

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
September 20th, 2023
2023-2024 Santmyer-Dozier Administration**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Brogan Dozier

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Prichard

President Pro Tempore Risk - Present

College Senator Abbas - Present

College Senator Arastu - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Bromley - Present

College Senator Cahill - Present

College Senator Coulter - Present

College Senator Dursa - Present

Senator Eastman - Present

College Senator Farooq - Present

Senator Frazier - Present

College Senator Henson - Present

College Senator Indomenico - Present via Zoom

College Senator Jackson - Present

College Senator Kaminski - Present

Senator Leadmon - Present

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Present

College Senator Madden - Present
Senator Olivero - Present
College Senator Oursler - Present
College Senator Phillips - Present
College Senator Pillo - Present via Zoom
Senator Randle - Present
Senator Sadler - Present
College Senator Schmieder - Present
Senator Scholl - Present
College Senator Shiels - Absent
College Senator Switala - Present
Senator Vodiany - Absent
Senator Weeks - Present
College Senator Witt - Absent

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by Senator Frazier
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Senator Weeks
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 College Senator Oursler
The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Senator Eastman
There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

VI. Open Student Forum I

Unknown: I know this isn't snaps, but at the last meeting I meant to give snaps to Thanh for breaking a \$10 for me. I really needed to get a sprite from the vending machine, I was parched. Snaps to Thanh. These vending machines only take fives and under. Thank you all for all your hard work at the last meeting. I know it went late, but you all are superstars. Thank you all for doing hard work and being a productive SGA. We all appreciate you

VII. The President's Report

President Santmyer: September 15th we had the Board of Governors meeting. I put out a statement on the 16th in response. I put this out on our Instagram. There were a few changes. Two faculty were added in the Creative Arts Center. Two faculty were added in for the World Languages Department. It was left very vague. But if anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. Our next town hall event is tuesday. Please come out and tell others. I know things are very difficult for anyone, and we did not get the outcome we wanted. We just have to move forward. There are a lot of great things we can still accomplish and improve. It won't be an easy year, but we will remain positive. I was selected as the student chair for the WV Higher Education Policy Commission. There are student representatives from colleges all across the state. We work on different goals for improving the state in general. The Marshall student body president is the vice chair and I am going to start meeting with people this friday. Rhys and I have started our biweekly meetings with Travis Mollohan, to start talking about legislative priorities. If you hear anything about the legislature as we start to prepare for January, just let us know. Committee chairs and vice chairs are going to start working on legislative priorities. I want to have the whole organization involved in legislation. I also have the AI task force, which sounds funny, tomorrow morning. That will be with different people across the university. Going to try and work on policies for that. If anyone has any questions please text, call, or facetime me.

VIII. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Dozier: Just a quick rundown on the legislative process. It starts with an idea, then you gauge interest, opinion within the committee, SGA group chat, etc. Seek student opinion through open student forums, surveys, etc. That is where you get your facts. Meet with relevant administrators. Write the legislation, and hopefully collaborate with others in SGA. You can always collaborate with executives as well. Meet with Morgan or Thanh, me, and Madison. It can be super informal, just early so we can talk about the legislation. Make sure it is in the legislation in progress folder. Present to the relative committee, and seek endorsement and sponsorship. Present to the assembly and it goes out. Please if you guys are confused, reach out, call, text, stop by. I pretty much live in my office. We will be having a team bonding event this Friday at Pool Hall. Come by, we will probably be there around 6 or 7. I will put more information in the GroupMe.

IX. Assembly Reports

Senator Frazier: I wanted to give an update on my idea for the new campus map to include accessibility access. I met with the Office of Accessibility Director Daniel Long. He brought along a Planning Constructions Analyst to discuss the idea. They wanted to do it. They are wanting to move away from paper maps to digitized maps. In that they are going to try and include accessibility elements. Things may move a little slowly, but it is looking forward to the future. They were able to get the accessibility map on the campus map website within 24 hours. They worked really quick and I give them the utmost thanks for that one. Both of them are great people, and it was a great experience. I also wanted to add that Director Long wanted help from SGA. He is interested in improving some of the accessibility elements that are not controlled by WVU. He is wanting to work with the city but has had a little bit of difficulty there.

College Senator Oursler: There has been a lot of work on this campus collaborative effort that I brought up last week. Travis Mollohan has all the information he needs. He is going to help us write all the information we need for the Campus Free Hunger Act. I met with the director of farms and he suggested that instead of creating money that is going to be given to WVU, that we instead have them create some sort of grant program that is administered under the Davis College. As the project grows, more institutions will have members on that board. Different institutions could submit requests for that board, to administrate those funds where they are needed. If anyone needs more information, just let me know. I also wanted to bring to your attention that the office of sustainability is currently going through their yearly review services to get their certification as a silver institution in sustainability. As part of this they are bringing forward a survey regarding bicycling. If anyone is interested in helping, just fill it out so it will help them.

X. Committee Reports

1. Strategic Initiatives

College Senator Oursler: I want to highlight again what Senator Frazier put effort in. We discussed that in our committee and set up the meeting. A lot of things we want to get changed on campus do not have to be handled with legislation. They can be handled with just a meeting. That got changed in

a day. I think there is value in meeting with administrators. Everything we want changed doesn't have to be legislation.

XI. Executive Reports

Elections Chair Weller: Next meeting we will be having an election forum. This will give the assembly, and possibly the gallery, to give input about the election last year and what they may want changed. Also if you have any questions for me or Attorney General Christian Miller, we would be happy to answer them. We want to use this as a guideline for gov docs. Our first meeting was yesterday and it went really well. We will also have a survey going out at the end of the next meeting. It will go out towards the student body and I encourage you all to fill it out as well.

Attorney General Miller: We had our first meeting for governing docs. We meet tuesdays in the lair, 7:30 to 8:30p.m. It was good, mostly broad. People are coming to the meeting next week with more specific changes. If you have any specifics that you want changed, come to the meeting. I will put it in the general chat. We had people who were not in the committee yesterday. They gave a lot of good input too. It is important to get a broad coalition of people even outside of voting members, because it is going to be approved by the assembly so we want assembly approval early.

Chief of Staff Long: Just wanted to make everyone aware we are doing reports this year. You just put in a google form what you did for the month. I will get it sent out by the end of the week so we can keep tabs on the progress you all are making.

Internal Senates Liaison Pierce: I met with the staff council today and that was a really short and productive meeting. They talked about staff input of the ASU process that is coming up. Since the academic side of the transformation process is over we are switching to the review of the ASU's. Those reviews came out today. It is in early stages so I can't say for sure what will happen. Most of the ASU's under review are recommended with continuance and the current level of activity with specific recommendations. These recommendations do not seem as harsh as the academic ones. We will take time and see where it leads. Charlie sent out the recommendation letters, please read them. We will be going through that process here soon.

Student Organization Liaison Scaff: The last day for seniors to apply to homecoming court is this Friday at noon. You can find the application on engage. There will be a mini student org fair tomorrow for service groups in the mountainlair. Go check that out, especially if you are an apprentice. It is also diversity week so that can be found on the diversity instagram. Senator Frazier and I were at club unity last night. I encourage everyone to go to one event. The final student lot before we have a month off is Saturday at 12:30p.m., so go check that out.

Outreach Coordinator Tiano: Gameday weekend, please consider collecting tabs this weekend. I am getting containers donated from the Ronald McDonald House this week and they will be on all three campuses. Thank you.

XII. Matthew Cross, Pedestrian Safety Board

Matthew Cross: We are doing what we can to make this a safe walking community for you all. You all did a great job at the accessibility walks last year. You all found many things to be improved upon. Go back through that documentation and find what is most urgent. We are doing what we can to make improvements, although it is challenging working with the city and Charleston. Money is tight right now, prioritize the top ten issues you would like to see done. Anything we can do to keep people safe is what we need to be doing. Marshall University has a program this year called Heads Up Herd. It is about pedestrian safety. This communication for pedestrian safety can spread statewide. October is National Pedestrian Safety Month. Please hit those buttons at the cross walks to let drivers know you want to cross. Establish eye contact, assume your position when appropriate. Look both ways and just be safe. People are killed at the crosswalk and it is very sad. That is why as walkers, you have to be aware and cautious. Even when you have the green light to walk, you have to look. We have two types of crossing systems here in Morgantown. We have a PSA on youtube to explain the crossing systems. Know your routes and your light cycles. We are coming upon the dark months, gear up to be seen at night. Get yourself lit up. Watch out for everyone else as well. Drivers watch out for walkers. There are some flyers up here for pedestrian safety tips. I am trying to engage the Reed College to get into some PSA development.

XIII. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at this time

XIV. New Business

A. New Student Organization Approvals

1. *The Church of Morgantown Young Adult Ministry*

With no objections, The Church Of Morgantown Young Adult Ministry passes

2. *Student Officials Association*

With no objections, Student Officials Association passes

B. FB-2023-09

President Pro Tempore Risk entertained the motion to amend the financial bill as stated

The motion was seconded Senator Eastman

With no objections, the motion was passed

College Senator Oursler entertained a motion to vote on the financial bill

The motion was seconded by President Pro Tempore Risk

With no objections, the financial bill was passed

XV. Ideas for Outreach Discussion, College Senator Coulter and Outreach Coordinator Tiano

Outreach Coordinator Tiano: We have gotten a lot of feedback during the academic transformation about how we can represent our students. I think it is important to come up with better ways to outreach to students. Senator Coulter reached out to me and said it may be a good idea to have an open discussion. I am going to hand it over to Senator Coulter to start it.

Senator Coulter: I brought this up to Outreach Coordinator Tiano. It is part of her job to better outreach to every student on this campus. I think it is important to reach out to students, get their input and feedback. If anyone has any ideas regarding outreach, please share them.

Senator Olivero: I think it is important to have our own legislation on the website. I know a lot of old stuff is on there. I have been told that people thought legislation was private, which is counterintuitive. People do want to see what we write.

Vice President Dozier: I can tell you all of this information will be on the website.

Senator Leadmon: We talked about in committees doing tabling and creating QR codes to the website so they can save it to their phones as a resource .

College Senator Abbas: We could make like a five minute video introducing ourselves to the student body. I think it would be a good opportunity to show who we are and what we do.

President Pro Tempore Risk: One idea that I had was to increase our in person outreach. We often focus on instagram or websites. If students do not know we exist, it is hard for them to look us up. If we could go to residence halls, have RA's mention it in meetings. We could even extend that to other on campus housing.

Outreach Coordinator Tiano: I know we mentioned simplified infographics to spread the logistics of what we do in a simple form. I think that is good to reach out to dorms and tabling ideas.

Senator Frazier: I feel like it would be helpful to share the powerpoint that we had back in the spring of our roles and what the student government does. Many people aren't sure how the actual government works, more less student government. I think it would be beneficial for everyone to see how we operate. Maybe including this on the website or something.

College Senator Oursler: People have said that we should try to post on various forms of social media. Maybe if we had even just a fun Tik Tok to post on. I also think we should start utilizing the bulletin boards around campus. I think something physical would be branching out and get the word out there

Social Media Coordinator McGrogan: We have a Twitter that we post on. If you have anything you want to post on TikTok, I have been wanting to do silly stuff on there for so long. If you want to share graphics, just let me know.

Policy Coordinator Blair: I think it is important to show up together as a unit. When we do the town halls, it shouldn't be the same few of us showing up each time. More of the SGA needs to try to show up. Showing up is half the battle. We are all in

this together. We all need to be showing up if possible! We have a listening thing on Tuesday, start there. Bring your friends, your dog if you have one.

Chief of Staff Long: The campus community is one big family. We could even talk to people in our classes. Just what they are feeling and thinking, It is a way to open yourself up to those who may not be involved otherwise. Whatever you do, we need to think of the invisible student. If we can get in their head and figure out what they are thinking, that is most of the battle

College Senator Phillips: I always notice things written on the board that usually aren't there, or flyers on the desk. They spark conversation in classrooms. Ideas that are focused on classrooms are very important.

Outreach Coordinator Tiano: If anyone has any further thoughts or discussion on this. Please reach out to me. It will be productive for the future.

XVI. Open Student Forum II

Senator Sadler: This Friday at 5:00pm. the Asian Association is hosting a panel with several student organizations on campus. It will be a good panel and there will be catering. Come out, get some food, and learn some stuff.

Vice President Dozier: BSU will be holding game night tomorrow in the lair. It is the most fun event BSU puts on, please come by.

College Senator Lutman: My band will have it's official return to campus. It is a free show this Friday at 8:00p.m. at 834 Naomi Street. Please come out and support. We will be playing our original songs for you all before they are on streaming services.

College Senator Cahill: I would like to ask for your undivided attention. I want to give a trigger warning for sexual assault, suicide, and substance abuse. Please bear with me as I may get emotional. I was 19 years old. I was young and naive and also thought I was invincible. I was raped my freshman year and tomorrow is the fourth anniversary of that. I considered him my friend. I trusted him and thought it was safe to sleep in a friend's bed. But it was not. I will spare you the gruesome

details but nobody should have to experience that. The things I went through the days and weeks following, I decided to file a Title IX claim. I tried to get people familiarized with that through legislation I tried to pass last year. Something that still bothers me is that Thanh thought it was unnecessary to pass that as it was already being done per my recommendation, and that I was just passing legislation just to pass it, but I digress. I started drinking a lot, more than one should. When I was drunk, I didn't feel as bad about it. That remains true. I abuse alcohol. Part of that is because of that night, more of that is because of what followed. I wrote in my journal on November 11th, 2019, "I just don't want to live anymore. It hurts a lot and I feel like I can't breathe. I want my mom and dad but I don't want to involve them because they will want to get involved and I don't want that." It got to a point where I couldn't go on without telling them anymore, so I called home. That is a conversation I will never forget. In that conversation, my little sister asked me to not do anything to hurt myself. I said I won't, I don't even have anything sharp in my room, I checked last week. Jumping ahead, I will never forget taking a knife from my kitchen set, pressing it to my skin, and wondering how it could cut through chicken breast but not my skin. I wrote "new knives" on my shopping list. My case finally made it to student conduct. For those of you familiar, I had to meet a certain burden of proof to get there. The hearing was set for my 20th birthday. I asked for it to be moved; it wasn't. I sat in my childhood bedroom to testify about the worst night of my life alone on my 20th birthday. Seven days later he was found not responsible. I remember getting that email, scrolling to the bottom, and reading "accordingly, you are not responsible for sexual misconduct." I will tell you what preceded that. Sue Keller wrote, "complainants recall of detail, including the articles of clothing she changed into, illustrates she was aware and making decisions." I was aware, I made decisions, and I made the decision to say no. I was aware of it all. I hate the song September by Earth, Wind, and Fire, because yes I do remember the 21st night of September. Maybe if I didn't he would've been found responsible. I filed an appeal with Dean Farris and he accepted it. I felt so hopeful. I asked that he come up with a better reason than remembering the articles of clothing I changed into. It then took Dean Farris 30 business days to tell me there was nothing wrong with the original rationale. Another thing that bothers me to this day is I am not the only one to file a complaint. He raped someone else too. I am wondering what the Goldilocks meet in the middle, perfect amount of memory, and number of people filing complaints is needed for it to hold any weight. I am not doing well, and I haven't been for four years. I tried to hide that and pretend to be the perfect

person who had their life together. And I was perfect in the academic sense. I got a 4.0 in undergrad. I won the outstanding senior award. I got an incredible job offer at the biggest accounting firm in the world. That is of no thanks to this university. This university has ruined me. The only reason I am here is because my masters is free. I wanted to say this in April but was afraid my award would be rescinded. But, I signed my name in that book, I have my pin, and I have my cord. Dean Farris it is your job to protect us as students. We pay you to do a job, and you failed us. You failed me. I have tried my best to make this university better than I found it and I would like to think that I have. I will always be here for all of you, and I certainly am expected to still be invited to formal. But as I have said before, I am not doing well and cannot continue to execute the duties expected of me and I need to take time for myself. My resignation will be effective immediately. Thank you all. I have bit my tongue long enough and I will not do it anymore. Fuck you Dean Farris. College Senator Cahill, out.

XVII. Advisors' Reports

Thanh Le: Next week is the week of purpose. Check out the calendar for that. There will be a lot of things going on. Prevent Summit is on friday, and the REACH Conference is next weekend. Please ask us questions about anything. Please know we are here to support you all.

XVIII. Snaps

Snaps were not given

XIX. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was entertained by Senator Olivero

The motion to adjourn was seconded by College Senator Weeks

The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
September 20, 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 Fall 2023 Semester per the official WVU Academic Calendar.

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TITLE I: COMMunity (Communication Studies Graduate Student Organization)

For Expenses to cover a portion of the funds necessary to attend the National Communication Association conference from Nov. 16th - 19th.

<i>COMMunity (Communication Studies Graduate Student Organization)</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	4 rooms (11/16), 2 rooms (11/17)	\$1524.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$1524.00

TITLE II: WVU DPT Class of 2025

For Expenses to cover a portion of the funds necessary to attend the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting from Feb. 15th - 17th.

<i>WVU DPT Class of 2025</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	5 students	\$1524.02
Total Allocated Funds		\$1524.02

TITLE III: Student Partnership for the Advancement of Cosmic Exploration

For Expenses to cover club T-Shirts to wear during demonstrations of capstone.

<i>Student Partnership for the Advancement of Cosmic Exploration</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Shirts	60 people	\$1000.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$1000.00

TITLE IV: Clear the Stress Club

For Expenses to cover the cost of Art & Crafts supplies for various meetings throughout the Fall semester.

<i>Clear the Stress Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Supplies	8 items	\$122.41
Total Allocated Funds		\$122.41

TITLE V: Self Love Club

For Expenses to cover the cost of various prizes to go in two different prize baskets, given out at the end of each semester.

<i>Self Love Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Prize Baskets	22 items	\$756.62
Total Allocated Funds		\$756.62

TITLE VI: Mountaineer Animal Rights Chapter (MONARCH)

For Expenses to cover a trip to Hope Haven Farm Sanctuary on October 28th.

<i>Mountaineer Animal Rights Chapter (MONARCH)</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	10 people	\$350.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$350.00

TITLE VI: WVU Film Club

For Expenses to cover expenses necessary to participate in the 48 Hour Film Project on Oct. 13th- 15th.

<i>WVU Film Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	4 people	\$158.00
Hotel	1 room, 2 nights	\$718.22
Total Allocated Funds		\$876.22

APPENDIX A

Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals	
Organization	Total Cost
COMMunity (Communication Studies Graduate Student Organization)	\$1524.00
WVU DPT Class of 2025	\$1524.02
Student Partnership Advancement of Cosmic Exploration	\$1000.00
Clear the Stress Club	\$122.41
Self Love Club	\$756.62
Mountaineer Animal Rights Chapter	\$350.00
WVU Film Club	\$876.22
Total	\$6153.27

APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals		
Organization	Total Grant Requested	Total Suggested
COMMunity (Communication Studies Graduate Student Organization)	\$7976.00	\$1524.00
WVU DPT Class of 2025	\$9770.00	\$1524.02
Student Partnership Advancement of Cosmic Exploration	\$1500.00	\$1000.00
Clear the Stress Club	\$122.41	\$122.41
Self Love Club	\$756.62	\$756.62
Mountaineer Animal Rights Chapter	\$350.00	\$350.00
WVU Film Club	\$1190.00	\$876.22
Total	\$21,665.03	\$6,153.27