

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Brogan Dozier at 7:37

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 - Absent

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

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 - Absent
Senator Randle - Present
Senator Sadler - Present
College Senator Schmieder - Present
Senator Scholl - President
College Senator Shiels - Present
College Senator Switala - Present
Senator Vodiany - Present
Senator Weeks - Present via Zoom
College Senator Witt - Present

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

President Pro Tempore Risk moved to amend the agenda by adding “Voting on the Special Rules”

The motion to amend the agenda was seconded by College Senator Oursler

There were no objections, and the agenda was amended and approved

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was entertained by Senator Olivero

The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by President Pro Tempore Risk

There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

VI. Open Student Forum I

President Pro Tempore Risk: We’ve heard that there may not be enough time to discuss everything within committees, please raise your hand if you would like 15 additional minutes added on to committees. That’s all

President Santmyer: If Committee chairs need it to be extended, we can talk about that too

VII. The President's Report

President Santmyer: WVU's Internal Senates Liaison Pierce is going to give a lot of the information regarding transformation and the appeals in progress. We also have the first town hall tomorrow if you guys would please try to come and raise your concerns as representatives, or just be there to listen to students tomorrow. Outreach Coordinator Tiano will give more details about that. I think it is really good for us to be there for students and listen to what they have to say, so please spread the word about that. We also have the questions to be submitted for the townhall on our instagram. We are also putting out a survey to get input, the Comms team is working on that as we speak. We all have to stick together during this process. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me and we can talk.

VIII. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Dozier: no report was given

VIII. Assembly Reports

President Pro Tempore Risk: College Senator Madden and I have discussed creating a Chamber's College Student Advisory Board. Expect more information about that soon. College Senator Coulter and I have been working on a piece of legislation to extend the amount of time you can rent study rooms at the downtown library. Right now the limit is three hours, but we have a meeting on Friday to discuss changing that.

College Senator Oursler: There will be two town halls, one tomorrow and one on September 11th at 7:00pm on Evansdale. These, the surveys, and possible tabling that will occur will be the most important things that are happening in the next couple weeks for everyone to help with and attend. This will help us make very informed decisions when we write the resolution that we hope to have by next week for the first meeting. In the future, we hope to push out any major amendments that may occur based on more information that we gather from this sort of stuff. Anyone who wants to get involved please let any of us involved know. I also want to say thank you for last week. There has been a lot of stuff going around and I appreciate all the support on the resolution last week

IX. Committee Reports

None were recognized for committee reports

X. Executive Reports

Chief of Staff Long: There is still time to Send Silence Packing. I will bump the message for the event we are partnering with the Carruth Center on the main chat. There is one more training on that tomorrow from 5:15 - 6:15p.m. The event will be held all day September 12th, but you can work various shifts that day to accommodate your schedule. It is an event focused around suicide prevention and destigmatizing mental health. We hope you can take part in representing SGA in this event and helping out the Carruth Center.

Apprentice Coordinator Flower: If you haven't filled out the mentor application, please do it now. The application will be closing tonight. I really encourage you to do so, it is a great experience. We have 50 apprentices that we will be taking in, so we do need mentors to place them with. Thank you all for pushing out the application, we had a good turn around for them.

Policy Coordinator Blair: Just a reminder, I am here to help you as you are writing legislation. You can message me in the GroupMe or we can meet somewhere. Let's start out by writing really good and meaningful legislation. If you would like any help, or have any ideas, that is what I am here to help with. Let's also see how we can work with other organizations especially in this time by sharing out resources and not competing for them.

WVU Internal Senates Liaison Pierce: I have not met with the staff senate, they meet every other third Wednesday of the month, once a month. President Santmyer and I met with GPSS President on Thursday August 24th. We discussed Academic Transformation and the impact on graduate students. There are 287 graduate students who will be affected by this process. They are going through a two phase process of sending out surveys and doing grad student outreach. There were 20 responses as of last Thursday, and the second survey is more deliberate data collection. They are hoping to gather feedback from the results when the surveys have concluded. They are reaching out to Associate Provosts Mark Gavin, Evan Widders, and Lou Slimak to receive answers to questions raised about grad students and research integrity during the transformation process. There is a faculty senate meeting on August 28th. On September 6th is the University Assembly Vote. A petition was signed by at least 5 percent of university faculty to vote on two resolutions. The September 6th University Assembly plan on voting on two resolutions at noon. The first resolution is a Vote of No Confidence Against President Gee, and the second is a Motion to Suspend Academic Transformation Process as a Result of Speed of Process. The Appeals process is still underway and ends this Friday. As of Monday August 28th, the Provost heard

a total of 7 appeals. Appeal Results are being released on a rolling basis; results for four appeals have been released thus far (World Languages, the BSR in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Resources in the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources, the BSBSE Biometric Systems Engineering program in the Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, School of Public Health faculty size- 11) World Languages Appeal- Under the recommendation, instruction in Spanish (a high-demand language) and Chinese (a critical need language) would be offered based on student demand and instructional capacity. With faculty reduced to the number of 5. The department did not appeal recommendations to discontinue the BA or MA World Language programs. Majors and minors not viable to pursue. After the appeals process has concluded the BOG will vote on the final decisions regarding reviewed programs on September 15th. As a result of extended attention to program review, academic transformation for ASUs has been delayed. ASU review is the next step in the transformation process. Rob Alsop revealed that 24 million in cuts were achieved for FY 24. Savings stem from college mergers, savings from reduced salary amounts, savings from lessened teaching loads. FY 25 implement a new budget model; hope to engage with campus this fall. Several goals in the new budget model including more transparency and accountability on what drives revenues and expenses. Going forward, the university wants to engage in deep dives into departments and programs every three years to prevent a deficit. We are working on creating a document for relevant questions and answers relating to the transformation process on the SGA website. We will be adding questions from Town Hall this upcoming Thursday, August 31st to the doc. If there are any questions relating to the process after the meeting, email them to me and I'll get a response.

Social Media Coordinator MaGrogan: If you need anything posted or made for the socials, please fill out the google form that I have pinned in the formal chat.

Outreach Coordinator Tiano: Our first townhall is tomorrow in the Mountainlair Ballroom. I would really appreciate anyone who could come out and support, we also have a zoom option. It would be great if you all could repost the graphic and the link to the google form. We are keeping that open on a rolling basis so we can address any questions that we are unable to get to tomorrow, we can get to the town hall on September 11th. We are having the first 30 minutes open to questions and then lead into discussion. We are expecting it to run over an hour. It would also be great if you guys would consider collecting can tabs. I will have

more information on that by the next meeting. If you drink a lot of soda, please start collecting them.

Attorney General Miller: When we are in the middle of debate, you do not have to move to end debate. You may want to if there is debate, and you want to kill the talking. We have the governing documents committee applications coming up. We need three assembly members and one executive. We are trying to get them approved by next week, so please apply by monday. We go over things such as the election code and the constitution. Even if you do not get accepted, you can come in the meetings and give input, you will just not be able to vote.

XI. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss

XII. New Business

A. New Student Organizations

- 1. WVU First Responders Club**
- 2. The American Advertising Federation**
- 3. Communication Studies Department Graduate Student Organization**
- 4. Sunnyside Shenanigans Humor Magazine**
 - a. Voting and Discussion**

President Pro Tempore Risk moved to bundle voting and the discussion of the new student organizations together
The motion was seconded by College Senator Dursa
With no objections, the motion was passed

All four student organizations were voted on and passed

B. FB-2023-06

Treasurer Patel read and listed Amendments to the Financial Bill
These amendments were entertained as stated by College Senator Oursler
The amendments were seconded by President Pro Tempore Risk
With no objections, the financial bill was amended

C. Voting on Special Rules

Attorney General Miller read over the Special Rules
President Pro Tempore entertained a motion to vote

Senator Randle seconded the motion
A secret ballot was sent out

With 26 votes, the Special Rules were approved

XIII. Open Student Forum II

College Senator Oursler: The Horticulture club will have its first meeting tomorrow at 5:30 at the Greenhouse. We will have Chick-fil-a. If you do come, bring a house plant for plant show and tell. We are also doing an event with the Carruth Center, called Cultivate Your Inner Garden, and this is in September. If you are interested, be looking for the secondary event because we filled up fast for the first one.

College Senator Dursa: I will be serving as the chair for TEDxWVU and we will be having our first interest meeting this Friday at 5:00pm on zoom. We will be introducing how to get involved, and if anyone is interested in being a speaker you can also come and hear about what that process will be like.

Senator Olivero: Please be mentors and please share the town hall and please share the survey.

College Senator Phillips: If anyone wants to join the Fantasy Football League, like the message in the informal chat.

XIV. Advisors' Reports

Morgan Prunty: We are still looking for PALS. They support our first year leadership academy, either on Tuesdays or Wednesday nights depending on your schedule. Let me know if you are interested.

Thanh Le: We would love for you to fill out the Student Life survey and share your thoughts on that. We are encouraging everyone to give their feedback which will be important for the upcoming reviews. For those traveling, please be safe and watch over each other and please make good decisions. I predict we will win in an upset this weekend against Penn State. If we lose, I'm sorry.

XV. Snaps

Snaps were given to Government Liaison Buxton, Comms team, the executives, everyone helping to plan the town hall, Attorney General Miller, Chief of Staff Long.

XVI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was entertained by President Pro Tempore Risk

The motion to adjourn was seconded by College Senator Abbas

The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Financial Bill: FB-2023-06
August 30, 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: Ukrainian Mountaineers Association

For Expenses to cover pizza for Ukrainian Movie & Pizza Night: featuring The Guide.

<i>Ukrainian Mountaineers Association</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Food	15 x Pizza	\$400.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$400.00

TITLE II: Appalachian Advocacy Network

For Expenses to provide food for new potential members.

<i>Appalachian Advocacy Network</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Food	3 x Pizza, 4 x Soda	\$108.11
Total Allocated Funds		\$108.11

TITLE III: Pre-Dental Club

For Expenses to purchase club t-shirts.

<i>Pre-Dental Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Clothing	92 shirts	\$901.60
Total Allocated Funds		\$901.60

TITLE IV: American Institute of Chemical Engineers

For Expenses to cover the registration fee for the students going to the conference and pay the hotel for the 4 nights.

<i>American Institute of Chemical Engineers</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	13 members	\$1950.00
Lodging	4 rooms x 4 nights	\$488.43
Total Allocated Funds		\$2438.43

TITLE V: WVU American Red Cross Club

For Expenses to cover an end of the year pizza party.

<i>American Red Cross Club</i>		
Item <i>WVU</i>	Quantity	Cost
Food	4 x Pizza, 3 x Soda	\$100.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$100.00

TITLE VI: WVU Pre-Law Society

For Expenses to feed members for four meetings across the semester.

<i>WVU Pre-Law Society</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Food	20 x Pizza	\$135.80
Drink	20 x Soda	\$59.80
Total Allocated Funds		\$195.60

TITLE VII: Black Student Union

For Expenses to cover a room reservation in the MountainLair and food/drink for a Game Night on the Green.

<i>Black Student Union</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Reservation for Mountainlair Game Area	40 members	\$280.00
Total Allocated Funds		\$280.00

TITLE VIII: WVU OSTEM

For Expenses to cover lodging at the regional conference to engage in networking and education events with other OSTEM chapters in the region.

<i>WVU OSTEM</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	1 Room x 1 Night	\$283.69
Total Allocated Funds		\$283.69

APPENDIX A

Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount

<i>Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals</i>	
Organization	Total Cost
Ukrainian Mountaineers Association	\$400.00
Appalachian Advocacy Network	\$108.11
Pre-Dental Club	\$901.60
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	\$2,438.43
WVU American Red Cross Club	\$100.00
WVU Pre-Law Society	\$195.60
Black Student Union	\$280.00
WVU OSTEM	\$283.69
Total	\$4,706.83

APPENDIX B

Requested Amounts Per Organization

<i>Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals</i>		
Organization	Total Grant Requested	Total Suggested
Ukrainian Mountaineers Association	\$400.00	\$400.00
Appalachian Advocacy Network	\$108.11	\$108.11
Pre-Dental Club	\$901.60	\$901.60
American Institute of Chemical Engineers	\$5,500.00	\$2,438.43
WVU American Red Cross Club	\$100.00	\$100.00
WVU Pre-Law Society	\$195.60	\$195.60
Black Student Union	\$280.00	\$280.00
WVU OSTEM	\$283.69	\$283.69
Total	\$7,768.40	\$4,706.83



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2023-2024 Student Assembly

Special Rules

To better and more efficiently structure the formal meetings of the West Virginia University Student Government Association and the Student Assembly; and,

To allow each and every member of the student body, faculty, staff, and community of West Virginia University an equitable and timely forum to address campus grievances; and,

To ensure that the debate and discussion necessary to the function of the Student Assembly is deliberative and specific;

The Student Assembly of the Student Government Association of West Virginia University hereby adopts the following Special Rules of Procedure, to supplementarily supersede Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised:

1. Comments made during Open Student Forums shall be limited to one-hundred eighty (180) seconds in duration per speaker, to be uninterrupted by the Gallery or Assembly, except in cases of Points of Order.
2. Speakers and Petitioners during Open Student Forums shall be granted two (2) recognitions by the Chair per Forum.
3. Open Student Forums are reaffirmed as forums open to petition and recognition by any member of the WVU community, not exclusive to students or members of the Student Assembly.
4. Cell Phone use is generally prohibited during Assembly Meetings, subject to emergencies or other effective uses as deemed pertinent by the Chair. Computers are allowed, should they be used generally for Assembly purposes.
5. These Special Rules of Procedure may be suspended via a simple majority vote of the Student Assembly, either in whole or in part.

Adopted: 08/30/23