

West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Regular Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
December 10th, 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 President Pro Tempore Robinson.

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Senator Cole, seconded by College Senator Mehring.

VI. Presentation, “Student Legislative Training,” Travis Mollohan, Associate Vice President for Government Relations and Collaboration and Dan Kimble, Director of State Relations and Senior Advisor

Travis Mollohan, Associate Vice President for Government Relations and Collaboration:
So as the Government Relations Officer, we are preparing for the upcoming state legislative session. We also have a bunch of activities going on in D.C. as the federal government has reopened and started its appropriations process. I presented this to the Association of Student

Representatives across the entire West Virginia higher education system a couple weeks ago and Colin asked me to come and present this. I look around the room, I know many of you are advocates, either for specific issues or as part of groups, and so you're familiar with the legislative process or advocating on Capitol Hill or at the state capitol or at the city hall. So these are just some do's and don'ts that I wanted to share. I think as the Government Relations Officer for the university, we have a team and that team is here to help you. We don't just serve the board or the administration, we also are facilitators for students, faculty and staff. If you have any questions, if you have any issues, if there are any concerns, please come to us. We will help you. We'll try to guide you through that process because that's a process that can be a little alien if you're looking at it from the outside in. So again, any questions, just let me know as I go through this process.

Anybody can introduce a bill or come up with an idea. What you have to have in the legislative process is you have to have a sponsor, and that sponsor has to be someone who can make it happen, right? If you're in a state legislature, I don't know, West Virginia, where there are 93 Republicans in the House and only 7 Democrats, maybe your sponsor should be a Republican. If you're in Massachusetts where the Democrats dominate, your sponsor should probably be a Democrat. It's pretty simple. So we always encourage folks, you know, we have good representatives here in Monongalia County, both Republicans and Democrats, so we always try to encourage bipartisan sponsorship. That's not always going to happen, but as you look at the issue, as you find a sponsor, as you try to work it through the process, you've got to have someone who can help make it happen through the legislative process. That usually, what I do is if I'm approaching a specific issue, I look at where will this bill go, where will this issue go, and that is up to the Speaker and the Senate President to identify which committee it will be assigned to. So if it's going to the Education Committee, I'm going to go to the Education Committee, I'm going to identify members of the Education Committee that I think either support this idea or that represent Monongalia County or WVU or whatever interest group that I'm advocating for. So I think that's the second thing, you've got to determine where it's going to go, you've got to anticipate that process. And then you have to start making connections. You have to talk to the committee chairs, the committee chairs have the ultimate power to put a bill on an agenda. If they decide that they don't want to do that, the bill's not going to come up unless there's pressure from above, from the presiding officer or other members to ask for that. So again, that's kind of the process and those are the things you need to think about when approaching the legislative process, whether it be on Capitol Hill or at the state capitol. So when you're advocating and you're meeting with members, meeting with chairs, I don't think we have to remind each other, you always have to be very respectful. These are elected officials, the

voters chose them to serve in these capacities and we should hold those offices with a level of respect.

When you're meeting with a member, either on Capitol Hill or at the state capitol, their time is short, there's a lot going on, especially in the state capitol, the legislative session occurs only 60 days, and so there's a lot of activity within those 60 days. There's over 3,000 bills that are introduced, and they're running the clock, they're running the floor, they're running committees, and they're moving at a fast pace. So you only have a small amount of time with them, and they are having a lot of issues and information come at them. So we always try to keep our information that we provide to no more than two or three pages. So you've got to have clear, distinct bullet points, facts. This is not an essay, this is not a dissertation, they are not going to read five, six, seven pages, but one or two they'll look at and likely remember. Be honest, including noting your opposition. If you walk into a situation with a member, and they say, you're here advocating for the color red, but the color blue hates red, and you don't know that, you're going to look pretty foolish to them. But if you know your opposition, and you understand what the opposition may say about your position, then it gives you an upper hand with that member, because to them it looks like you've taken it seriously, you've looked into the issue, you've thought about it. Just remember that everything that happens in government, everything that happens in politics doesn't stay secret long. So if you are in the Capitol and you're advocating for an issue, and there are other folks who might be on the other side, they're going to find out pretty quickly. That's where we can be helpful as the government relations team. Never speculate. If you're asked a question, just say, I don't know. That's really hard to do, because I've been testifying before committees for about 12 years now, and you always think, I think I know this answer, or I think I can provide them some information. The best thing to say is, I don't know, I'll get back to you. So never speculate. Never answer a question that you definitely do not know, or that you think you only know a part of it. As I said, know your opposition. Can you address their concerns? It's always better that if there's a group or an individual out there that stands against your issue, if you can make changes to the policy and have their support, that's going to help the issue ultimately pass. Know your allies as well. There may be other individuals or other groups out there that want the same thing you do. They can be helpful, or they can be detrimental to your cause. They could actually impact the ultimate outcome.

VII. Open Student Forum I

Molly Meeker, Attorney General: I want to thank Colin Ro first off for obviously putting me in this position. And all of you guys in front of me. And then also I wanted to wish you all

the best of luck. You guys are doing really good work. Very proud of you all. Keep going on your initiatives. They've been great to see. I'll be in Morgantown town for the foreseeable future. So if you guys need anything, e-mail. I'm pretty accessible through e-mail. And to the next attorney general, wherever they may be, good luck, especially with this one. It's a really fun position. So, yeah, thank you.

VIII. The President's Report

President Street: Jay and I went down to Charleston on Monday to the December interim sessions. I'll let him go into the specifics of that, but we had a pretty good day down there. Besides that, we'll be ramping up our local gov. campaign to get a renter's rights to repair. I know Ethan's talked about it a little bit, but I've been used this week to get all of my weekly meetings scheduled for next semester. So me, Ethan, Mimi, and Logan will continue to meet weekly to work on that campaign next semester. In terms of the Advisory Council of Students, we are scheduling our December meeting for the week of finals with all the other schools. Most of the other schools in West Virginia actually end, this week is their finals week, so they'll be on break and be done. And then on Friday, I was supposed to go back down to Charleston for the Higher Education Policy Commission's annual meeting where the students have to give their annual presentation. I guess it's their quarterly meeting, our annual presentation, and a student roundtable to all of their staff on Friday. Unfortunately, the weather has only gotten worse in Charleston, so that has been moved on to Zoom, and we will go do the roundtable with them at their spring meeting in March. In terms of the BATCH Initiative, we fully onboarded all of our departments, and we're setting up our first faculty-student mixers for the beginning of next semester so we can pull data from each department specifically, because that's what the department chair has said they wanted, and we're scheduling our weekly for that as well. Thank you, Emily, Bradley, and Kendall for your work with that.

In terms of campus improvements, we're scheduling our weekly meeting to beef up the EBSCO grant, which is the big grant we're applying for for solar on the Evansdale Library, and we're still in the process of finding a meeting time for the solar finance fund to get some of our engineering and economic data from them. It's been hard to schedule a time for them because there's only two people that work in that office, so they are always busy. In terms of PRT seating, I reached out to a different person in athletics. His name is Rob Alsop. He used to be a vice president here at WVU. He moved over to athletics and I actually worked with his daughter at Chick-fil-A over on Patterson Drive. So I reached out to him. He said that he would scour around all of the athletics facilities to see if they have any additional seating, but we at least got a

response. So that is good, and it's not from Turkey or China, so that is always helpful. In terms of gaga ball pits, Roads and Grounds is putting a budget together, so they'll send us that budget and we'll be good to go once they get that. And Thanh confirmed with me today that our mutual aid cabinets are officially on campus. They've finally been delivered. They're in the basement of the Mountainlair. We'll get them wrapped ready to go, and then we'll do some ribbon-cutting ceremonies for them in the spring semester. So that's exciting. Thank you. To stock those cabinets, because the cabinets are huge, Morgantown Mutual Aid donated six boxes of pads and tampons. So I know Joley said our storage container upstairs in the Mountain Lair is already pretty full, so we're getting storage in the Evansdale and Health Sciences as well. In terms of meetings that I had this week, I guess this was last week, Ro and I went to the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony that was in front of Oglebay Hall, and we also held our National Guard Vigil. I'll let Ro talk a little bit about that in his report. Some issues from student groups have arisen about Elior's catering service with student groups. So I met with Vice President for Executive Initiatives Erin Neumeier today to talk a little bit about that, and she requested that Ro and I put together a focus group to meet with some Elior staff to talk about these issues at the beginning of next semester. So me, Ro, Katelyn, Julia, and Logan will be meeting with Elior staff and Erin about that. And finally, I've outlined our enrollment report. I did not want to deal with coding and doing data work during finals week because I did not take data science for a reason this semester, so I have not touched that, but that will get done over break. Besides that, that's my last report for you all of the semester.

IX. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Jones: So for the Vice President's report today, the Hardesty Festival of Ideas is coming to a close in terms of planning. Now it's mostly about executing. I had one of my final meetings with the planning committee to talk about the direction we're going to be going for that. We were able to figure out a three year projection for what our budget is going to be over the next three years. And it's quite a substantive amount of money, so I'm glad that we were able to figure that out. Otherwise, it's just about confirming our speakers. So I'll be reaching out to Senator Capito, Senator Manchin, and Senator Booker this Thursday, and then I'll also be reaching out to a variety of other speakers. I also created a brief outline for what the Festival of Ideas will look like, and I'll give that to you at a later point in time as things become more certain and certified. Otherwise, I was able to finish up most of my Senator one-on-ones. I think I got to everyone. I'm happy to have completed those as well. It was great to be able to get to actually sit down and talk to each of you. That's something that very rarely happened in past administrations, so I'm glad that that was able to get completed as well. Additionally, the Provost Committee will

be meeting with President Benson tomorrow to give him our recommendations for the Provost search, and that will be finished up very soon as well. As Colin had briefly mentioned, we organized just a brief vigil for Sarah Bechtel, the National Guardsman who was killed in Washington, D.C., and so we had that directly following the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony, just in front of the mast in front of Oglebay, and it was very good.

X. Committee Reports

College Senator Mugnano: So this semester Gabe has met with every instrument and vocal professor in CCAM with studios to plan student organizations. One has already registered and the rest are at their constitutions and elections. And then he is also discussing a secondary location for practice spaces but has not received responses yet. Dominic has been working with CCAM and Dean Jackson to achieve cheaper Adobe resources such as incorporating those costs into First Day Complete. He also has an upcoming meeting with someone from CCAM's communications team in efforts to promote student engagement on campus. Maya has been in coordination with Zadie and has been reaching out to different colleges that have been due to determine mentorship programs. And I've been working on the implementation of the help-desk and I'm meeting about that with Sarah Glenn on Friday. I also got an SGA slide thanks to Lainey Miller and the rest of the comms department inside of Reynolds Hall that is a resource for students to reach out to SGA. Grace has worked with staff from the Career Center and has successfully held a tabling event advocating for their services. Nicole has been working on tutoring and a survey for B4 classes and I was not able to talk to Kaden, but I know he's started working on his initiative to have a law school mixer for all undergraduate students. Dominic is working on InfoStations for the spring, its proclamation. Him and Maya plan on boarding with CCAM Mixer event in the spring. I'm hoping to get that desk incorporated and that's going to be staffed by student workers. Alright, that's it for us, thank you.

Senator Cole: Okay, so before our committee meeting today I compiled a brief semester overview of all the things that the safety committee has done and we had some issues with traffic, so not everybody was there, so we ended very early, but I just wanted to give a brief report about how our semester has gone. So throughout this committee and throughout the semester we worked on the safe advocacy which was followed after the hoax active shooter event that happened at the beginning of the semester. We worked with UPD, strategic communication and marketing to advocate for some better ways to push out alerts regarding that situation as well as weather road closures and emergencies on campus. Throughout our outreach we worked with first year seminars and residence life. Throughout this semester we worked

rigorously with the University Police Department and I feel like we've marked an unprecedented collaboration, I think this is the first time that SGA has worked so closely with UPD. We did coffee with the cop where we had 244 students come and swipe in over that entire event and probably engaged with over 400 students that day. We continue to receive monthly updates from the UPD leadership team, we're still in the works of planning our UPD tour for next semester. Sydney's been working hard with the guardian angels program, we received information about Adopt-a-Cop in the residence halls, and then Gracie worked hard on the Greek life training. Gabby and Elise worked over the summer for the hydration stations, partnered with athletics for home football games. Ethan and I worked to plan the 2025 fall safety walk. We produced 176 documentary reports, including participation from the mayor, city council, and the relevant university stakeholders. That resulted in legislation and a presentation to the city council. Sydney's been working on increased campus lighting with concerns that students have brought to us. We've been in talks with facilities and Grounds, and there is a planned conversation to continue those reviews in the spring. Like I mentioned earlier, Sydney is continuing to work on the Guardian Angels program to get that running in the spring. Some of the big achievements that we've had, we've built strong working relationships with UPD, student life, residence life, Roads and Grounds, Greek life, and the city of Morgantown. And I just want to thank all of our committee members. I think you guys have done really good with the work that you've been doing, and that's all I've got. Thank you.

Senator Torres: So we also did a semester overview. One of the things we've done this year, this semester, is complete one bandana training. We completed the Know Your Rights campaign video, which the comms team did a really great job editing. It looks amazing, so thank you for that. We are still ongoing in progress with the Carruth satellite location, but Hank has been working really hard on that, and he's seen a lot of improvement this semester, so we're looking positive for it in the next semester. We have collaborated a lot with Dean Showalter for student feedback, and she's come to some of our meetings, and she's been very receptive to our ideas. We talked to Global Affairs about better resources for international students, and even visited the International Student LLC to receive some of their feedback for things that they wanted to see on campus, and we are currently in the process of crimping welcome baskets for the incoming international students for next semester.

Senator Vullier: So, Lily has met with some of the appropriate parties for creating concrete planning for the campus fall events, so we're looking forward to that next semester. And then Lauren has finally secured meetings to begin creating her, I would call them foldable cloths, because I forget the current term. They call them table tents. Table tents, beautiful, that's a really

good name, for all the dining halls, just to talk about SGA and what we can do for students. Taya has been working hard to get student data and creating some Google Forms to help us know what resources are working for students or what they don't know about, and Emily, who this past semester has been my vice chair, and has been doing an amazing job helping with the structure of the committee and also the flow, so I'm really grateful for her. Yeah, and we also have the pleasure of having some faculty members come to our committee meetings over the past semester, such as Carrie Showalter and Evan Witters, to discuss university concerns regarding students and their own personal efforts to help students. Yeah, the committee has been very lovely, and I'm excited for the next semester and seeing everyone complete their projects.

College Senator Tuttle: So, we talked about setting up meetings with the data centers and the asset coordinators, and then we also went along endorsing our bill. And then we got an update on our native plans legislation. So, we got contracts for the seeds.

College Senator Shaik: We started our meeting up with a Pokemon Go raid. We had some updates with the lab equipment drop-off. Tyson will get to that in a second report. We finally have a location for the equipment drop-off. Got enough responses for our survey regarding mentorship with the Statler College, and we're going to share that with the dean next semester. And we have the foundation to move on with our TA initiative in Eberly College, and already have two points of contact. And then we brainstormed ideas for the next semester, a research match program, local school outreach, and women in STEM mentorship program.

XI. Assembly Reports

College Senator Selders: Hi everybody. I've got kind of a busy week ahead of me in terms of health science stuff going on. I scheduled a meeting with my career specialist, Robert Marcelli, who is our Health Science Student Career Center. I'm meeting with him on Wednesday. If you wanna come, you can come with me. So we will be doing that. We're gonna discuss what's going on with that, how we can help, and like outreach we can do with that. And the other person that I will be meeting with soon is Scotty, who is the person that runs Operation Blue Sky on Health Sciences. So we got sent a form, so all the Health Science people, if you guys have any ideas for events you guys might wanna do with like Operation Blue Sky, I have the form now. So we can start submitting ideas that we have that we wanna work with them with. Other than that, that's all I got.

College Senator Erwin: Yeah, I just wanted to give an update on just what my initiative is and where I am with it. So I was finally able to meet with hospitality on Monday. And pretty much what I'm trying to do is make tri-fold table tents to put on every single dining hall table. And in these table tents, there'll be one side dedicated to SGA and just what it is to follow up on what I ran on last year, trying to make SGA more well known among the student body. And then the other side will be hospitality's job. They want to get more information out there like their new 2026 dining plan. And then the third side will be dedicated to a QR code with the student resource page, just to make sure that students know what their resources are. So I will be working with the comms team and hospitality this month to get that done.

President Pro Tempore Robinson: Okay, hey guys, I hope you're all doing well. Just a few things. So the Senator Project Request Form is gonna close on February 2nd. So that does not mean that if you have an idea on February 3rd, I'm gonna tell you to get out of my face. That means that I'll hear you out on a case by case basis. But generally in February, you should not have any earth shattering initiatives that should have been proposed in like September. So just keep that in mind. But yeah, I'll continue to hear you out when you're smaller things. Okay, and the second, I understand that the time has come upon us to begin the campaigning. I just want you to remind yourself that you need to be where your feet are. And what I mean by that is you should not be distracted by the campaigning that you're doing for a future term that's not gonna start for another few months. So this is more of a personal request of mine, but please don't push off your ideas until next term. Don't do more work for your campaign than you're doing for SGA right now because I promise you it's a cycle. People do it all the time. There's people that have been in SGA previously for like three years and they will just continue to do that. So your charge is to do your job until April, so do your job until April. Other than that, I hope you guys have a wonderful holiday season and a better new year. Yeah, good luck on your finals. Thank you.

XII. Executive Reports

President Street: So this weekend I also tabled at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, which was cool because a lot of the SGA initiatives that we work on, like the solar panels on Evansdale, started as undergraduate research projects, so it was really cool to table there. And shout out to Tatum, who also tabled at that event. I forgot to mention it, but it was in your Monday mashup, the application for Big 12 on the Hill is open. We need applications by December 16th, I think, that's the due date, yeah. So I know you got finals, please get them in, anyways, Big 12 on the Hill is where we meet up with all the other Big 12 schools that we got to

host this past couple months ago, and we go lobby to our federal legislators in the Senate and the House, so it's a good time. We're going to take about eight people, I think is what we talked about, so please get your applications in as soon as possible so we can look them over and send our delegation to Iowa State, who's hosting it this year.

Carter Ledmon, Elections Committee Chair: The election packet opened today on the page. So if you want to run, you do that by January 29th. At 5 p.m. So don't wait until January 29th, because it's due at 5 p.m., not any later. No exceptions to the internal deadline January 28th. Don't be filing on the 29th, because you're going to forget.

Katelyn Merlin, University Relations Coordinator: I want to talk about tabling. First of all, thank you all for tabling the last couple of weeks. I know it was a busy schedule. But we are going to make some changes for the spring semester. So we've had a lot of problems with low attendance at tabling events and people's availability. And we cannot leave tables empty. This is a conflict for the lair and stuff, and we could get penalties as an organization for doing this. So because of this, we're going to change how we do table requests. I'm going to update the form, probably next week, hopefully. We have, similar to the internal budget, there will be an Excel spreadsheet for you to fill out that's basically the format of a tabling sign-up. And say, my committee is tabling. I'm going to send this out to my committee, and it's a committee initiative. Everyone in the committee needs to help fill those tabling spots for the half hours or hours. And then you'll submit it with your tabling request. And without a full schedule, your tabling request will not be approved. And then if people back out later, we're canceling the event. If it's like an individual activity, I suggest you guys send it out to the people you know will help table with you, support the initiative. And if we're really desperate, we can put it out to the full body. But as you can see, that's what I'm doing now, and it's not getting very good results. With this, I want to say that a lot of people when you're submitting requests right now, you're making it from 10 to 2 p.m. That's not a choice of me scheduling it from 10 to 2 p.m. I can schedule it any time you want. So if you guys are saying that, oh, we have class during that time, then I would recommend we push the date back. Maybe we make it, or not push the date back, push the time back to make it later in the evening or make it earlier so people can have attendance around their class schedules.

Mimi Fergsuon, Community Engagement Coordinator: I just wanted to give an update on where we're at for service hours so far this semester. So after the service trip to McDowell and then the phone banking event that we just had, we're currently at five hundred and sixty three and a half service hours for just the fall semester. So I can just say from personal experience, that's

significantly better than SGA has done in the past. So everyone should be proud of themselves for participating in service. And then I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who donated their time to come help the people of McDowell this weekend. It was a really beneficial trip and we are excited to hopefully be able to do that again next semester. And then I know that Aiden, who's the person at WVU who we coordinated with on this, is definitely looking to expand the program next semester. So be on the lookout for that, probably expanding it past McDowell County, more trips open to more student orgs. So it should be a good program up and coming. If you did go on the trip this past weekend, just make sure that you check your emails and Aiden should have emailed you something so you can make sure that you get your per diem process. It would be you'll be getting fifty one dollars a day for food costs. And then also thank you to everyone who just came and participated in the phone banking upstairs. I thought that that went really well for a pop up event. And then Aiden also kind of talked to me about the high school ambassadors program. So in the past two years now, I think as long as I've been in SGA, we've been participating in the high school ambassadors program. So if you don't know what that is, basically over winter break and spring break, you can go visit your high school and you can just talk to some of the seniors and juniors there about like your experience, experience here at WVU, what WVU offers, what it's offered for you, why you chose to go to WVU, kind of just tell your story. I can send more detailed information about the program in the group chat. But basically, you would be provided with resources like a PowerPoint. You would be given like a giveaway kit, handouts to give to students, basically everything that you need to make sure it's a successful trip. To see your local high school, the point is just to kind of inform students about everything we have to offer here. If you participate, you can get a \$25 Amazon gift card or you can choose to get a Starbucks gift card instead. Or you can choose to get WVU swag instead. So I'll send the link to sign up with the interest form for that in the group chat. If you're interested in going, please just fill that out by Friday if you can. They want to get everything finalized by the 16th so they can hand out the resources for those of you who want to participate.

Jay Huff, State Government Liaison: Good evening, everyone. Like I said last week and like Colin mentioned, we went down to Charleston on Monday. Thank God we made it back alive. It's the longest trip I have ever, the longest amount of time it's taken me to go to Charleston and back. Our first initiative we were talking about is our student vote. Originally, we were very, you know, weren't very optimistic about getting it back. But after our meetings, it looks like there's a chance, there's a fighting chance that we might get it back. We talked with Senator Oliverio, Joe Statler, and then we just found out that they are all on board with helping us get our legislation endorsed, at least have a committee or into a committee for a vote, which is very promising. We didn't know that would happen. So it looks like we're heading down the right path

on it. Right now, the House is looking like it's going to be our main opposition. Leadership there is kind of shutting it down, telling the members, you know, don't vote for it. The Senate, however, is very optimistic. Last year, it only passed by four votes. It was 19 to 15. Some of those members are no longer in the Senate, and some of the newer members seem more willing to work with us on it than they were last year. So it looks better for us. As Hank brought up the Promise Scholarship, what we have heard is that there is going to be legislation introduced. However, from the people we have talked to down there, the legislators, they don't think it's going anywhere, that it doesn't have the support at least to get out of the House. So it doesn't look like it's going to happen, so I don't think that's something that we particularly have to worry about at this point. Just keep it on everyone's radar, but from what we understand, Promise is not going to have any work requirements attached to it, at least in this session. Overall, very productive meetings, much better than I thought they would be. So it's always good when things go better than anticipated. But, yeah, looking forward to a very productive session with the legislature. They were excited to see us. We were excited to see them. But, you know, they're very excited to work with us and see how things go. Other than that, that's all I've got for you. Thank you.

Joley Chikombero, Menstrual Equity Taskforce Chair: So unfortunately, the heating pad event will have to be postponed until the spring semester. But hopefully, next semester, we can get some more sign-ups. And I'd love to see you all come show up. Thank you.

Tyson Feltz, Chair of the Foundational Stem Collaborative Liaison: So for the lab drive, equipment was collected at the end of last week for the chem labs. It will be recorded this week for the totals of goggles and aprons we have. Dr. Osborne was supposed to email me by today with the total, but he didn't. So I'm going to go see him on Friday in his office to get that tallied. Equipment is going to be redistributed directly next semester to incoming students through email surveys. Unfortunately, we couldn't fit in a tabling event this semester to collect equipment, but we'll try that next semester. Along with expanding to upper-level bio labs to try and get more goggles. Last Thursday, I had my final meeting with the FSC directors to conclude our lab drive and talk about next semester. I really emphasize getting a running start as we were slow in the first month of the semester in terms of communication. To do this, we are sending out feedback forms that I made. They're going to ask a variety of questions to STEM students about FSC and what they want to see to help give us direction for next semester events. Additionally, we discussed getting a more consistent schedule for our FSC meetings next semester. Starting in late January to be more open with students as there weren't that many this semester. We also talked

about panel events for STEM students where they can speak and hear from doctors, dentists, and post-grads about their futures and build other connections. We already have a lineup of doctors and a few dentists that accepted our invitation. We wrapped up by going over the Eberly UTA program that we're going to continue next semester with Dr. Young. She is on board with giving students credit toward the mandatory section of STEM majors. That will become a part of most STEM pathways in the near future. Along with some type of acknowledgment for their graduation. We're going to work on that through the spring semester to present to Dean Dunaway and that's about it.

Lake Embrey, Editing Officer: Hi everyone, just a quick update. This past weekend me and eight of our other members went down to McDowell County to do some service trips ranging from senators, executives, and even some interns. I would like to announce to the eight people that I not only had the privilege of doing service down there but I also did a lot of photography and video stuff. If anyone is interested, those photos are in the Google Drive and the photos folder. And also just to advocate, when I came back having learned a lot, it really broke my heart to realize that a lot of our stuff gets canceled because of low interest rates. So if any of you guys even have a little bit of interest in this kind of stuff, I urge you to do it because I promise you, you won't regret it. So, thank you guys.

XIII. Old Business

No Old Business.

XIV. New Business

A. New Student Organization Approvals

1. PRT Innovation Club

John Phillips: Hello everybody, my name is John Phillips, I am the president of the PRT Innovation Club and I'm here to just quickly discuss the purpose and place for the club. My main goal of the club is to be an educative source about the PRT, we are going to teach about the history of the PRT and more in-depthly on PRT systems of how the PRT works as well as some of the more complicated stuff into how it runs. We eventually would like to get involved with the current PRT events, so the school is always

doing changes and renovations to the PRT and we want to act as a student body for that or as a volunteer group for that and we want to kind of get involved as to what's going on with that. And then also we want to make changes, you know, innovation is in the name and we want to make changes to the PRT, it's a lovely system but it's 50 years old so there can be improvements and we want to eventually do research, test and come up with proposals and present that to the school or anybody willing to listen to help us out. Although we have an engineering focus, we do want to expand it to interdisciplinary as there's a lot of factors that come with making a grand change like something simple in the PRT could take a lot of money, it could take a lot of effort and so we're going to have to really branch out to try and get a lot of people involved.

Senator Cole moved the previous question by voice, seconded by Senator Champ.
The organization was approved unanimously.

B. Bureau of Finance

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Julia Leyden, Treasurer: So today we have a bittersweet financial bill. It is going to be our last one, as we are out of money. It's bittersweet. It's a great bill. It's nine grants for nine student organizations. We're going to be funding some awesome things, like some travel for the Panhellenic Association. And also, we're going to be funding some trout. We're buying trout. The trout is for the Industrial Pharmacists Association to do a fishing competition, so they can promote stopping dumping pharmaceutical waste into water systems. So it's a good purpose.

Senator Cole moved to the previous by voice, seconded by College Senator Mugnano.
The bill was passed unanimously.

XV. Open Student Forum II

Garrett Oursler and Logan Pierce: Okay, Mountaineers, thank you for being here today, standing before you is both humbling and energizing. WVU is more than a campus, it is a community, a family. And for so many of us, it is a home. And like any home, it deserves leaders who listen, who act, and who care deeply about every student's experience. We begin with a

simple but powerful message, to bridge the gap. Across our university students come from different backgrounds, majors, identities, and lived experiences. Yet too often we see silos between organizations, between academic colleges, between the student body and student government. We believe leadership should not sit at the top of a hill looking down, it should stand shoulder to shoulder with students working to connect and uplift every voice.

We know our strength comes from our roots, the traditions, values, and resilience that defines what it means to be a Mountaineer. But our roots aren't meant to keep us in place, they are meant to give us stability, to rise. Rise to new challenges, rise to represent each other more effectively, rise to build a student government that is accessible, transparent, and truly responsive.

Our vision for the future of SGA is grounded in bringing fresh ideas to the table while honoring the commitment to those who came before us. We want to ignite collaboration by making it easier for students to engage with their leaders, voice their concerns, and help shape the solutions that guide this campus forward. That means strengthening relationships with student organizations so their goals become our goals. It means advocating for mental health resources that go beyond awareness and toward truly actionable support. It means elevating academic and campus life initiatives by ensuring students have a real seat at the decision-making table, not just a symbolic one. We promise an administration that not only hears students, but works with them, an administration rooted in teamwork, driven by purpose, and committed to making every student feel seen, valued, and empowered. When we look across this campus, we see possibility everywhere. We see passion in first-year students searching for their place. We see leadership in our student organizations, building community every day. We see determination in those balancing academics, jobs, and personal responsibilities. And we see the potential for an SGA that reflects the best of who we are and who we can become. This is not about the two of us. It's about all of us. It's about building a university where every student feels connected to something bigger. A university where we take pride in our roots, but boldly step toward a future we shape together. A university where we rise, we ignite change, and we go beyond what anyone expects. Mountaineers, we're ready to work, we're ready to serve, and we're ready to build a stronger WVU together. That is why we intend to run SGA's intern program and executive branch smoothly next year. Surprise!

If you don't know if you guys are aware, it is usually a tradition for two graduating seniors in SGA to come up here and give us a big speech. It's something that breaks the ice for a little tense moment, so we just wanted to be a little lighthearted today and really appreciate everything that we've done, and a big speech. But congratulations to all of the candidates today that we'll be announcing. It's a big moment for all of you, so thank you.

A. SGA Candidacy Announcements

Bryan Cole, Ava Hill: Good evening everyone, my name is Bryan Cole, for those who don't know me, I'm originally from Martinsburg, West Virginia, I'm a junior here at WVU, I'm studying Criminology and Multidisciplinary Studies with minors in Forensic Investigative Science, Leadership Studies and Political Science and I currently serve as Senator-at-Large for the WVU SGA and the Safety Committee Chair. Hey y'all, for those of you who don't know me, I'm Ava Hill, I am a Computer Science major with an area of emphasis in Cyber Security and a minor in Business Cyber Security, I'm also from Martinsburg, West Virginia and right now I'm currently one of your Statler Senators, I'm a voting member on the BOF and then I'm also in the Campus Connection Committee. During my time here at WVU, this University has shaped me in many ways, whether it's from the mentors that have challenged me, from the friends that I've made here, the organizations that I've joined and just the people here at WVU. Through SGA I truly have learned what it means to serve, serve our community, serve our students and our administrators and ultimately Monongalia County and the State of West Virginia. WVU has given me so many opportunities and with that I feel that I'm called to a point to serve the University that has given me so much. For me, my time so far as being a WVU student, I have really been pushed to think critically and solve problems outside of the box, more specifically throughout my time at SGA I have really learned the true meaning of service, so you know advocating for our peers, listening to them and making a positive change at WVU. I've also had the incredible opportunity to learn from various mentors of what it means to truly lead with purpose and integrity, yeah. As many of you know, the roles of student body president and vice president are very unique positions in the Student Government Association. They require a responsibility to listen, to learn and to carry student concerns into the rooms where decisions are made. These roles require a commitment to making sure every Mountaineer on this campus is represented. Just like all leadership roles, they continue to grow stronger under new experiences and perspectives. Yeah, just to add a little bit to what Brian just said, we do know that these roles require lots and lots of dedication and lots and lots of hard work and we just, we really believe that these roles can only continue to grow with leadership and all of these new leaders coming in with courage and compassion to be able to give back to the place that has given so much to us. With this all being said, tonight we have the high honor and privilege to announce our intentions to file for the office of president and vice president of the student body here at West Virginia University. We look forward to continuing our service to the university, whether in the capacity of turnout of this election, we look forward to serving the roles that we continue to stay in as of right now and we commend all of the leaders that are stepping up tonight to serve their university furthermore. Thank you so much.

Colin Street and Ro Jones: Well good evening everyone. Ro and I have encouraged you throughout the year to think about what your why is, but it's also important that we recognize the collective why of SGA. Why is it important for SGA to exist on campus? SGA gives our student body agency. It allows us to take the problems that we as students experience every single day and elevate those and equips us with the tools we need to solve them, not just complain about them. When we show that change on campus is possible and inspires other students to take their own problems and do something about them. The mutual aid cabinets are a perfect example of this. We saw a problem, we created the solution, and implemented that solution. And now, because of that, every student on this campus has access to a resource that makes their lives just a little bit more convenient, free of charge. SGA also elevates the concerns of students to decision makers. As much as they're on campus, administrators don't live in Stonehecker or Borman, nor do they go to parties on Frat Row, unless of course you're Gordon Gee, but they are in the business of student success. And it is for that very reason they continue to place so much trust and responsibility in SGA. We secured UPD reform and oversight through the Board of Governors, and academic reinvigoration for funding for the Hardesty Festival of Ideas, because Roe and I incessantly use our voices, take your concerns to the highest levels of the university, and get results because of it. Finally, SGA offers support and community to those of you who are here to put your nose to the grindstone and get work done for your fellow students. Our retreat to Jackson's Mill and our bonding events aren't just for leadership training. They are to fill you with energy when your glass is half empty, and help you find your place on this campus when the work you do gets hard. As an organization built on the foundation of inspiring student agency, it is equally important that we ourselves remain constantly inspired. And what better way to maintain that inspiration and momentum than surrounding ourselves with students who are just as passionate about improving the world. Ultimately, as SGA, it's our job to meet the needs of and inspire agency and students, to solve each other's problems, and to make it just that much easier for every student at WVU to rock across the graduation stage. Now for those of you who have been around here for a while, as Logan and Garrett made obvious, this is where you would expect us to say psych. It's been a tradition for years that the outgoing administration teases a second run. Well, Roe and I have never been afraid to break tradition for what we believe is right. And that's why we couldn't be more excited to announce that we are running for re-election to be your student body president and vice president. Colin and I have been able to accomplish an incredible amount for this campus this year and learn even more along the way. And there is still so much more to do. We have a whole new lineup of projects and initiatives we're excited to share with you over the coming months. But until then, and as always, thank you and let's go Mountaineers! Thank you.

About thirty more people announced their intent to run.

XVI. Advisors' Reports

Dr. Thanh Le: Well, congratulations to everybody that announced tonight, or announced their intention to run my bad, Carter. I don't want to give anybody any violations this evening, but I just want to first off just say congratulations to all that announced tonight. I look forward to kind of watching you over the next few months as you start to kind of share your thoughts and perspectives to your fellow student body and also administrators about what you would like to see changed here on campus. This is a great time, great energy that we love to see on campus. But I always say this, and I'm going to sound like a broken record for those that remember when I said this last year, keep that same energy. Remember that feeling that you just had when you came up here. Whether it be nerves, whether it be excitement, whatever that may be, keep that same energy when you're in these roles again next year or whoever's in these roles next year. And just remember the pureness of it at the time, right, because this is also something to take into the election and the campaigning phase as well, because you all are great people in general, and for some reason, this election process brings the worst out of people. So I hate to see relationships torn apart because of this process. I see it every year. If you don't believe me, you can ask some of the older folks that have been with me for four or five years at this point, and so really use the spirit of excitement. Run for yourself, run for your why, and keep it at that. Keep it about you. Don't make it about others. And so I think it's really important to remember that during the campaign phase. I will reiterate this again probably in February when we actually make the official candidates announcements, but I look forward to watching you all campaign, and I look forward to kind of just watching it all unfold, and I really hope to see some collaboration, some really good conversations about how we continue to improve the student experience for you all and the students that you're representing or are going to be representing, and so good luck to everyone. I do understand this is the last meeting of the semester, so it's a bittersweet for those that are graduating, and so for those that are graduating, thank you so much for your service to the student body. Please find me. I want to make sure you get your graduation things for the student government. We do give you a cord, a nice pin, and maybe a nice sticker, and so please come find me and make sure that you get those things from me so you can don those on commencement day. And so congratulations to those that are graduating. Don't stay too far. Stay in touch. Hope to see you. Come back and visit, and we appreciate all that you've done for SGA and the student body up to this point, so I look forward to kind of seeing you all coming back and visiting and then bragging about the nice salaries that you're getting. The majority of the

students that graduate make more than Morgan and I, so it's cool though. We love y'all. It's cool though, but also good luck on finals next week. I know this time is also a daunting time because, you know, we are clamoring for those last grades, trying to push for those Bs to turn into As, those Cs to turn into Bs, and hopefully no Ds turning into Cs or Fs turning into Cs, but if you need to, take that time to study. Grind it out. Good luck with everything, and if I do not see you all before the break, please have a restful break as well, and you guys get a long break. You don't have to be back until the 12th. That's crazy, so Morgan and I will be back on the 5th or the 2nd, so, well, I'll be back on the 2nd. She'll be back on the 5th, so. So reach out if you need us. If you need anything, any support throughout the break, just let us know. We'll be around. Otherwise, great job this semester. It's been amazing to kind of watch you all work. I know you're still kind of finding your groove, but I think you all have been amazing advocates for the student body, and I think the campus is better for it, so thanks, y'all.

XVII. Snaps

College Senator Everly: I would love to give snacks to Treasurer Leyden. She led a very successful BoF, dealt with a lot of rule changes, and handled it all very well. That's right.

College Senator Poole: Yeah, this is going to kind of be a buzzkill, but I'll try to wrap it up in a way that's positive. So, Cate and I, we were both students by the presence of our high school, and we unfortunately just lost a student in a tragic incident that occurred. I would love to give snaps to their memory.

Garrett Oursler, Intern Coordinator: I don't have a microphone, but snaps to all the interns that are intending to run for things.

Senator Hickle: Snaps to Mimi. She did an amazing job putting together the McDowell County service trip. It was really eye-opening, and I had a great time. So, thank you.

Senator Silva: I wanted to give snaps to Molly. I just wanted to say thank you for everything you've done for the organization, not just this year, but since you were an intern like three years ago, Molly has done so much and worked so hard in all of the roles she has taken on, and she will surely be missed, and I just wanted to say thank you so much for everything.

Senator O'Neal: I just want to give snaps to my committee. This semester, they've done incredible work. They're all really hard-working people, and we've worked our butts off this year,

so good job to them. I'm really proud of them. The majority of them are all intending to run again, so it must mean they're happy with the work we're doing, and I look forward to working with them next year, hopefully, and then for the remainder of the year we're elected to serve. Thank you, guys. I wanted to give snaps to me for setting up the committee. I want to say it worked really well, and also snaps to everybody.

College Senator Selders: Snaps to Cate Evans for being chosen to serve as Spring 2026 Presidential Student Ambassador. That's a super awesome accomplishment. Good job.

College Senator Poole: Yes, so I just wanted to reiterate snaps to everyone running for re-election and to the interns, but I wanted to specify snaps to all those who have no prior involvement in SGA or taken a stand in running. You all don't know what you're getting into, and for your sake, I don't know whether to laugh or cry. Good luck.

College Senator Scott: Quick snaps to Jay Huff and all the work that he's done. We're going to miss him as well.

President Street: So I'm going to give snaps to everyone in SGA for all the hard work you do and also just for putting up for the fact that Ro and I have probably made just about every meeting go past 9:30 this year, and last year there used to be a cap where the meetings ended at 9:30, so thank you for putting up with that, and I'm going to give a special snaps to Cabinet because I, we talked about it a little bit today, Ro and I both, have worked you guys to death this year, but you guys have risen to the occasion, and I just want to thank you for all the work you guys do. We've planned for this administration for a long time, and frankly we've got a lot of what we said we were going to do, and it's because of the work that you guys have put in, so I just want to say thank you so much. It really means the world.

College Senator Hale: Two super fast snaps. Snaps to Andrew for being a great chair, and a lot of snaps for Audrey for asking some great questions at the data center talk last night.

Vice President Jones: Firstly, I would like to give snaps to my fantastic intern, John. He's been fantastic, so snaps to you, John. I would also like to give snaps to everyone who is wearing sweaters today. I love all of the cute Christmas sweaters, so snaps to all of you. Cute Christmas sweaters today. I wanted to give snaps to all of the candidates who are going to be putting in so much effort to run in the spring. It really, as Hank said, is a substantial time commitment, and a lot of the work that we do does not really go uncompensated, so it takes a lot to be able to make

that commitment as a student here at WVU, so snaps to all of you. And then my last snap, I would like to give snaps to Molly. I love you, Molly. We've had a great time with you here in this organization from freshman year to now, and so thank you for doing all the work that you do and being here every single Wednesday. I have a smile on your face. Thank you very much.

XVIII. Adjournment

Senator Cole motioned to adjourn, seconded by College Senator Scott.
Ayes have it, the meeting was adjourned.
