is most beneficial, but how much will be spending for this 3rd day?
* Harrison: I do not know the numbers, because the company didn’t have the monetary numbers available.
* Kaska: I feel like we NEED the 3rd day.
* Waris: If we vote on this in the sense that we get 16 machines total, would our own locations be okay? If we were to vote on 2 days, with the 3rd day as an emergency day. We would save money, we would vote on this with the stipulation that we would want to know other possible locations from Emma.
* Kiess: If we get a snow day on any of the normal voting days, would we be wasting our money?
* Humphrey: If we’re concerned about cost in this debate, then the trusted method, there might not be a bad idea in paper ballots (like homecoming).
* Harrison: Ultimately, we’d have to talk to Dean Farris.
* Blair: We can’t go back to paper ballots, it violates our elections code.
* Waris: I move to close discussion, object: Humphrey;
* Humphrey: Why is it not allowed to have paper ballots if homecoming is by paper ballots?
* Blair: So paper ballots is a legit possibility.
* Brewster: Emma, is there a time or date, (Feb 1st) where no one else has announced… Can you go to them and say, we’d like to use paper ballots instead? Fiscally responsible people would argue that having these polling locations is a major waste of money.
* Harrison: We have to report names at the same time packets are due.
* Kaska: Is there a way we can push announcing up a day or two?
* Morgan: That would create an unfair situation for students who aren’t here.

RECALL ROLL

- Vice Chair Merow – p

- Governor Dirkman – p

-Governor Fitzwater – p

-Governor Humphrey –p

-Governor Kaska –p

-Governor Kiess –p

-Governor McIntyre –p

-Governor Moneyhun –p

-Governor Richardson –a

-Governor Riggins –p

-Governor Sabatino -p

-Governor Seabolt –p

-Governor Thompson –p

-Governor Waris –p

-Governor Watson –a

-Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a

-Athletic Councilor Taylor – p

\*(P stands for “Present”, A stands for “Absent”)

Waris: I motion to move into ending discussion, 2nd Riggins

MOTIONS:

* Fitzwater: I motion to move into voting procedures for 16 ballot boxes.
* Seabolt: I motion to move into voting for 16 booths to 2 or more locations instead of 2?
* Humphrey: I’d like to offer a competing motion to have the election based on paper ballots at 7 locations, 5 roving, and 2 permanent in election code?
* Fitzwater: Rescinds my motion
* Harrison: Paper ballots would have to be approved by office of student engagement and Dean Farris.
* Moneyhun: Point of Inquiry: Where would the $20,000 go to that we’d be saving?
* Harrison: It’s just in general budget.
* Morgan: Give me a moment to figure out which on is most destructive.

VOTING

* Humphrey’s Motion (Paper Ballots)
* - Vice Chair Merow – p abstain
* - Governor Dirkman – p y
* -Governor Fitzwater – p y
* -Governor Humphrey –p y
* -Governor Kaska –p y
* -Governor Kiess –p n with rights
* -Governor McIntyre –p abstain
* -Governor Moneyhun –p y
* -Governor Richardson –a
* -Governor Riggins –p n
* -Governor Sabatino –p y
* -Governor Seabolt –p a
* -Governor Thompson –p y
* -Governor Waris –p y
* Waris: Point of Inquiry: That goes into General Budget, from Student Life?
* Humphrey: It will still be saved money!

MOTIONS

* Riggins: 2 voting days, with the 3rd as emergency day
* Kaska: 3 voting days, just to be safe in case of emergency day.

VOTING

* Riggins 2 day voting with 3rd day as an emergency
* - Vice Chair Merow – p a
* - Governor Dirkman – p y
* -Governor Fitzwater – p n
* -Governor Humphrey –p n
* -Governor Kaska –p n
* -Governor Kiess –p n
* -Governor McIntyre –p a
* -Governor Moneyhun –p n
* -Governor Richardson –a
* -Governor Riggins –p y
* -Governor Sabatino –p n
* -Governor Seabolt –p a
* -Governor Thompson –p n
* -Governor Waris –p y
* 3 days of voting, if there is a snow day we cancel 1 day
* - Vice Chair Merow – p a
* - Governor Dirkman – p y
* -Governor Fitzwater – p y
* -Governor Humphrey –p y
* -Governor Kaska –p y
* -Governor Kiess –p y
* -Governor McIntyre –p a
* -Governor Moneyhun –p y
* -Governor Richardson –a
* -Governor Riggins –p n
* -Governor Sabatino –p y
* -Governor Seabolt –p a
* -Governor Thompson –p y
* -Governor Waris –p y

MOTION PASSES

1. Open Student Forum II
* Riggins: I’d like to say we’d like to should be more opt to move away from the norms, I said we should be able to improvise for certain circumstances.
* Moneyhun: Does it say that in the elections code?
* \*Riggins: Leaves floor.\*
* Morris: Hello, President of Young Dems, so we’ll be busy this semester – next week we have meetings at 7 in Hatfields B, tomorrow’s is in Blackwater Room. Next Wednesday from 3:30-5 it’s for Rights of WV.
* Hageboeck: Hi, executives please submit your entries into the handbook.
* Seabolt: The Powerball drawing is at 10:59 PM tonight.
* Riseburg: Hello, in the art world – we have a concert on Jan 22nd $10 tickets. For sports, we kicked a\*\* last night, and we’re very excited for a watch party on Saturday at the MET Theatre.
* Kiess: I made a mistake this evening, I thought SGA had control of that $20,000 budget – so I apologize and am in support of the paper ballots.
* Blair: I think we should have a more info whenever we go and get information to present to the body, we need to hold each other accountable, and we need to be more professional. We have to understand what we’re voting on, stop being opinionated.
* Merow: Is there a fallback plan if paper ballots doesn’t work?
* Morgan: We will figure it out.
* Kaska: As a board, we must stay connected and understand.
* Brewster: Is there enough workers to hold this paper ballot election?
* Humphrey: Can we use the $15,000 budget to hire people?
* Harrison: Student CAN NOT run the polls.
* Thompson: Can we hire people from the clerk’s office?
1. Advisor’s Reports
* Brewster: I’ve talked to a couple people I’ve talked to, but next Tuesday night the LGBT community is holding an Athlete’s Alliance meeting to try to get their support for LGBTQ people. It’s led by a former Maryland wrestler, must people will be joining this, it’s over in White Hall at 5 PM and Greek Housing was one of my biggest advocates when I came out in 2011. It’s very important to have allies on campus when you’re completely outnumbered.
* Klandorf: My interest in SGA originated a long time ago, and for me I’m worried that only 1 party is running. Maybe we need to look at ways of encouraging people to run, with a University of this size – we should have more than one party.
1. Announcements
* VP Morgan reads announcements.
* Thompson:
1. Adjournment
* Seabolt: I move to adjourn this meeting at 9:06 PM. 2nd Riggins.

Announcements

Applications for the Mountaineer Leadership Program are available in the SGA office! Please contact Haley Quigley at haquigley@mix.wvu.edu or Destiny Harrison dnharrison@mix.wvu.edu for details.