West Virginia University

Student Government Association

December 9th, 2015

E. Moore Hall, 7:30 pm

1. Call to Order – 7:33 PM
2. Roll Call
3. - Vice Chair Merow – p
4. - Governor Dirkman – a
5. -Governor Fitzwater – p
6. -Governor Humphrey –p
7. -Governor Kaska –p
8. -Governor Kiess –p
9. -Governor McIntyre –p
10. -Governor Moneyhun –p
11. -Governor Richardson –a
12. -Governor Riggins –a
13. -Governor Sabatino -p
14. -Governor Seabolt –p
15. -Governor Thompson –p
16. -Governor Waris –p
17. -Governor Watson –a
18. -Athletic Councilor Ferrera –a
19. -Athletic Councilor Taylor – p
20. \*(P stands for “Present”, A stands for “Absent”)
21. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
22. Open Student Forum I
	1. Presentation: Proposal for a Women’s Center– Professor Brewster
* For those of that don’t know. Gov Fitzwater talked about the LGBTQ center last meeting, and we’ve now hired someone to run the center. The crazy thing is, the proposal for that was written 4 years ago! What I’ve given you tonight is a brief layout of why this is a brief overview as to why this is an important issue here on campus. At the very back end of what I gave you, I attached the very first proposal (1977) that the University received about this. A little breakdown of what this center entails: It includes an inclusatory environment, workshops, newsletters, celebrations, awareness opportunities. We have went to the staff council & faculty Senate, now today I’m asking SGA for your help. This is incredibly important to the integrity of WVU, we’re one of three schools in the Big XII that doesn’t have a women’s center. We kind of envision this center to share a space with the LGBTQ center. The data in the full proposal I sent you this past weekend, it focused on power based personal violence – the reality and complexity of sexual assault and rape. One of things we focus on, if we take the name “rape” out – you’re more likely to identify that as a sexual assault. We’re advocating for services such as: mentors, councilors, medical professionals and aid paying for this. This is big because it is free, and most people don’t want to tell their parents that they were sexually assaulted. I think it’s important for us to push “Yes means yes”, if you don’t get concentual agreement – it’s illegal. What this would look like here at WVU is exemplified on the back of this handout I gave to everyone. One thing I do differentally than other faculty here is allow for parents to bring their children to my class SOMETIMES. Not all the time, but if an emergency comes up, I’ll gladly accommodate. It’s possible for the women’s center to offer child care services for
* McIntyre: Could you elaborate on programming?
* For instance, have you ever been to any of my panels?
* Yes
* I’m a big advocate for studetns leading the conversation, because no one wants to hear from the adults. Say you wanted to have a conversation wit hthe brother sin your fraternity and didn’t know hwo to do that, well the women’s center would help you have that conversation.
* Kaska: How far in the future are you envisioning and where will it be?
* We already have a space for the LGBTQ, either in Stewart Hall or where the Launch Lab is right now.
* Thompson: Would something like this ever be expanded into Evansdale? I could see this being a big benefit.
* The idea is just getting a base center here downtown, then we could create partnerships or fellowships to build these centers over there. We could bring those faculty members in that were being less inclusive, and hopefully we could convince them ot change their ways.
* McIntyre: Could you explain, sorry if you’ve already mentioned this, what do you mean by proposal?
* Ultimately, these proposals go thru the Provost’s office and you need buy in from administration. We are going to commit to the student faculty representative, and Dr. Turner will take it the BOG and present it there. They’ll read over that same document I sent you and they’ll take care of the hiring and allocation of money.
* Would this be wise for some of us to be there and advocate for you AS STUDENTS?
* We would need some kind of letter stating your solidarity. On our council, I’m the only man, so we don’t necessarily need volunteers – just something to show them.
* McIntyre: I think we oculd propose a building of the letter?
* Klandorf: This is a great idea, but are you modeling this after another women’s center?
* This is a 38 year draft, and have visited other campuses and collected information from them (failure, success, etc.)
* Morgan: If someone wants to motion for this during “new business” that’s up to the Board.

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* Southerland:
* Nugent: Hi, how are you doing this evening? I’m a representative from the city, I’m here tonight for a number of reasons. 1) I want to tell you how much I appreciate you, what I’ll tell you is that I’m proud of you and to call you neighbors. I’m honored that many of you are actually friends with me, your presence on others in this community is incredibly impacted by the student boyd here at WVU. This has been a busy semester for the city of Morgantown. The biggest point I wanted to bring to you tonight, in January, a $3 a week service fee will be inacted on those who are employees within city limits. I want to let you know that your student body representatives did lobby for you trying to put your interest at the front on whats best for the student. I just visited a business owner this evening and viewed the forms the city has sent out last week. I’m happy to share with you the user fee and how it will impact oyu. I will also give out my business card and if you need me, please reach out to me. I’m very proud of you all and the initives that you guys have brought about this semester and I hope you continue that next semester. I wish you the best of luck as you begin to study for finals, enjoy your break, and think about what you’re going to put forward next semester. If II can be a resource, I’ll definetly be here for you. Thank you!
1. The President’s Weekly Address
* Sorry about that video, we’ll get it fixed. I have a letter from the Center for Service and Learning. They really want you to vote for their Twitter poll, alexismcmillan@mix.wvu.edu . From a personal standpoint, this has been an outstanding semester and I’m super glad I got to be a part of this group. Just seeing the way people are this year, and how passionate the people are. I think ti’s absolutely wonderful what we’ve accomplished, if you want to catch up – please check out our winter newsletter for new things. Whether or not you have a position, please come talk to me or Ashley or a member of the Board and we’ll hook you. Try to get some sleep during this week, and safe travels over break. Happy Holidays!
1. Governor’s Reports
* Humphrey: Couple things I want to preface: We have 2 resolutions tonight. Mission Statement Implementation, and the Safe Campus Act, I’d like to wish everyone a good 3rd night of Hanukahh.
* Kaska: Last Thursday we had a Share-a-Swipe event, very lowkey, we’re going to try to have one food donation after finals and we’ll disucss getting htat all worked out.
* McIntyre: I’ve been in contact with a gentlemen who’s a grad of Wisconsin U and he works about prices on property in college towns, I’d hate to push things that aren’t credible, but I have a meeting with him tomorrow at 2 via Skype so I’ll let you know.
* Thompson: Something was being told on Twitter was Freshmen donating their unused swipes for the homeless, please think about it.
1. Executive Reports
* Evan McIntyre: Hi, one thing I want to bring to your attention is that we want to develop a better guide for orgs across campus, and give them tools on how to apply for a grant. I want to put together a committee and get a broad reach here on campus, if you want to help on this, please see me after the meeting.
* Riseburg: Sup guys, we have a Christmas concert on the 14th at the CAC and 7:30, including chorals, strings, and band. Happy Holidays!
1. Unfinished Business
	1. **Resolution 2015-02-16**: Resolution in Support of Reading the SGA Mission Statement at Student Government Meetings
* Humphrey: Thank you Madam VP, this is our second reading of this trying to implement a mission statement being read at the beginning of the SGA meetings.
* Kiess: \*Reads foresaid resolution\*
* Morgan: Any questions for the 2 co-sponsors? And Discussion? Motion?
* Seabolt: I move to move on this via rollcall, Kaska 2nd.
* - Vice Chair Merow – y
* -Governor Fitzwater – y
* -Governor Humphrey –y
* -Governor Kaska –y
* -Governor Kiess –y
* -Governor McIntyre –y
* -Governor Moneyhun –y
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Fitzwater motions to suspend rules to vote on supporting the women’s center. All in favor!

* Fitzwater: I move for the SGA to endorse the women’s center of WVU.
* Riggins: What are we doing? Nevermind!
* Waris: Are we sponsoring?
* Fitzwater: Yes.
* - Vice Chair Merow – y
* -Governor Fitzwater – y
* -Governor Humphrey –y
* -Governor Kaska –y
* -Governor Kiess –y
* -Governor McIntyre –y
* -Governor Moneyhun –y
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Kiess: I move to entertain a sponsorship for something Gov Thompson and I are working on. We can’t say what’s on this handout, but if you have any questions, ask, but keep specifics under wraps. We need to do this tonight so it could be distributed first week of classes next semester?

* Moneyhun: Why do we have to sponsor this?
* Morgan: If our logo goes on everything, it must be approved by SGA. Motion?
* Waris: I move to vote on this via rollcall, Riggins 2nd. Everyone in favor, Humphrey abstains.
* Morgan: I need a motion to move back into the agenda, 2nd. Thompson

New Business

* 1. Grants:
		1. The Swing Dance Club
* This grant will fund 15 or more people to go to a workshop, being taught by international renowed dance teachers. It is close enough for people to go to a very low cost, the purpose of this workshop is to expose our dancers to top level dancing and instruction. The goal of this is to have a higher level of instruction and putting on better performances around Morgantown. We try to create a space where students and community members interact with each other. We meet 3-5 days a week and have open instruction to everybody twice a week, and then exclusive instruction 2 days a week.
* Hudson: They request $750, and we suggest the full amount.
* Morgan: Questions?
* Kaska: How many people that are going are student vs. non-students?
* We have 10-11 students, but we expect upwards of 20 people going. We have 4 non-students who have expressed interest.
* Morgan: Any questions? Discussion? Motion?
* Seabolt: I move to vote on the suggested amount via rollcall.
* - Vice Chair Merow – y
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	+ 1. 3D Printing Club
* Morgan: I need a motion to postpone this to next emeting.
* Waris: I motion to suspend this until next meeting, Humphrey 2nd.
	1. **Resolution 2015-02-17:** Opposing HB 3403, The Safe Campus Act
* Humphrey: This is in opposition to the “Safe Campus Act”, it essentially tries to strip universities of their power to have power over suxual assaults here on campus. This is a law presented in the US Congress, with both support and opposition. Basically, it would take power away from the university in terms of disciplining sexual assaults and assault in general. \*proceeds to read Resolution to assembly\* I would encourage to BOG to suspend rules later on in this meeting and vote on this subject matter. I yield back to the Chair.
* Morgan: Questions?
* Klandorf: I think that was very well-done. How could you possibly say anything against that?
* Moneyhun: There’s several other bills on the floor right now and we’ve been looking into it. I think it’s important to get this opposition voted on so we could get behind this.
* Humphrey: I think you’re asking what is driving this bill?
* Klandorf: Yeah, yeah
* Humphrey: This was revolving around a fraternity and they were in support of this, and I commend Gov. Moneyhun’s sorority, Pi Alpha Pi to voice their opposition of this bill.
* Riggins: I think it’s insane that the people we elect to office that they’re making it easier for sexual assaulters to get away with this.
* Seabolt: I see no reason why we shouldn’t do this.
* Fitzwater: I’d like to make 1 amendment and include President Obama in the list that this goes first in the list of people.
* Waris: I move to vote on this resolution with Barack Obama’s name to be the first name stated in the document.
* Riggins: I move to recall roll.

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Voting on suspending rules and moving into voting procedures- done.

Voting on Gov. Waris’ 3rd motion for this Resolution. – All In Favor

* Seabolt: I move to vote on this newly amended resokution via roll call
* - Vice Chair Merow – y
* -Governor Fitzwater – y
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1. Open Student Forum II
	1. - Presentation: Make a Difference Day Video
* Southerland: Earlier this year we had Make a Difference, and George’s friend Ryan Hall made a video about it, so here we go. \*Shows Video\* Three things: I said that I don’t know if I global warming is a thing, and it took George about 5 tries to do the heel click. So please participate in service. Thanks!
* Workman: Everyone here was passing the Safe Campus Act, and I truly believe that only way anything gets done is if we meet with SALA at Big XII on the Hill and present them with a viable option. Our previous SALA meeting this semester we had a low turnout, I think we definitely need a due process for both the accused and the victims, and we need to present a bill for our US Congress.
* Riggins: If you want to sit down with us sometime next semester and draft this, let’s talk about it for sure. I’d like to get some good ideas, and I’d love to have others inputs as well.
* Southerland: Since George and I were running about I ddin’t have a chance to speak. This Saturday we have a “shop event” where we’re buying toys for kids who’s parents are part of the WVU community. From 9-2 we’ll be there. This Sunday at the men’s basketball game, we’ll be collecting toys, if you bring a toy you get a free ticket to a women’s basketball game. I was with Paige Keanrs last week and we thought of new service ideas next semester.
* I give the floor to Erin Heeter.
* Heeter: I’m going to read a letter from the executive branch (George Capel, President, Ashley Morgan, Vice-President, Erin Heeter, Chief of Staff \*Reads Letter\*
* Riseburg: The Maniacs are having a trip to Charleston next Thurdsday when we play Marshall, I think it’d be great it we got a bunch of SGA people.
* Riggins: The Division of Diversity and Inclusion has open spaces to study with food and lots of room.
* Light: As Parliamentarian of the Young Dems here, and President of the Reproductive Justice Club we want to write our support of this Resoltution.
* Riggins; Would the College Republicans like to do this too?
* Workman: Yes!!!
* Southerland: If you are interested in helping at the Rec, talk to me!
1. Advisor’s Reports
* Brewster: Have fun over break, and don’t stress too much too much over Finals.
* Klandorf: I got an email from Zack Fowler, I think I’ve heard of putting a bridge over the aboretoreum, and he’s encouraging people to write in opposition of this so we can preserve the beauty of this campus. Happy Holidays!
* Harrison: Study hard, and enjoy your break! Happy Holidays!
1. Announcements
* Vice President Morgan reads announcements.
1. Adjournment

Announcements

Press Secretary Elizabeth Barnhart is conducting a survey on the switch from Hatfield’s B to E. Moore Hall. Please fill out the survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NG885YM>.

After the meeting swing by Hatfield’s from 9 to 11 p.m. for Fuel 4 Finals. All students are invited to a free all you can eat breakfast.

Applications for the spring semester of the Mountaineer Leadership Program are now available. Pick up an application in the SGA Office. Applications are due by Jan. 22nd at 5pm to the SGA Office.

SHOP is looking for volunteers for Dec. 12 for the SHOP event at the REC center at 9:30

a.m. We will be delivering toys to good little boys and girls of the WVU and Morgantown Community.  For any questions please contact Andrew Sutherland adsutherland@mix.wvu.edu and Mrs. Sue Fusco at Susan.Fusco@mail.wvu.edu.

Toy Mountain is looking for volunteers for the Men's Basketball game on Sunday 13 at 3:30 to collect toys.  For any questions please contact Andrew Sutherland adsutherland@mix.wvu.edu and Mrs. Sue Fusco at Susan.Fusco@mail.wvu.edu.

Good Luck on Finals and finish the semester off strong!