

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
January 25th, 2023
2022-2023 Hernandez-Uqaily Administration**

I. Call to Order

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

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- Excused

Senator Conner- Present

College Senator Donner- Present

College Senator Dozier- Present

College Senator Dysart- Present

College Senator Escue- Present

College Senator Griffith- Present

College Senator Guschel- Present

Senator Hodges- Absent

College Senator Hudson- Present

College Senator Irfan- Present

Senator Jones- Present

College Senator Madden- Present
College Senator Marquart- Excused
College Senator McMillen- Present
College Senator Milam- Present
Senator Miller- Present
College Senator Mitchell- Present
College Senator Moore- Present
College Senator Neiswonger- Present
College Senator Oursler- Present
College Senator Patel- Present
College Senator Phillips- Present
Senator Price- Present
College Senator Risk- Present
Senator SantMyer- Present
College Senator Schwartzmiller- Excused
College Senator Tabidze- Present
Senator Uqaily- Present
Senator Volk- Present
Senator Whalen- Present
College Senator Wooten- Present
College Senator Zoglio- Excused

Vice President Uqaily: Just a quick procedure. If you are over Zoom, for voice vote please just unmute and vote. For rising, just use the raise hand feature. If you would like to be recognized at any point, please just raise your hand. There are quite a few people over Zoom today. If there is anything you need, use the chat function.

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

- Senator Conner moved to amend the agenda to move FB-2023-02 from Old Business item C to New Business item C via unanimous consent.
- The motion to amend the agenda to move FB-2023-02 from Old Business item C to New Business item C was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- There were no objections, and the agenda was amended.

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by College Senator Oursler.

The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Senator Price.

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 Dozier.

There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

VI. Open Student Forum I

Vice President Uqaily: For those of you who are new, Open Student Forum I is just an opportunity to come and voice your concerns at this podium over here. If you would like to be recognized please raise your hand.

Tess Barnhart: Tess is the president of the Asian Association here at WVU. They presented to SGA in August or early September to get accepted, so they are a new organization and were invited here today to update SGA on the club and what they have been doing. Tess is here with her vice president Mailyln.

Mailyln Sadler: Mailyln is the vice president of the Asian Association. This past Sunday was the Chinese New Year and there was a really awful act that happened in California that has heavily affected the Asian-American community. It is sad, it is tragic, and regardless of how the crime is labeled, it still hurts the community. Tess and Mailyln thought it would be inappropriate to come here and talk without first acknowledging the things that they want to help the most. If you would not mind, they would like to take a quick moment of silence for those people in California.

Tess Barnhart: Back in August or September, Tess and Mailyln came to present to SGA, and at the time they said around 20-30 people were signed up on the interest form. Tess is happy to say that on the interest form they have over 85 people signed up for the Asian Association. Per meeting, they consistently have been getting 30-40 people coming and are hoping to get more members this semester and in the years on.

Notable events they had in the fall semester that they would like to bring attention to in case you haven't heard of them. They had a fun little workshop where they made Bibimbap, which is a Korean dish. They also had a private meeting with the author Charles Yu of *Interior Chinatown*. That was a campus

read event, but the Asian Association members were offered a chance to meet with him more one-on-one. For Diversity Week, from DDEI, they had a discussion panel called “Supporting Asian Americans in Appalachia.” It was really good and Tess is proud to say that it was the most attended panel event for the whole week. She is very proud about that. If you missed it, it was a really good panel of fellow students talking about how they were affected growing up in West Virginia, growing up Asian American. It is on their instagram page @WVUAsianAssociation with direct quotes. She wouldn’t say they are super lengthy, but she thinks they are very important to read to understand how they feel.

Some of the events they have planned for this semester. They have an upcoming viewing for a performing arts educator Phil Chan, who did a documentary called *Final Bow for Yellowface*. It talks about eliminating racism in the performing arts. This is a private viewing session they are offering to their members. They also planned another discussion panel with their members, along with professors, in hopes of getting an intergenerational mix to touch on topics like mental health, etc. for the Asian American community. Tess would like to invite you guys all to the discussion panel that they do in March. She does not have all the dates and times, but as soon as she gets them she can get them to you. Events like these are very important, and Tess wished she knew to invite you guys to the one last semester, as it was really good and she wished more people were attending it. For this event, she is hoping to invite as many people, professors, staff, everyone to it to get those voices out there. Lastly, in terms of Instagram again, they are really active on there in posting everything they do. It’s WVUAsianAssociation if you ever want to keep in contact with them, see what they are doing, or collaborate, as they are always open to collaborating. They have an event planned with the Horticulture Club and are cool with collaborating with anyone.

Mailyn Sadler: Two other things lined up on the agenda. Don’t know if anyone remembers Sierra Club last year who did an Earth Day festival, but the Asian Association is looking to do the same thing, but instead of the Earth, they are highlighting the people on it. That is in the works, with a lot of things going on there as festivals are hard to plan. The other aspect is, as it was Chinese New Year, they will be celebrating a Chinese New Year event downstairs in the Games Area with catering, food, and goodies tomorrow night. You guys are all invited.

Tess Barnhart: Tess and Mailyn had oranges for everybody because they are lucky for the turn of the year but they weren’t delivered in time.

Vice President Uqaily: SGA will be here for like another hour.

Mailyn Sadler: Yeah, will just quietly hand them out.

Vice President Uqaily: There is a second Open Student Forum if you would like to take advantage of that.

Tess Barnhart: Final thought. Tess is very proud of all her Asian students here at WVU and she is so excited for what else the organization can do and tell SGA about.

Mailyn Sadler: There's the oranges! While Dante is passing out the oranges, everyone get a look at his boot. That is engineering of a liberal arts major. He broke his toe and Mailyn engineered an amazing boot. Thank you!

Tess Barnhart: While they're talking, another important thing about the Asian Association's social media is that they are really trying to uplift Asian voices in the community. Not just WVU students, but everyone in Morgantown or people from West Virginia. When you Google "West Virginia Asian culture" nothing pops up. Tess learned that over the summer and thought that was really sad. With Instagram and TikTok, she wants to give people a platform, and has already done so with a few alumni from WVU, letting them tell about their passions or projects. If anyone has any friends, professors, or staff that are of Asian descent and are doing something amazing that you want them to be seen for, please let Tess or Mailyn know because they want to help promote them.

Vice President Uqaily: Thank you both for being here. College Senator Hudson is here over Zoom and he asked to thank you personally, so thank you all. This is a great way to start the meeting. SGA appreciates all that you do, and the stats are awesome. Love to see it. Good job!

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

Jacob Burgess: Jacob is a 2L at the West Virginia University College of Law. He sent everyone an email last week after the proclamation, and he thought he might as well just come down here to talk about it in person. He wishes to discuss SGA's opposition to SB-10. He wants to preface this by saying that you can check his wallet right now, and he is a registered Democrat, just because he can't be anything further left.

Jacob asked the SGA how the abolition of firearms ensures personal freedom and general welfare of students. Often it is asserted by those who wish to prevent the student body from being armed that a good guy with a gun is the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun, is simply a false trope used by the NRA. They often ask, “when has more of a problem ever solved the problem?” However, Jacob wishes to ask what the SGA’s solution is to an active shooter if they do not believe a good student with a gun would stop a bad person with a gun. At the risk of being assumptive, Jacob will go out on a limb and say that the SGA believes that the police will provide the safety in such a situation. However, are the police not a good guy with a gun in an active shooter situation? A good guy with a gun that has to travel from wherever they are to get here to come save them. Even if the police do show up, will they do anything? Let’s not forget Uvalde, and the children who were murdered while police cowardly stood in the hall checking their cell phones. Jacob apologizes if this sounds inflammatory, but what the SGA supports is turning students into targets. In the event that a sick and evil individual comes on to campus to harm people, the SGA wants students to be defenseless and wait on the police to show up. The SGA wants students to run and hide. That does not sound like the promotion of safety of the student body to Jacob. To Jacob, that sounds like in the event that someone tries to murder students, they should send thoughts and prayers that some good person with a gun, wherever they might be, shows up and does something to save them.

The SGA supports the autonomy of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shares the same opinion regarding firearms on campus as the SGA: that students would be targets. The Board of Governors has shown that it does not care about student’s safety.

The SGA cites the opinion of James Madison and Thomas Jefferson regarding firearms on campus, as the foundation to their position. Jacob commends the SGA for using the founding fathers angle to appeal to the right-wing; he would have done the same himself. The historical precedent is just that, historical. It is not in touch with modern reality. There were not mass shootings in schools in the early 19th century. Jacob thinks that if Madison and Jefferson were to be transplanted here today, they would have a different opinion given the fact that they were in little support of an armed struggle in overthrowing the English crown and were in full support of the ability to defend themselves.

Jacob wishes to touch on concerns regarding 18-20 year olds with pistols on campus. 18-20 years old would not be able to purchase a pistol, because the age to purchase would remain 21. What Jacob believes is driving the SGA’s

position is fear. Fear that the presence of firearms on campus will increase gun violence. This is unwarranted. Jacob urges everyone to look at the raw data in states which allow for campus carry. Simply type in “University of Georgia campus shooting,” and look at the lack of results. Or UC Boulder, the University of Mississippi, or any of the other states that allow for it.

Jacob will concede that suicide is an issue in today’s society, but again the age to purchase a pistol will not change, and those who do have firearms will be taught to safely store them. Residence halls can create their own rules under SB-10 regarding guns in dorms. However, Jacob must ask, how many 21 year-olds still stay in dorms?

Jacob questions the numbers of a poll cited as the reason behind the decision to send a proclamation. Who was the poll sent to? How many students responded? How was the poll sent? Was it sent to the entire student body explicitly stating that that was what the poll was for? Or was the poll buried in the middle of a student engagement letter that only a small portion of students actually read? If a proper sample was not taken, then the poll is invalid, and thus not a proper foundation for sending such a proclamation to the state legislature. In the event that a poll was sent, buried in the middle of an SEL email, Jacob requests that the SGA rescind its proclamation and allow for time for a proper poll to be sent out in which a larger and more diverse poll of student’s opinions is gathered. If the outcome is the same, then proclaim. If not, then please redraft. If this is not feasible, Jacob guesses he is here simply to speak out against the SGA’s position on SB-10.

He offers an alternative to SGA and the BOG’s position. Support students having the right to protect themselves in the event that the unthinkable occurs. Students should not be forced to run and hide, they should not have to send thoughts and prayers that the police might show up and might do something to save them, they should not be forced to be targets. They should have the ability to save themselves through preparation, training, and a focus on safety for all. They should be able to eliminate a threat to their lives when it occurs. The second amendment ensures the natural God given right to self-defense. Currently, the BOG is denying that right, and the SGA is in support of it continuing to do so. Thank you for your time.

VII. The President’s Report

President Hernandez: Glad to be back. President Hernandez is sorry she was not here last

week, but she is thankful that her MCAT is over. It was awful, and she is sorry for anyone that has to take it in the future or has taken it in the past.

Getting right into it, President Hernandez does not have too long of a report today because of her absence. The Student Organization Liaison application has been sent out via social media and will be closing Friday. The committee will reconvene to review and interview people, hopefully having someone up for confirmation of appointment next week. President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily met with the Faculty Senate on Monday. Vice President Uqaily will give a very detailed report on that, but good things are coming. Please submit your monthly reports; they are due on the 31st.

“Success isn’t always about greatness. It is about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success, and greatness will come.” - Dwayne “the Rock” Johnson.

VIII. Assembly Reports

Vice President Uqaily: Welcome new interns. SGA is so happy to have you. Committee chairs, in your committee reports please remind of the times that your committees meet so that interns who are interested in joining can get a better idea of when they can join each committee. For committee members, the brainstorming sheets from retreat were handed out to the committee chairs or someone from the committee last week. Vice President Uqaily is excited to see all the legislative initiatives that come from all that brainstorming.

Like President Hernandez said, please get your monthly reports in. Vice President Uqaily does not want to send you a scary email saying that you failed to turn in your monthly report, so please get that in by the 31st. She will make sure to send that in her recap email tomorrow.

President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily met with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, which is forty something people. Vice President Uqaily was surprised to see that, but it was definitely very interesting and very productive. They talked about the open syllabi initiative, which President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily have been trying to work on since last semester. They were very responsive and were looking forward to highlighting that, especially in STEM classes. They also talked about the LiveSafe statement that SGA passed a proclamation for last semester, and the Faculty Senate were more than willing to push that out to the rest of the Faculty Senate and faculty members to add to their course syllabi. They also touched on mental health

training for faculty, and the Faculty Senate was more than willing to set that up. As of now, the standard procedure is that the department requests them, but a lot of faculty members were interested in taking those trainings prior to the start of classes for the fall or even spring semester. Another thing they noticed was the lack of acknowledgment toward mental health absences in the University attendance policy. That is something they proposed to the Faculty Senate, and they said they would be more than willing to work with SGA and even support adding a mental health statement for absences that might happen due to mental health issues. The Faculty Senate did ask about the Add/Drop legislation that was passed as they wanted some more clarity on that. Obviously, they are still working to see what the action items that come from that piece of legislation are, but that is something that was brought to the Faculty Senate's attention and something that they are very interested in as well.

Looking forward, Vice President Uqaily will be meeting with the Office of Global Affairs on Friday morning. If anybody is interested, she would be happy to invite you to the meeting as well.

Vice President Uqaily reached out to Chief Sinclair for some LiveSafe stats to see how they have been doing with the LiveSafe app, especially after all of SGA's marketing. It is really nice to see that there has been an increase in users. Vice President Uqaily got some stats from August 1st, 2022 until today. There were about 1,600 new users, with a little over 150 users who joined on January 24th when WVU alerts were sent out. A few stats about how the app has been used. 377 users have used it for SafeWalk. Most of the tips that have been submitted through LiveSafe have been due to disturbance, drugs and alcohol, and others. Not sure what includes others, but will ask Chief Sinclair for more information on that. There were 11 emergency tips, but none of them were 911 calls. Vice President Uqaily will be sharing the graphics that were shared with her with any committee chairs, she knows College Senator Cahill was interested, or anyone else. They will be in the Drive as well.

Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey will talk about this, but WVU Day is on January 31st. Some people are planning on unofficially going to the Capitol so stay tuned to hear more about that.

Vice President Uqaily was reached out to by Cortney Simmons from the DEI Office. They want to do training in conjunction with Vice President Poore for skill development to help prevent violence and unnecessary trauma amongst all stakeholders, de-escalate conflict, and ultimately avoid profound individual,

social, and economic loss. The date they proposed was March 8th, which is the night of the election results meeting. Vice President Uqaily and Advisor Le agreed that it would not be a good idea to have a 45 minute long training that day. They then asked if people could do something outside of SGA. Knowing how busy all of your schedules are, Vice President Uqaily wanted to get a feel for how many people would be interested in attending a training earlier that evening on March 8th, maybe an hour before SGA. With a show of hands, would you be interested in doing that, or would you be interested in attending one on March 9th, a Thursday, over lunch, which will be provided? This is a commitment, cannot dip out at the last minute.

Advisor Le: Keep in consideration that March 9th is the Thursday before Spring Break.

Vice President Uqaily: This will have to be binding because there is a speaker coming.

With a show of hands, would you be interested in attending an hour before SGA on Wednesday, March 8th.

College Senator Moore: Where would it be at?

Vice President Uqaily: Probably here. They will meet wherever SGA needs to be.

College Senator Moore: What time would it be?

Vice President Uqaily: Looking at like 6pm-ish.

Intern Coordinator Backus: What time on Thursday?

Vice President Uqaily: Thursday would be over lunch. They will provide lunch, so that is a factor. Need stats. Who would like to show up on Wednesday, March 8th? Ok, three. And Thursday, March 9th?

College Senator Cahill: When is lunch?

Vice President Uqaily: Can get you a better estimate, but they just said over lunch. Can find the best time for everyone and recommend that if that works.

College Senator Cahill: Can people say that they are interested but not commit to it? If you don't know the time, if you have class?

Vice President Uqaily: That was a concern as well, but thought to ask everyone. Let's say 12-2pm. Somewhere in between then with lunch and a 45 minute training. Ok, six.

Advisor Prunty: All three of the advisors will be there either way.

Vice President Uqaily: Some of you will be gone for Brigades. Thank you College Senator Hudson for the reminder. Will get those numbers to her. Last thing. Every outgoing administration has a celebratory brunch. Will be having that on April 16th; please mark your calendars. Would love to have as many of you there as

possible as it is a great time to be an SGA member and celebrate everyone and their successes. Will be sending out RSVPs and other materials in a couple weeks.

IX. Committee Reports

Senator Conner: Everyone, members old and new, feel free to join the Government Relations Committee on Wednesdays at 3pm in the Potomac Room. The committee's objective over the next several months will be to discuss the West Virginia legislative session and how best to have productive conversations with members of the legislature so as to promote and uplift the student body of West Virginia University.

College Senator Blair: Thinks she sent something in the big chat, but wants to reiterate that the Sustainability Committee did change their meeting time. If you saw the coolest little gaggle of kids hanging out in the chairs before this meeting, that was the committee. They are meeting at 7pm on Wednesdays, right before meetings. That is a really great time for the members. Hopefully anyone who has ever been interested in showing up, wants to learn more, or is interested in their current initiatives is also showing up early to SGA and wants to just pop-in. College Senator Patel was there early enough but didn't want to show up even when they asked him to, but that's neither here nor there. When meetings are on Evansdale, the committee will be in one of the media study rooms. They will move based on what campus the SGA meeting is at. New meetings will be only a half hour before this meeting, so if anyone is interested they are always open to having people come and bring their new ideas.

College Senator Cahill: College Senator Cahill was not here last week, so to reiterate, the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is meeting once a week alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm. They got the go-ahead from Believe Them to sit in on their meetings and participate in those while getting more student voices and things that they would like to see being done, university-wide or as SGA. The following Thursday, those thoughts will be discussed in the committee meetings.

College Senator Cahill met with Advisor Prunty on Friday to discuss having a Title IX portion of re-registration for student organizations. They worked on that a little bit last year and will be continuing this year, but College Senator Cahill plans on writing a bill to codify it so that every year even after they leave it is a requirement that has to be met for new student organization registration or re-registrations. If you are interested in helping her write that or sponsoring/

contributing to it, please let College Senator Cahill know and she will make a GroupMe.

Senator Santmyer: A Google sheet was sent out in the GroupMe to get all the information for the Braille initiative. Would like to do a walk or two similar to the Safety and Accessibility walks around mid-February. Will have more information about that soon. Senator Santmyer is meeting with the DEI person from HSC next week to see if there is a better way to tackle HSC with how many rooms it is. If anyone wants to join GroupMe, let Senator Santmyer know. Inclusion Committee meetings are on Fridays at 3pm usually in the Bluestone Room and on Zoom. Will continue working through the brainstorm ideas from retreat and figuring out what they will be doing this semester.

Senator Price: To all those who don't know-interns- name is Devin Price. Follow him on Instagram @ realdevinprice. His tik tok is @ dev_price. The Student Experience Committee meets every Tuesday at 5pm in the Mountain Room and on Zoom. The Zoom link is where all the other committees have their Zoom links, or you can contact Senator Price. Some of the things the committee will be working on this semester include working with the Inclusion committee on the Accessibility and Safety Walk. They are shooting for late March for that, but will be meeting pretty soon to work that out. If you have any suggestions feel free to talk to Senator Price, College Senator Azinger, Senator Santmyer, College Senator Dozier, or Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Elswick. Will be following up on some initiatives from last semester like working on setting up a student academic advisory board. They have been working with Dr. Shannon from the Provost's office on creating the application for that. Hoping to get that out by the end of this month and have a two week application period where they push it out to students across the university to get people to sign up. There are a number of other great initiatives. Will not tell them all now because if you want to hear the full list, you will have to come to the meetings. If you have anything else student experience related, you can come to Senator Price at any time by texting him, calling him, DM-ing him on Instagram; whatever floats your boat.

Vice President Uqaily: Will say that Senator Price works 24/7. There are nights that Vice President Uqaily gets notifications at 1am from Senator Price because he is resolving some of her comments in Google Docs. Hats off to you Senator Price.

X. Executive Reports

Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey: Today marked the 15th day of the 86th West Virginia Legislature's first brainstorming session. 3/4ths of the session remains and perhaps the largest news since last week is the passage of SB-10, the Campus Self-Defense Act. It passed through the Senate with a vote of 29 yays and 4 nays, 1 absent not voting. Including the entire Senate Democratic Caucus and Mike Maroney of Marshall County. The bill has since been communicated to the House, where it sits in the House Judiciary Committee chaired by delegate Moore Capito. Student Government continues to stand against the Campus Self-Defense Act, so Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey encourages members of the Assembly, executives, interns, and the rest of the student body to contact your local delegates and members of the House Judiciary to voice their opposition individually.

Another bill impacting education which has seen action in the past week is SB-121, the Student Journalist Press Freedom Protection Act. This bill prohibits schools from stifling student media of journalistic expression. The bill passed unanimously in the Senate and moves on to the House. Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey and Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler will continue to monitor the situation at the Capitol and will keep you posted.

Lastly, WVU Day at the legislature is on Tuesday, and Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey will be there. Anyone else is welcome to go but just a warning, it will be a long, long day.

Chief of Staff Flower: Will pop in here and say this because the attorney general is not here and there is no election chair just yet. The filing packet is due tomorrow and would love to see some of your beautiful faces sitting here again next year. Or if you have any friends that would like to run, please encourage them to file so that they can have their name on the ballot.

XI. Old Business

A. AB-2023-01-01

- President Pro Tempore Khan moved to explain AB-2023-01-01 in lieu of having it read via unanimous consent.
- The motion to explain AB-2023-01-01 in lieu of having it read was seconded by College Senator Azinger.
- There were no objections and AB-2023-01-01 was approved to be explained.

President Pro Tempore Khan: This is the bill to amend the constitution which reforms the

impeachment processes. It sets out that impeachment proceedings may be brought forward by any member of the Assembly and that the inquiry must be chaired by a judicial court justice, whom the Chief Justice will select. It also sets out the amount of votes required to remove somebody from office. It is the same as it was last week; it's as great as it was seven days ago. President Pro Tempore Khan urges adoption and is happy to yield to any questions.

a. Discussion

- College Senator Moore moved to end discussion via unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- There were no objections, and discussion ended.

b. Voting

- Vice President Uqaily entertained a motion to vote on AB-2023-01-01.
- College Senator Dozier moved to vote on AB-2023-01-01 via rising vote.
- The motion to vote on AB-2023-01-01 was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- Those in favor unanimously have it. AB-2023-01-01 was passed.

B. AR-2023-01-01

- College Senator Blair moved to explain AR-2023-01-01 in lieu of having it read via unanimous consent.
- The motion to explain AR-2023-01-01 in lieu of having it read was seconded by Senator Santmyer.
- There were no objections, and AR-2023-01-01 was approved to be explained.

College Senator Blair: Yielded to Intern Olivero.

Intern Olivero: You all already read the bill, but Intern Olivero is going to explain a little bit and preempt any questions hopefully. The idea is to improve recycling at WVU. It's kind of an important part of sustainability. Not the only part, but it's a part. Intern Olivero has been thinking about this since September with the survey that was put out. Obviously the survey is not ideal for a lot of reasons for drawing any sort of conclusions out of the population but it was a useful antidote for them. They felt that the single stream data was the more important statistic, and that it was going in the wrong direction. For the last few months, they have been working on this and met with a lot of people: Res Life, Sustainability Committee, and they have been in contact with NSO people about the nuts and bolts of implementing it on that end. A lot of work has gone into it and they want to improve recycling among the first-years especially to get them to have it early so that it can be carried forward. They think that residence halls are the best way to go at first on an incremental level because the university has a lot of control over it and can decide what goes on in residence halls and what happens at NSO.

That's the easiest avenue for them in the beginning. The hope is that this bill will be an integrated approach going forward to improve recycling and sustainability overall. That can come in the form of initiatives, events, and legislation in the future. The bill was really well taken by the admin, they really liked it and some of them want to work on the actual implementation of it. Hopefully this will be the first step in the first direction toward some tangible progress.

Vice President Uqaily: Any questions for Intern Matthew Oliverio.

Intern Olivero: Point of information. It's Olivero.

Vice President Uqaily: Olivero. Sorry, thank you for correcting!

Senator Price: Could you explain the importance of prioritizing this issue? Why is this an issue? Not saying that it's not, but can you establish why this legislation is important?

Intern Olivero: The issue of sustainability more generally is already understood hopefully for why it is important. That's beyond the question. But recycling is one of the areas where many feel that they can have a little bit more of an impact. There are things kind of in a regulatory sense that pertain more to the government, like pollution, or omissions, or electricity usage. Things like that are either more under the purview of the state and local government or more institutional things that would relate to the everyday operation of the University. Felt that recycling is something that is important. While not the best thing ever, it is important. It is something that they felt they can have an impact on in a collaborative way with the University, through things like the signage or encouraging people. Don't have to tell them to use different lights or to stop polluting so much, which are kind of beyond the scope of what they are able to in a normal sense. It would be a herculean kind of lift to get them to do a lot of that stuff. Other areas are definitely important but this is something they felt was more actionable. This bill demonstrates that that is the case.

a. Discussion

- College Senator Oursler moved to add Senator Amores to the roll via unanimous consent.
- The motion to add Senator Amores to the roll was seconded by College Senator Dysart.
- There were no objections, and Senator Amores was added to the roll.

Senator Conner: Great legislation. Shout to Sustainability and Intern Olivero for putting it together. Something that is so special about it is that the Sustainability Committee will see to it that this is implemented on campus.

- Senator Conner moved to end discussion via unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by College Senator Dozier.

- There were no objections, and discussion ended.

b. Voting

- Vice President Uqaily entertained a motion to vote on AR-2023-01-01.
- Senator Amores moved to vote on AR-2023-01-01 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to vote on AR-2023-01-01 was seconded by Senator Price.
- There were no objections and AR-2023-01-01 was passed.

XII. New Business

A. Executive Appointment Confirmation

1. Lauren Moore, Elections Chair

Lauren Moore: Hi friends! That was kind of a maze to get up here; haven't missed that one. For those of you who don't know her, her name is Lauren Moore. Lauren served last year as chief of staff of internal affairs in the Jernigan-Moore administration. It's kind of a weird moment to be back. Right now, Lauren is a masters student in the Business Data Analytics program and she works as a graduate assistant with Data Driven West Virginia. She is also the chair of the TedX WVU events. P.S. their speaker application is open. It is open for another week; please apply. If you have any questions, Lauren is happy to answer them.

College Senator Moore: College Senator Moore and Lauren share a last name. When Lauren's resume crossed College Senator Moore's email, he paid attention to it of course. He saw that she has a background in economics and business. How will you apply your background? What traits from your background will you apply to the position of elections chair?

Lauren Moore: Lauren definitely feels that her years in SGA are helpful. She was able to work on a campaign and has seen the elections cycle from outside and inside of SGA. She feels that is a really important place to be, and has also sat on the Governing Docs Committee last year. She knows the elections committee a little bit too well sometimes and has definitely spent enough time on that.

As far as the economics and business background, a lot of those classes are logical thinking and being able to shift through data now and sift through data then, being able to understand those ways of doing that. Lauren also has a minor in marketing, so being able to reach out to candidates and help them promote themselves, and helping SGA get more out there with the new education period is something that Lauren plans to help with.

Senator Chennuru: What made you decide to step forward for this position now as opposed to when it was first advertised back in October?

Lauren Moore: When it was first advertised, Lauren was still kind of new to grad school, and with working and student orgs, she was figuring out that balance of life. She really wasn't sure what all of that was going to entail. Especially with switching disciplines a little bit, coming from economics into more of a data technical background. At that point, Lauren was not confident that she would have the time and dedication needed to bring up that position. Now seeing what that workload looks like and being able to get situated in this new program and the new jobs, Lauren feels like she would have more time to dedicate to SGA than she would have before.

Senator Price: There have been, as you may be aware, some pretty significant changes to the election code. How familiar are you with those, and if you are not as familiar, do you think that could serve as an impediment to your job given how much the previous elections chair and the attorney general played a very active role in crafting this new elections policy.

Lauren Moore: Lauren has already met one-on-one with Attorney General Long. They have had several meetings talking about the changes, how the elections committee has worked so far, what they plan to implement, and different ways it has changed with the readings and interpretations that they had. Lauren actually sent him a list of questions the other day when she read it one way, how does this mean this, and what has been discussed as a committee so that she can get up to speed. Attorney General Long has already scheduled a meeting for Friday to get Lauren back into the community and back into the role of things if she were to be confirmed.

a. Discussion

Senator Whalen: Senator Whalen thinks that Attorney General Long has done a great job this semester in his position, so if he is for this nominee than Senator Whalen supports him in that. She also knows Lauren and is a fan of hers. Senator Whalen thinks she would do a great job; she did a great job in her time in SGA last year. In that she is willing to step up in the time of need, she will be very helpful. The meeting is in fact happening on Friday so, she will get brought up to speed if she is appointed. Senator Whalen supports Lauren and hopes everyone else does too.

- Vice President Uqaily entertained a motion to end discussion.
- Senator Price moved to end discussion via unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by College Senator Moore.
- There were no objections, and discussion ended.

b. Voting

- Vice President Uqaily entertained a motion to vote on the nominee via secret ballot.

- College Senator Cahill moved to vote on the nominee via secret ballot.
- The motion to vote on the nominee was seconded by Senator Volk.
- The confirmation of Lauren Moore, *Elections Chair* failed with 18 nays and 16 yays.

Vice President Uqaily: Would urge everyone to reconsider and put this confirmation up to another vote. Would like everyone to understand that there is an elections meeting this Friday, and this is one of the most qualified candidates that anyone who has brought her here together could have presented before us today. Highly encourage everyone to reconsider.

- Vice President Uqaily entertained a motion to vote to approve the confirmation via secret ballot.
- Senator Volk moved to vote to approve the confirmation via secret ballot.
- The motion to vote to approve the confirmation was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- The confirmation of Lauren Moore, *Elections Chair* failed with 15 nays, 16 yays, and 3 abstentions.

B. AR-2023-01-02

College Senator Madden: An assembly resolution encouraging the provost's office to add financial literacy to GEF curriculum.

The resolution was read. See appendix

College Senator Cahill: This is a great resolution and a great idea. Would you ideally want this to be a new GEF, like a new GEF 9, or would you want it to be a subsection of one of the existing ones? If so, which one?

College Senator Madden: That's a question that's been asked a lot. Talking about getting a whole new section for the GEF's so it would be its own financial literacy GEF, if that's what they called it. Preferably, that's what they want, but just even having a course that all students could take, instead of just finance majors, would be a step in the right direction.

College Senator Cahill: In these conversations that you've had, do you know if you would then not have to take another GEF? It's 30 credit hours or so for general education for a bachelor's degree. Do you know if it would replace something else or would it be an additional 3 hours that you would have to take on top of whatever is already required?

College Senator Madden: Yielded to President Pro Tempore Khan.

President Pro Tempore Khan: The Provost's Office is looking at evaluating the GEF's as

a whole. Don't know the answer to your question, but it is something that can be brought up in conversations with them and reported back to everybody.

a. Discussion

Senator Price: Senator Price firmly supports this resolution. He has talked to President Pro Tempore Khan and College Senator Madden and thinks that they have a really great idea here. They mentioned it to Associate Provost Widders and he was very on board with it, so the Provost's Office would have good buy-in for financial literacy. Like President Pro Tempore Khan said, they are working on overhauling the entire GEF course load right now, so this is something that would definitely get a lot of administrative buy-in and would have a really good potential of actually becoming a GEF or at the very least a suggested course.

Senator Miller: Currently many students at WVU struggle to complete their degrees in 4 years and in numerous cases, it will take a student on this campus 6 or even 8 years to graduate. Depending on what happens with the office, obviously they are unsure about its future, and everything that will add.

- Senator Miller moved to amend section 3 of AR-2023-01-02 to read "encourages West Virginia University to include a financial literacy curriculum in the first-year seminar course which is required to be completed by all first-time freshmen and transfer students."
- The amendment failed without a second.

Senator Amores: On the contrary, Senator Amores thinks that it being its own course is really important, because, as many people in this room can attest to, when you are 17 or 18 years old and applying to college, you don't understand what student loans are, how credits affect your status in the university, or anything like that. This can incorporate not just things you're going to need for the next 10 years of your life, but there are very specific things that could be incorporated right now and will help you right now. This is the basis and stepping stone. It also brings up the opportunity to bring this potential class to other campuses of WVU. Specifically, Senator Amores took Potomac classes in high school, and she knows there are a lot of people who took Tech classes in high school. This would be a really great senior class or junior summer class for students to take. Senator Amores is very supportive of this bill.

College Senator Oursler: Wanted to commend College Senator Madden for this legislation because this is what he ran on to start out with. To see him follow through on this is really respectable. College Senator Oursler commends him for his work.

- Senator Price moved to end discussion via unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by Senator Conner.
- There were no objections, and discussion ended.

b. Voting

- Vice President Uqaily entertained a motion to table AR-2023-01-02 until the next meeting via unanimous consent.
- Senator Price moved to table AR-2023-01-02 until the next meeting via unanimous consent.
- The motion to table AR-2023-01-02 until the next meeting was seconded by College Senator Oursler.
- There were no objections, and AR-2023-01-02 was tabled until the next meeting.

C. FB-2023-02

Auditor Seidel: Ten orgs on the financial bill today. Mostly traveling and supplies grants. Kesem is renting out the Hotel Morgan for their *Make the Magic* event. There is one typo for Title VI, but President Pro Tempore Khan is going to propose an amendment to fix that.

Senator Uqaily: Is there anyway there can be a running tally of how much is left of the total budget every financial bill? If there's \$150,000 in August, can there be a running total of how much is left in every financial bill?

Auditor Seidel: Will ask Treasurer Daniel about it, but some decisions on the total budget are made based on the reserves. It is not usually completely fixed.

- President Pro Tempore Khan moved to amend Title VI to replace "lodging" with "travel" in the line item and description via unanimous consent.
- The motion to amend Title VI to replace "lodging" with "travel" in the line item and description was seconded by College Senator Dozier.
- There were no objections, and FB-2023-02 was amended.

a. Discussion

Senator Price: This is one of the most amazing financial bills Senator Price has seen in his life.

- Senator Price moved to end discussion via unanimous consent.
- The motion to end discussion was seconded by College Senator Dozier.
- There were no objections, and discussion ended.

b. Voting

- Vice President Uqaily moved to approve FB-2023-02 via unanimous consent.
- College Senator Dozier moved to approve FB-2023-02 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to approve FB-2023-02 was seconded by College Senator Oursler.

- There were no objections, and FB-2023-02 was approved.
- Senator Whalen moved to recede to New Business agenda item 12A via unanimous consent.
- The motion to recede to New Business agenda item 12A was seconded by College Senator Moore.
- Senator Price objected and the motion failed.

XIII. Open Student Forum II

President Hernandez: President Hernandez is not one to be frank. She is not one to come up here and be very formal with everyone; she thinks you have all come to know her as a very informal person. However, she is disappointed in the Assembly before her tonight. The fact that this confirmation failed with no accurate reasons or no explanation as to why is ridiculous. President Hernandez can't believe that you guys sit here in these seats of privilege and don't recognize the amazing people that come forward who are extremely qualified for this position and deny it with no discussion. No inquiry, none of it, which is a direct violation of the Constitution, may she add. She is disappointed in all those actions, and she doesn't think she's ever been disappointed in any of you before. So she doesn't quite know how she feels about that. President Hernandez asks in the meantime that you reevaluate how you thought and reevaluate why you said no. If you do say no, come with reasons why. Don't just come with complaints, come with solutions. Be better. Thank you.

Vice President Uqaily: Vice President Uqaily echos what was said.

Chief of Staff Flower: On Friday on Zoom at noon there is going to be an Indigenous Artist's Panel in collaboration with the exhibits that are currently going on over at the library. Will send the information in the GroupMe for anyone that is interested. Would love to see a good WVU show-out, as it is something that is very important to the heritage here in West Virginia. Really encourage everyone to go take a look at the art that they created.

Senator Amores: The Carruth and WellWVU Narcan training is Friday. Can't remember the time but it is in the Assembly chat. Really encourage everyone to go do it. Will bump it in the chat.

College Senator Oursler: WVU Horticulture Club is selling roses, mixed bouquets, and live tulips for Valentine's Day. You can currently preorder them on their Instagram or the Davis College Store's Instagram. The link is there and you can put your pre order in now. This year, you'll be able to pick up all of your stuff

either at the Davis College store on Evansdale or at the Mountainlair on Valentine's Day from 8am to 6pm. You could also just buy your stuff then if you wanted. Second, if you want to come out to Horticulture Club, it is tomorrow night at 5:30pm at the Evansdale Greenhouse. They will be doing a winter sowing project. If you're interested in that, just head on out to Evansdale.

Senator Santmyer: Tomorrow at 6pm Women in Politics and Government is in Woodburn room 102.

College Senator Hudson: College Senator Hudson is sorry he can't be there, he's feeling a little bit under the weather tonight. He just wanted to come in here and bring up the topic of the election chair again. He wanted to remind everyone of that meeting when everyone was over on Evansdale really late at night having some of the really important and long discussions about the amendments to the elections code. There were a lot of things in there that College Senator Hudson was definitely not supportive of initially, but that he was then able to get behind. A lot of that hinged upon the ability to successfully navigate an election. That's not something that can be done unless there is someone who can fulfill the role as an elections chair. College Senator Hudson thinks it's very important for everyone to be able to get behind a qualified candidate to ensure that this position is filled and that it is filled as soon as possible. Also for everyone to come together and realize that having this position filled not only gives the ability to fulfill the duty to execute these elections in a fair manner, but it's also standing up for what was passed on the elections code, which significantly requires a lot more time and a lot more effort. That's not something that Attorney General Long and the committee alone can do right now. This is exactly what was signed up for, and this is exactly what is needed at this moment. College Senator Hudson thinks that it's time that everyone gets behind this at the next meeting and meets the moment.

Vice President Uqaily: Going to quickly recognize herself and say something to support the confirmation that was put up twice earlier. Vice President Uqaily has known Lauren for about three and a half years, give or take. She's an amazing person. She was the chief of staff last year, and for those of you who haven't been here for longer than this administration, if you had you would know how hard Lauren and Treasurer Daniel worked to keep the organization functioning. They supplemented and stepped up in a lot of roles last year. Vice President Uqaily highly encourages everyone to reevaluate the decisions they put in that poll today and think really deeply about what President Hernandez and College Senator Hudson said. Vice President Uqaily is very disappointed in all of you as well

today. She definitely thinks that everyone can do so much better. Everyone worked very hard to bring along election reform and all that means nothing if there is not someone to implement it. And Lauren isn't someone. Lauren works really hard. She's one of the most hardworking people Vice President Uqaily knows. Would really, really highly encourage all of you to please re-evaluate the decisions made earlier today.

XIV. Advisors' Reports

Advisor McCoy: On February 1st, First-Year Leadership Academy will be having its first meeting. They will be taking headshots, but they don't have enough people. They want to open this up to the Student Government Association. If you would like to take headshots on February 1st at 6pm, they will be in the Rhododendron Room. Please email Advisor McCoy so he can add you to the list.

XV. Snaps

Snaps were given to everyone for passing the financial bill, Intern Olivero, the Sustainability Committee, Chief of Staff Flower's brother, President Pro Tempore Khan, committee chairs, program coordinators, senators, Sustainability Committee, Natalie, Vice President Uqaily, WVU Asian Association, and Lauren Moore.

XVI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was entertained by College Senator Cahill.
The motion to adjourn was seconded by Senator Jones.
The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Bill: AB-2023-01-01

**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

Short Title:	Impeachment Process Reforms
Author(s):	Azeem Khan, President Pro Tempore
Sponsor(s):	Quinn Wooten, College Senator (Eberly) Devin Price, Senator Emily Whalen, Senator Madison Santmyer, Senator Maria Amores, Senator
Contributor(s):	Charlie Long, Attorney General Sohan Daniel, Treasurer Sophia Flower, Chief of Staff of Internal Affairs
Committee Endorsement:	Governing Documents Review Committee
First Reading Date:	01/18/2023
Second Reading Date:	01/25/2023
Date of Approval:	01/25/2023
Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, according to Article II, Section I of the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, “The WVU student body endorses and grants to the West Virginia University Student Government Association the powers as enumerated in this Constitution.”; and

Whereas, according to Article XI, Section I of the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, “Any proposed amendment and changes to this Constitution that

meet the requirements in Article 11.2 shall be voted upon by the student body in a special election following the guidelines of the Election Code.”; and

Whereas, according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Review Committee is to, “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

Whereas, upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee collectively voted on the following proposed amendments; and,

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

Section 1: The following amendments set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall be voted on by the student body in the spring election:

Article 10.2.1b Shall be Amended as:

~~“b. Impeachment Proceedings~~

- ~~1. Impeachment Proceedings may be brought forward by any member of the Assembly for a public reading at an SGA General Meeting, provided that the Article(s) of Impeachment meet(s) all requirements set forth in this Constitution.~~
- ~~2. After a second public reading at an SGA General Meeting, which shall not occur within five (5) academic days of the first reading, the Article(s) of Impeachment may be approved by a vote of more than half (1/2) of the members present. Upon approval, the Articles shall be delivered to the Judicial Court.”~~

“b. Impeachment Proceedings

1. Impeachment Proceedings may be brought forward by any member of the Assembly for a public reading at an SGA General Meeting, provided that the Articles of Impeachment are presented in the form of a bill, as detailed in Article 8.4. Each Article of Impeachment contained within the bill shall be voted on separately at the conclusion of an Impeachment Inquiry. All authors and sponsors of this bill shall be considered Impeachment

- Managers for the purposes of the bill's specific Impeachment Inquiry.
2. Impeachment Inquiries must be chaired by a Judicial Court Justice selected by the Chief Justice of the Judicial Court. Inquiries shall follow a modified version of the trial procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Ed.) 63:30-63:34 guided by the procedures and powers authorized in this Constitution. The accused party in all Impeachment Inquiries shall unequivocally have the right to be represented by the representative of their choice during the trial proceedings.
 3. A second public reading of the Inquiry, following the same format as the first reading, shall be held at an SGA General Meeting. The second reading shall not occur within five (5) academic days of the first reading. The Article(s) of Impeachment may be approved by a majority vote of all Assembly members present. If the Assembly votes to approve these Articles following a plea of not guilty, they shall be delivered to the Judicial Court. If the accused enters a plea of guilty at the beginning of the trial, the Articles shall be immediately delivered to the Judicial Court without an Assembly Inquiry."

Article 10.2.2c Shall be Amended as:

~~"c. The Judicial court may remove an impeached official from office by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present."~~

"c. The Judicial Court may remove an impeached official from office by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present. The Justice serving as the chair of the Assembly's Impeachment Inquiry shall be disqualified from this vote."

Section 2: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates

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 Executive Secretary

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Charlie Long, Interim SGA Elections Chair

Sean Manning, News and Information Manager

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Assembly Resolution:
AR-2023-01-01

**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT
RECYCLING EDUCATION FOR FIRST-YEAR
STUDENTS**

Short Title:	Recycling Education
Author(s):	Jillian Blair, College Senator (Davis)
Sponsor(s):	Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis) Daniel Madden, College Senator (Chambers) Garrison Phillips, College Senator (Eberly) Devin Price, Senator
Contributor(s):	Matthew Olivero, Intern Zachariah Backus, Intern Coordinator Megan Skean, Former College Senator (Eberly) Ryan Hammond, Intern
Committee Endorsement:	Sustainability Committee
First Reading Date:	01/18/2023
Second Reading Date:	01/25/2023

Date of Approval: 01/25/2023

Presidential Signature:

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) vision statement reads, “To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by;...enhancing environmental stewardship...and

developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders”¹; and,

¹ <https://sga.wvu.edu/about/our-mission>

Whereas, the West Virginia University position on sustainability states, “West Virginia University is committed to ensuring a more sustainable future for its students, faculty, and staff, and for the citizens of West Virginia”²; and,

Whereas, recycling is beneficial both for the conservation of land and natural resources, as well as the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions^{3,4}; and,

Whereas, West Virginia University experienced a 34% decrease in collected single-stream recyclables between FY19 and FY22⁵; and,

Whereas, of respondents to the 2022 Sustainability Survey, 76% responded that they had an ‘average’, ‘poor’, or ‘terrible’ understanding of recycling services on campus⁶; and,

Whereas, of respondents to the aforementioned survey, 85% responded that they would be ‘extremely likely’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to utilize campus recycling options if more information was made available to the students⁶; and,

Whereas, a plurality (27%) of respondents were first-year students⁶; and,

Whereas, almost all first-year students are required to live in WVU residence halls⁷; and,

Whereas, the habits and culture developed in students’ first year on campus are likely to influence their beliefs and actions for the rest of their college careers.

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

University:

Section 1: encourages WVU to continue and strengthen its efforts to advance the cause of sustainability and the increased utilization of recycling, in particular.

Section 2: encourages the University to implement recycling education into the
New

² <https://sustainability.wvu.edu/about-us>

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https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/documents/rei_report_508_compliant.pdf ⁴ <https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/ecology-recycling>

⁵ See Appendix

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<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1HAMjOfy9raZzgX5UQmjG0A2RNdipSQ6U> ⁷

<https://housing.wvu.edu/future-residents/first-year-live-on-requirement>

Student Orientation (NSO) process, both through events such as Destination WVU and regularly scheduled tours, as well as the in-person NSO process.

Section 3: encourages the University to bolster the Residence Hall recycling program, through the implementation of common-area signage, as well as by encouraging Resident Assistants to explain to their residents the available WVU recycling options and the benefits of participating.

Section 4: upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded
to:

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Dr. Patricia Cendana, Executive Director of Student Services and
Residence Life Dr. Chris Macdonald, Executive Director of
Housing

Eric M. O'Hara, Associate Director, Housing Operations

Jamie Kosik, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management

Traci Knabenshue, Director, Office of Sustainability
Joseph Cook, Director of Admissions and Operations
Sean Manning, News and Information Manager
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and
Leadership (Advisor) Chloe Hernandez, Student Body
President
Morgan Donate, Executive Secretary
Daily Athenaeum

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The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Assembly Resolution:
AR-2023-01-01

APPENDIX



Traci Knabenshue

to me ▾

Hi Matthew,

Here are the single stream numbers.

Single Stream Only

FY18	392
FY19	451
FY20	330 (Pandemic began)
FY21	234
FY22	298 (about 3,200 fewer daily campus users than FY19)

Thanks,

Traci

Above: Single-Stream Recycling Data From FY18 to FY22

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Resolution: AR-2023-01-02
**An Assembly Resolution Encouraging the Provost's Office to Add
Financial Literacy to GEF Curriculum**

Short Title:	Financial Literacy
Author(s):	Azeem Khan, President Pro Tempore Daniel Madden, College Senator (Chambers)
Sponsor(s):	Devin Price, Senator Quinn Wooten, College Senator (Eberly) Matthew Hudson, College Senator (Health Sciences) Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis) Avery Conner, Senator
Contributor(s):	
	Endorsement: Student Experience Committee
First Reading Date:	01/25/2023
Second Reading Date: Date of Approval:	
Presidential Signature:	

Whereas, the West Virginia University vision states “to bring needed and valued solutions to real-life problems within the pillars of education, healthcare and prosperity.” ; and,

Whereas, SGA's mission states "desire to preserve within our University and the Student Government Association, an atmosphere that helps to foster an open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected"; and

Whereas, the U.S. Financial Literacy Education Commission (FLEC) describes financial literacy as "the skills, knowledge and tools that equip people to make individual financial decisions and actions to attain their goals."¹ and,

Whereas, "The FLEC recommends that institutions of higher education require mandatory financial literacy courses, deploy well-trained peer educators, integrate financial literacy into core curricula, and communicate with students about financial topics more often than during required entrance and exit counseling" ²; and,

Whereas, the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute found that "86 percent of people with mental health issues and debt say that their debt makes their mental health issues worse" ³; and,

Whereas, financial literacy education can help improve student mental health on-campus; and,

Whereas, West Virginia University offers a course to student athletes who have received athletic scholarships so that they may better navigate their financial futures; and,

Whereas, this initiative would live up to our university mantra, "Mountaineers Go First," by allowing our University to create and implement an innovative curriculum which will be of aid to Mountaineers for the rest of their lives; and,

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

Section 1: seeks to partner with University Administration to identify ways to improve the quality and reach of financial education on campus to help promote prosperity and improved economic outcomes for all Mountaineers

¹<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/US-National-Strategy-Financial-Literacy-2020.pdf&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1674418023427401&usg=AOvVaw2nqV9CTLIzsa0gpVvTBv8a>

²<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Best-Practices-for-Financial-Literacy-and-Education-at-Institutions-of-Higher-Education2019.pdf>

³<https://www.enrich.org/blog/data-shows-strong-link-between-financial-wellness-and-mental-health>

Section 2: encourages West Virginia University to create a course relating to financial literacy which is available to all students at the University

Section 3: encourages West Virginia University to include the financial literacy course in the General Education Foundation (GEF) curriculum which is required to be completed by all students

Section 4: encourages the Provost's Office to create a committee in conjunction with the Student Government Association to identify areas in which students feel they struggle the most with financial literacy

Section 5: Upon passage and approval, the legislation should be forwarded to the mandates below

Mandates:

E. Gordon Gee, President

Maryanne Reed, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Evan Widders, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives

Ann Marie Hibbert, Finance Department Chair

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership, SGA

Advisor Sean Manning, News and Information Manager

Chloe Hernandez, Student Body President

Morgan Donate, SGA Executive Secretary

Daily Athenaeum

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government
Association Financial Bill: FB-2023-02
January 25, 2023

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 Spring 2023 Semester per the official WVU Academic Calendar.

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TITLE I: *National Art Education Association*

For expenses to cover flight expenses for the NAEA National Conference in San Antonio, TX from April 12th to April 16th, 2023.

<i>National Art Education Association</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Flight Tickets	4 people	\$1643.75 \$1643.75

TITLE II: *Entrepreneurship Club*

For expenses to buy 50 t-shirts. Already approved by branding.

<i>Entrepreneurship Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
T-Shirts	50	\$899.87 \$899.87

TITLE III: *Mirage Magazine*

For expenses to print 50 Fall 2022 edition magazines.

<i>Mirage Magazine</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Magazine Printing	50	\$652.50 \$652.50

TITLE IV: *Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society*

For expenses to cover national dues and cords for graduates.

<i>Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
National Dues		\$350.00
Cords		\$160.00
		\$510.00

TITLE V: *Student Occupational Therapy Association*

For expenses to cover lodging and travel to the AOTA national conference in Kansas City, M) April 19th to 23rd, 2023.

<i>Student Occupational Therapy Association</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	5 rooms	\$1600.00 \$1600.00

TITLE VI: *Minority Association of Pre-Healthcare Students*

For expenses to cover registration and lodging at the Annual Medical Education Conference from April 5th to 9th, 2023 in Hartford, CT.

<i>Minority Association of Pre-Healthcare Students</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	1 Room 4 Nights	\$953.75
Registration	3 Registrations	\$690.00
		\$1643.75

TITLE VII: *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*

For expenses to send 4 members to a regional conference in Cleveland, OH, March 2th to 5th, 2023.

<i>Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	2 rooms, 3 nights	\$1308.00 \$1308.00

TITLE VIII: *Blackbirds Club*

For expenses to send 7 students to a Women in Aviation conference on February 23rd to 25th, 2023 in Long Beach, CA.

<i>Blackbirds Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Partial Lodging	2 Rooms 4 Nights	\$1643.75 \$1643.75

TITLE IX: Kesem at WVU

For expenses to rent out Hotel Morgan Ballroom for Kesem to host their Make the Magic Event on March 11th, 2023.

<i>Kesem at WVU</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Space Rental		\$2000.00
Parking		\$150.00
Advertising		\$400.00
		\$2550.00

TITLE X: Society of Women Engineers

For expenses to cover shirts for the organization's biggest outreach event, STEM day on February 25, 2023.

<i>SWE</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Shirts	100 Shirts	\$1000.00 \$1000.00

APPENDIX A

Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

<i>Financial Bill 2023-02 Totals</i>	
Organization Total Cost National Art Education Association	
	\$1,643.75
Entrepreneurship Club	
	\$899.87
Mirage Magazine	
	\$652.50
Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society	
	\$510.00
Student Occupational Therapy Association	
	\$1,600.00
Minority Association of Pre-Healthcare Students	
	\$1,643.75
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	
	\$1,308.00
Blackbirds Club	
	\$1,643.75
Kesem at WVU	
	\$2,550.00
SWE	
	\$1,000.00
Total	\$13,451.62

APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

<i>Financial Bill 2023-02 Totals</i>		
Organization Total Grant	Requested	Total Suggested
National Art Education Association	\$1663.84	\$1,643.75
Entrepreneurship Club	\$899.87	\$899.87
Mirage Magazine	\$652.50	\$652.50
Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society	\$510.00	\$510.00
Student Occupational Therapy Association	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Minority Association of Pre-Healthcare Students	\$2,397.30	\$1,643.75
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	\$1,308.00	\$1,308.00
Blackbirds Club	\$16,017.14	\$1,643.75
Kesem at WVU	\$6,800.00	\$2,550.00
Society of Women Engineers		

	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Total	\$33,348.65	\$13,451.62