

West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Regular Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
October 1st, 2025

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Robinson.

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA mission statement was read by President Pro Tempore Robinson.

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Davis.

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

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

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

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

VI. Presentation - "WVU Adventure's Role in Retention and Student Success," C.J. Belknap, Director of WVU Adventure

C.J. Belknap, Director of WVU Adventure: Some folks have an orientation program by all means, but when it comes to our facilities, our resources, and how we go about programming, WVU kind of stands alone, which is pretty awesome to think about. In the entire nation, we have a program such as ours that does the unique programming and sort of our approach to student engagement. But we are housed within Student Life. We are part of the Office of Student Wellness. We have 10 full-time employees. We have five GAs, and we employ anywhere between 80 to 100 different students. We also comprised five different program segments and

four different facilities. Those program segments include first year trips, which we're most well known for, and that's what we'll talk about here in just a second. We also do guided trips. Custom group programs, that's with our Outdoor Education Center. Anyone can do a program with us based off your goals and objectives. We have international and extended trips, and then also rentals and workshops. Our facilities include the WVU Outdoor Education Center, which is located off the Cooper's Rock exit on I-68. Our Outdoor Rec Center is located inside the Student Rec Center. We also operate the Climbing Wall and the Morgantown Adventure Outfitters location, which is a rental facility right next to Hazel Rue and McLean there along the Mon River. We are more than a calendar of events, and what sets us apart and kind of leads into some of our retention. We are an outdoor program. We are the outdoor program for WVU, but we do a little extra, and the fact that we have a lot of objectives and a lot of emphasis on creating student engagement, creating social capital, making sure students feel at home here in WVU. Our hope with our programming, if you will, is to fulfill these objectives, to offer a diverse set of programs and experiences, to promote a sense of belonging and community, facilitate holistic student development through facilitation of experiential programming that encompasses academic, personal, and professional growth, establish and maintain strong partnerships with WVU departments, and also cultivate on-campus culture that values holistic well-being and resilience. We think WVU is special. We think West Virginia is special. We have tremendous outdoor resources. We tie it in with the experiential program practices and try our best to tie it back into what it means to be a mountaineer, get a chance to talk a little bit more about what it means to be a healthy person going to school, a well-rounded well-being, and also making sure that you get a chance to talk about the importance of exercising that student life component and making sure you feel supported here while you're at West Virginia University.

VII. Open Student Forum I

No one was recognized.

VIII. The President's Report

President Street: So to get into my report, I just have some general updates on my campus projects. I've been working on building out a workflow for my intern, shout out Emily. So she can start helping out with the outreach to different departments for the initiative. So I'll be presenting it to the entirety of the Faculty Senate at the law school on October 13th. I also had a meeting with the Rec center earlier today. They approved the placement of a mutual aid cabinet in the Rec center today. So we went ahead and approved that today. So that'll get installed in the

Rec Center as soon as possible. Comms also just finished up a wrap for the mutual aid cabinets and it looks wonderful. So I'm super excited for you guys to see that once we have that.

Additionally, I had a meeting with the Associate Dean of the Davis college about doing a ground mounted solar system by the greenhouse. Andrew, I'll talk to you more about it later or tonight, but they seem pretty on board and it's in our budget, which is great to hear cause that was the issue ongoing last year. Also, hopefully we'll see some movement in the right direction on that. Also earlier today, I had a meeting with the Marshall student body president to plan out the fall semester of the higher education policies commissions advisory council of students, which again is the committee that every student body president in the state sits on. We outlined and confirmed the groundwork we need to lay out our lobbying for the spring semester. It's perfect cause we just confirmed our state government working group today in cabinet. But I've already got some work ready for you guys to do. So that's perfect. We also started planning a statewide month of service. So for those of you who don't know, WVU and Marshall used to partner every October and do a month of service together. It had weekly themes. So one week might be outdoor cleanups. One week might be a donation drive, but we're looking to expand that out sometime in the spring semester to all of the schools in the state. So it's not just a Huntington and Morgantown benefiting from all of that service. So obviously we'll be working with Mimi on that going forward, but we're looking for the spring semester. So if you have any suggestions for a weekly theme of service, let me know.

Beyond that, we've got the Big 12 Conference next weekend, which is crazy to imagine it's already here. We'll be hosting all of the Big 12 University schools SGA's here in Morgantown. If you applied to attend the conference on behalf of WVU or you're selected, I should have sent you an email earlier this week. Besides that, if you got the email from me, make sure you apply and register for the conference with the link that Thanh sent you as well. I've been working with President Benson to see how he can get involved with the conference because he will unfortunately be on vacation over fall break, which is unfortunate, but we've found some workarounds to that. And then again, for those of you going to the conference, we have to give a presentation about our SGA at the conference. And I'd like as many of you as possible to be involved with that. So I'll be putting together the presentation over the weekend and send you also information about what you'd like to present. But if you have any ideas of what you'd like to highlight to other SGA's that we do, please let me know.

Then just for some general university updates, the President's Commission on AI had its first meeting on Friday. It was just a brainstorming meeting with some deans and vice presidents at the university, but it seems like they're hoping to move pretty fast. So I'll have some concrete developments and deliverables for you guys by the end of the calendar year. Thank you to all the execs and committee chairs. Pretty much all of you have scheduled your one-on-ones. I've had

most of them already too, and they've gone great. Only two people haven't and they've talked to me, so they're good. So thank you again. And then the Honors College invited Ro and I to present about leadership to a group of freshmen. So we'll be at Honors Hall promoting SGA tomorrow night at 7 p.m. If you just want to hear even more about SGA, there's another opportunity for you. Obviously, Ro's not here tonight. Speaking of him, he is in D.C. with a handful of other SGA people tonight at an Alumni and Government Relations event. He's been doing a lot of planning to reinvigorate the Hardesty Festival of Ideas, which I know he's talked about a little bit here and there. But we have a meeting in the President's conference room tomorrow with some WVU administrators to kind of get the ball rolling on that. His main focus was on Retreat, so now that that's passed, we're really making some ground on that front. So he'll have some more for you on that next week. For those of you who didn't raise your hands saying that you went to the Eberly Lawn Party, the Davis College is having a concert with some local bands this weekend at Ag Sci. So if you're free this weekend and you're a downtown person who has never ridden the PRT down to Evansdale, it's a great opportunity for you to get involved. That's all I've got for you this week.

IX. The Vice President's Report

No Vice President's Report.

X. Committee Reports

Senator Cole: Basically, we just kind of went over and debriefed what has happened the last couple weeks and then sent initiatives for October. However, we did spend a good time talking about our event this morning, which I'm proud to report went extremely well. We gave out over 15 gallons of coffee and all the croissants that the kitchen can make for us. We gave out all the croissants within the first 30 minutes and then we gave out 15 gallons of coffee within three hours. 244 students swiped their ID this morning, which is how we tracked the giveaway. So we had 244 people interact with our table, plus people who also didn't sign up for the giveaway. So I would estimate around 350 students probably interacted with our table or got to talk to the police today. The raffle winner was emailed and we'll be getting a gift card tomorrow, they just got to stop by the store. We received an update from College Senator Selders about hydration stations, and then received an update regarding guardian angels. And then we're visiting the Black Student Union tomorrow at 6 p.m. for our committee student board visit. Also talk about the Greek Life training and Senator Champ and I and Greek Life Liaison Peto will be setting up a meeting next week, and that's all I got.

College Senator Bellisario: Yeah, so in sustainability we spend most of our time getting our timeline slash planner for our initiatives ready and assigning members a task to get those moving forward. So that includes getting legislation ready to add the bus app, the Mountain Lion bus app, to NSO for new students to get more participation on the bus, reaching out to the Ecology and Horticulture Club to discuss collaboration on initiatives and service opportunities, and planning a kayaking event with Adventure. I met with the engineering dean with the other Statler senators and talked about expanding Wi-Fi access on green spaces, which is something we were talking about in committee, and also I'm going to follow up and get information about recycling in our labs and our workspaces on engineering. And we were also planning a native wildflower planter implementation and construction, which could also become service opportunities. We got to talk to facilities management, which is something I was doing, and Audrey from the Sierra Student Coalition was also there, so we set up a service opportunity on Sunday at Cooper's Rock, and we're meeting with the Sierra Student Coalition on Thursday, and that's all.

College Senator Qian: We had a recent meeting with the dean to discuss incentivizing TAs, we curated a comprehensive list of professors in the Biology and Engineering Department to email, and Tyson has a meeting with Dr. Osborne tomorrow regarding the lab equipment draft.

College Senator Scott: We gave project updates and got all of our committee members on the same page regarding where each of us are in our project development and how we could potentially help each other with resources and manpower. Michael booked a meeting with the director of the Center for Career Development. So that's coming up soon. We discussed how to elevate men's Halloween fashion. We debriefed with the rest of our committee members about our recent meeting with the American Advertising Federation, which is a student org. And we discussed, for our future meetings with organizations, what worked, what didn't work, what they engaged with, and what we can generally lead into more to get more information with these future org meetings without getting blank stares in return.

College Senator Schmidt: The Connections Committee had a great week and a great meeting this evening. We met with Becky McDaniel over the week. And they had a very productive conversation about international student engagement. We are working on a lot of things right now. We also had a very exciting little meeting with the international students. And we got a bunch of amazing feedback about some of their needs. I'm happy to report that most things are pretty surface level. So we feel confident in our ability to make it happen.

Senator Vullier: So we've got a lot of stuff happening in Student Experience. We're waiting on some forms to come back for us for the Campus Closets. We're making a form that we could potentially table on for asking students what resources they know about and what resources and how better to give resources to students. Lily toured some spaces that could potentially be for the campus closet last week. But we're kind of starting to gather a list of contacts that we can have a full meeting on this about. And we're just kind of looking to start having weekly meetings with hosts or not hosts, with guests that we can kind of bring other people from different committees to start on.

XI. Assembly Reports

President Pro Tempore Robinson: So we are going to do the Senator of the Month. Can I get a drumroll, please? College Senator Hale. So, we picked Briar because his positivity is really radiant. He brings the best energy to everything that he does and I think that's something that we could all take note of. So yes, congrats, Briar. Aside from that, we had the Eberly Student Lawn Party this week. I thought that was really successful. Thank you to everyone who came. Thank you to the other Eberly College Senators that helped us out. Thank you to the Eberly Student Advisory Board for your help. Please keep an eye out for more Eberly-centered events in the future. This week, we're gonna start Donuts with the Dean. We'll start posting about that and we'll have specific topics for him to talk about every week. So you might want to just come interact with him on a personal level. Dean Dunaway is a great guy. So I would highly recommend attending that. Aside from that, I don't really have a whole lot. Thank you guys. Thank you to the Senators who applied for the legislative team. I really appreciated those of us who took initiative to do that. I think you guys will all do a very great job.

XII. Executive Reports

Katelyn Merlin, University Relations Coordinator: I just wanted to encourage everyone to fill out the interest forms for the task force. We have the Library Task Force, the Menstrual Equity Task Force, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Dining. We're pretty good on people for sexual assault prevention and dining, but if you have a lot of interest in this, I still want you to fill out that form. The library currently has no interest, so please, everyone, if you're interested, even a little bit. It's mostly bringing fun events to the libraries and making them more interactive and fun. So I promise it's not all about books. And ME has a busy fall semester with the Period of Giving, so we really need a lot of people to help out with that. As far as tabling goes, there's

tabling next Monday on the 6th for the Safety Walk and the questionnaire. We need more people to sign up for this, or I'm going to have to cancel it. This initiative is also on the 13th in the lair. There's only a couple of spots left for that, so please make sure you're signing up for that so we don't have to cancel it.

Kendall Gebhard, Student Org Liaison: Friday, me, Colin, and Ro met with the Vietnamese Student Association. And I was able to help her find all the resources she needs and send her all the links and teach her how to use Google Meets to send out emails. And then on this coming Tuesday, I am meeting with Women in Law. And then on Monday, I am meeting with the Hispanic Student Association to teach them about resources. And then also, I know two senators have submitted their forms but have not filled out the post form, and their events have passed. So I just want to remind you guys, you do need to fill out the post form for it to count. Also shout out to Bryan Cole and Ava Hills' description at the bottom of your thing. It was amazing in detail.

Maria Flesher, Development Officer: So at our intern meeting today, the interns started brainstorming for their advocacy projects. They got into groups, figured out the general idea of what they wanted to do. Next week, they will be coming to your committee. So please be friendly, answer their questions, and mentors, just another side note, as they continue to work on their advocacy projects, please make yourself available as a resource, especially if they have questions about meeting with administrators, who to meet with, when they should meet, how to best contact them, and things like that. So just make yourselves available and be a resource for them. And like I said, next week, they'll be visiting your committees. And we do have our Intern of the Month selection. And our Intern of the Month is going to be Ava McMullin. So congratulations, Ava. She has been very, very engaged and very kind to everyone in the intern program so far. So we're excited to see what she does as she continues to develop.

Thomas Giggenbach, Internal Senates Liaison: I just have a quick little thing to hand out to everybody. It's a survey for third party platforms. That's one of my missions from the big boss back here. I'm working with Evan Witters. So this is a university, essentially, based survey.

Laynie Miller, Communications Coordinator: I just want to let you guys know that the official SGA slide deck template is up and available for your use in the important links document. If you are going to be giving a presentation regarding SGA, please use that template. I designed it for a very specific reason, so our branding is consistent. Also, anybody who's named

anything of the month, please stay behind after the meeting so I can get your availability so we can take pictures of you, all right? Cool, thank you.

XIII. Old Business

No Old Business.

XIV. New Business

A. New Student Organization Approvals

1. Mountaineer Ride Design and Engineering

Gavin Ernhard: So our mission statement is to educate others about the exciting and innovative world of themed entertainment. Themed entertainment is the industry that focuses on creating experiences that captivate and inspire that tells stories and generate emotion and feeling from individuals. So what our club seeks to do is we seek to inform others about this because this is an up-and-coming industry and it's we're in our focus is in like the ride design or traction design and engineering but we're open to all. I've been seeing more and more it's not just for engineers but it's for artists, it's for writers, it's for actors, it's for conceptual artists. We're open to all majors despite the name engineering and design. We are open to everyone. This semester we're planning several outing trips; our next immediate event coming up is a trip to the Whisp resort to ride the mountain coaster and get a tour as to how it works. Other things are just little social events to kind of get together to talk about any new ride systems or new things going on in this industry. I'm also working on next semester putting together workshops for students to actually get together and do little workshop examples like creating little systems, the pros and cons to that of different ride systems. Our meetings are also monthly.

2. Mountaineer Musicological Community

Adelaide McDonald: I'm the president for the Mountaineer Musicological Community and the MMC is a returning organization but we're currently frozen as the org hasn't been active in about two years. Our previous advisor passed

away unexpectedly and so we're trying to get it back up and running. So essentially it's just a restart of an org that has lapsed. So although our organization is open to all students, our programming is aimed at graduate students, we only have a Masters Degree in Musicology in the School of Music so we're primarily focusing on the students that are studying it. It's about 103 right now so we're a pretty big department but we plan to meet at least once per month and we're going to focus on cultivating community among students, studying musicology, supporting students' creative research projects, fostering discussion of topics in musicology and ethnomusicology, providing students with opportunities for professional development through workshops, research groups, and a space for student presentations, and organizing and fundraising for trips to relevant conferences and events.

3. History Graduate Student Association

Anna Shuff: I am a History graduate student here at WVU. I've got an undergrad in history as well. So I'm here with the History Graduate Student Association to plead our case to be SGA recognized. I did put our leadership structure up here. Our president is Danny Brennan. Our Vice President is Lauren Winkett. Our treasurer is Ben Sussman. Our secretary is Treasurer Barberich Wyckoff. And then I'm one of the activities co-coordinators. It's me and Ainsley McHugh. Our faculty advisor is also Dr. Vester, who's in the history department as well. So this is just like a little bit about HGSA, is that we are a social and professional organization. So all history graduate students, so the MA in public history, and PhD are considered members of HGSA due to being a graduate student in the history department. We have a couple different events throughout the year. So we do these events called first Fridays, first Friday of every month. We pick a different restaurant, pub, bar in Morgantown, and we go and we socialize, and we unwind. But other than that, we do have an annual conference in March. We have the call for paper slash proposals. We normally pick a topic that's very big and broad, so anyone can apply. The farthest school last year represented was a girl from Bard College, which is in New York, which is wild. She was down here at W U presenting her paper. We also have presentations from WVU, Marshall, Ohio University, Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania, Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Western University from California. I believe that she submitted hers electronically as well. We also have

an open house that's a part of this that is just for any student that's interested in graduate level history. You can come and talk, talk to professors, that kind of thing. We have a keynote address that is given by a history professor here in the department. Last year we had Dr. Austin McCoy give the keynote address and it was amazing and fantastic. And the conference is held here in Chitwood. Last year's theme was memory's role in history. We got 26 applicants from all over the state, some from Pennsylvania, clearly some from New York as well. And I want to say I think all of them were actually accepted. It was also just an issue of traveling for some people because we didn't have the funding to support them to travel down here. This is not just a West Virginia conference. We did have 24 different presenters that came and we separated them up by thematic area. And then they presented for 15 minutes. We had a questions and answers portion. It is, for all intents and purposes, a very formal conference where we actually have like legitimate people who want to come and present.

A motion to vote was made by Senator Cole, seconded by College Senator Mugnano. All ayes, the organizations were unanimously approved.

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Mackenzie Brolly, Auditor: Great financial bill. It's for a little over \$10,000, \$10,336.66 to be exact. This will help support 10 different student organizations. There's some interesting things in here, like we have the Take Me Home A Cappella group that is going to a contest. I hear it's at the same venue as in Pitch Perfect. That's pretty cool if they, hopefully they make it. There's also the Plant and Soil Sciences Club. They're going to a competition to judge soil. That sounds pretty interesting. We've got some good organizations here.

Senator Cole moved to the previous question, seconded by College Senator Campbell. All ayes, the bill was unanimously passed.

XV. Open Student Forum II

Shelby Davis, Internal Chief of Staff: If you're interested in social justice and want an internship in the spring, the Center for Resilient Communities has opened up our internship. Applications close October 14th. You'll be working on a project with a grad student or a professor. I worked there for the past two years. I've loved it. Everybody's so kind.

Senator O'Neal: We talked about it a little bit earlier, but just to put it under your radar, we're trying to, the Sustainability Committee is trying to plan an event with Adventure this month. It's Sustainability Month, so we want to clean up the Mon with kayaks. So they're going to provide kayaks, and we'll sort out the logistics on a date coming up. So keep that in mind if you're interested in that. Let us know. And then also, for Sustainability Month, I'm working to try to bring some environmental speakers to our campus to talk about some work they're doing around the region of Appalachia and the state of West Virginia. In particular, the power plant proposed in Tucker County. So if you've heard about that or that interests you, let me know, and we'll work on some outreach for that.

XVI. Advisors' Reports

Dr. Thanh Le: So for those who remember, the student work registration deadline was last Friday. My office is currently still processing everything. We do have a registration workshop tomorrow for those that are in need of a registration workshop. Right now, I think at last count, we are sitting at 387 groups completed, which gives us about less than 100 groups that you can work with. So if any of your groups are in that ballpark, just come work with us. I hate sending those letters out, but it's the only way we capture the attention of the students. So please be mindful that we gave an extension even beyond that time frame that we actually had. So with that, the last time you get to hear about that, for the most part, you'll be approving new orgs at this point. I know Morgan continued to work with lots of great groups that are wanting to start on our campus. So lots of active, engaged students that want to start new orgs. So thank you so much for listening to them and providing resources for them as well. Really, the only other thing that we have to mention is that don't forget that Homecoming Parade registration is still open. We will continue to stay open until we get closer to the parade. So if you want to participate or your groups want to participate, just let us know. We can help you sign up and all those great things. Otherwise, continue to take care of yourself. Continue to hear about students and staff members that are really sick and getting sick because of midterms and just kind of like the changing of the seasons. So please take care of yourself. Take a rest day if you need it. And don't over-exert yourself because I promise you, you're going to hurt yourself more than you're going to help yourself. So take care of each other. Look out for each other. Otherwise, I appreciate you all. All right, have a good night y'all.

XVII. Snaps

College Senator Bellisario: Snaps to Andrew and Briar for decorating our community and bringing nice food.

College Senator Everly: Snaps to all of our, like, blanks of the month. Yeah, it's super fun and exciting.

Senator Seabolt: Snaps to you for filling in. And to Garrett for filling in. And to Maria for filling in.

Senator O'Neal: Well, first I want to give snaps to Briar for being Member of the Month for the Assembly. Like, great job, he's a great asset in sustainability. He always has great feedback. He really came in clutch today with the drinks and the decorations for today. So, love Briar, well-deserved. So snaps to him, and then also snaps to Adventure for coming today and talking. They do so much good work on campus and a lot of students aren't aware of what they do. So they came here today and they gave a great speech to themselves about all the work they do in retention. And just, you know, a call to all of us to admire them.

Senator Cole: I would like to give snaps to Rachel from Strategic Communications for taking some really good pictures today and being very helpful with the social media aspect of that. Also snaps to the entire comms team for the great flyers and the pictures and all of the above. Also snaps to the SJA Mini Fridge for no particular reason.

Comms Coordinator Miller: Snaps to the entire comms team because in the month of September, our Instagram account had 115,000 views. And that is a 180% increase from all of the summer and last semester. So snaps to them for that because I definitely couldn't do that by myself.

Local Governance Liaison, Enterline: Firstly, snaps to Shelby for going absolutely above and beyond, helping me set up tabling. And then snaps to Senator Emily Howell for helping me study for that exam that I probably failed. But still, thank you.

XVIII. Adjournment

Senator Vullier motioned to adjourn, seconded by Senator Silva.
Ayes have it, the meeting was adjourned.
