

**West Virginia University  
Student Government Association  
Student Assembly Meeting  
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM  
November 15th, 2023  
2023-2024 Santmyer-Dozier Administration**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dozier at 7:34p.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 - Absent

College Senator Arastu - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Bromley - 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

College Senator Jackson - Present

College Senator Kaminski - Present

College Senator Kisto - Present

Senator Leadmon - Present

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Present

College Senator Madden - Present  
College Senator Magrogan - Present  
College Senator Moore - Present  
Senator Olivero - Present  
College Senator Orcutt - Present  
College Senator Oursler - Present  
College Senator Phillips - Present  
Senator Randle - Present  
Senator Sadler - Present  
College Senator Schmieder - Present  
Senator Scholl - Present  
College Senator Shiels - Present  
College Senator Switala - Present  
Senator Vodiany - Present  
Senator Weeks - Present  
College Senator Witt - Present

**IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda**

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by College Senator Oursler  
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Senator Frazier  
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**

*College Senator Oursler:* This past month, New Zealand has been having a contest for bird of the century. John Oliver picked up the campaign manager of the puteketeke. The bird of the century is the puteketeke.

## VII. The President's Report

*President Santmyer:* I'm finalizing the survey about keeping students in the state and recruitment and retention. Hopefully that will be very helpful. That will be sent to all of the colleges across West Virginia. We had a meeting with Travis this week, I am sure Travis will mention more about that. We will be meeting with Susanna on the 6th about things. If you have anything regarding the pell grant or federal work study, please send that into the SGA email and we can get that sent to the federal relations director. I have BOG tomorrow, looking forward to that. For reports, we had a very low number of people fill those out both times. For November, they will be mandatory. Now that we are halfway through the term, everyone should be working on things. That is due on the 31st, it doesn't take long at all. Everyone please take a break over Thanksgiving. I am sure we are all burnt-out, I know I am. Take care of your mental health, do whatever you need to do to reset yourself. But if anything is pressing, I won't ignore you.

## VIII. The Vice President's Report

No report was given

## IX. Assembly Reports

*College Senator Oursler:* Since last week, I met with three more departments in strategic initiatives. We met with the Director of Transportation just to get a general meeting with them. At the time of the meeting the PRT was running at 98.9% of success which is the highest since the current director joined the university. We discussed some different concerns we had and some future things we were working on. I met with the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. If anyone is interested in what they do, let me know. Lastly, Ian and I met with the CIO/Director of IT about his idea and I will let him talk about that if he wants to.

*College Senator Jackson:* Like Garrett said, we met with the CIO/Head of It about the virtual wallet idea. It went really well. They talked about this a couple years ago, but now that they see there is student interest, they would like to work with us on this. It is a big undertaking so it is in the early stages. We are still meeting with the relevant admin about this. I got a call from the Director of Corporate relations here and on Friday I will be having dinner with Amazon Web Services concerning microcredentials. If anyone has anything i should bring up to amazon about microcredentials, let me know.

*College Senator Orcutt:* Last Friday, President Pro Tempore Risk and I met with the Dean of the College of Creative Arts. We discussed contact and town halls. Also we discussed the merger. Dean Jackson seems about as optimistic as he can be about the merger. He is open with people from Reed to come talk about it, just to make the merger a little more comfortable. He said that no major changes will be made within the CAC. We talked about ending the whole isolation thing. I suggested that we bring performances and art downtown, I suggested murals and he said that it might be better if we do pop-up art at the Mountainlair just because it is more feasible. If anyone is interested in helping me out with that in the spring, that would be great. There were concerns about things not being accessible outside the school of music. If you're interested in auditioning for things, reach out and we could get you in contact with the right people. I advocated for transfer students in the school of music to make that transition a little easier.

*Senator Sadler:* I met with someone from the school of music regarding financial aid. If you are interested in financial aid in the school of music, come see me about that. Other than that, I met with the LGBTQ center and asked them what they might need help with. They really want me to push that November 30th, they will be doing HIV testing. It will be anonymous, the first 100 people will get free meals. HIV cases are spiking in Morgantown, so a really good thing to be pushing. Another thing about clean needle exchange. I don't know if we have had initiatives like that before but if anyone would like to help me with that, let me know.

*College Senator Madden:* College Senator Lutman and I met with Michelle at the student success center yesterday to discuss setting up a mentor program for first generation students. We also got to meet her very cute dog. That is all.

*Senator Olivero:* On Tuesday, the on campus safety committee met for the second time. They are going to work more on outreach things such as safety training, active shooter training, self defense, etc. Also some sort of open forum on campus safety issues. I will talk to them more about how that can be done.

## **X. Committee Reports**

### **1. Academic Affairs**

*College Senator Madden:* We had a very productive meeting. We will be working on reducing the number of online 3rd party platforms. Experiential learning and online Ecampus training for professors. Professional development courses, open syllabi listed on schedule builder. And having spring and fall based schedules. This is the legislation we are working on right now.

## 2. Community Engagement

*Senator Leadmon:* The date for SGA tabling has been set for Thursday, December 7th in the free speech area, prt area, pylons. It will be the final preparation theme. Table if you can, at your respective campuses. It is really important for SGA promotion. We are working on the men's mental health awareness basketball tournament. It will be November 30th. We hope for everyone to show up. There will be a men and womens bracket. This will be at the rec around 5:00pm. We are also working on SGA UpAllNight on January 26th and 27th. This will be helpful to promote election times.

## XI. Executive Reports

*Elections Chair Weller (Renesmee):* The elections committee applications are closing tonight. I have 5 people and two of them are not even in SGA. It is open to apprentices, as long as you are neutral in the election. The elections timeline will be in the groupchat, pending the passage of the code tonight. Share that on social media, if you have any questions just let me know.

*Chief of Staff Long:* Its the most wonderful time of the year. All of those who signed up for a secret snowflake should have received emails about who your secret snowflake is. Please shop for an affordable, yet impressive gift over break for only \$20. We will have our gift exchange on December 6th so please attend that meeting. If anyone has an issue with it, please let me know. I am excited to see what all the gifts you get. Formal, pay up! Or else... \$10 per person. It is on December 1st from 8:00-10:00p.m. at Happys.

*President Santmyer:* For the tree event on November 28th, that is officially closed. We will let everyone know who will be going soon.

*Attorney General Miller:* We have some bills up tonight. Obviously the election bill, there was a lot of work put into it. I just want to thank the committee for that and

everything they did for it. We have two constitutional amendments up tonight. Look for those in new business. I just wanted to thank them and put that on your radar.

## **XII. Old Business**

### **A. AR-2023-10-03**

Senator Eastman entertained a motion to vote on the resolution  
The motion was seconded by College Senator Oursler  
With none opposed, the resolution was passed

### **B. AB-2023-10-02**

President Pro Tempore Risk entertained a motion to vote on the bill  
The motion was seconded by College Senator Oursler  
The yays have it, the bill was passed

## **XIII. New Business**

### **A. Presentation from Campus Recreation**

A representative from campus recreation came to speak about collaborative opportunities with SGA. The discussion was heavily focused around the idea of active study spaces, and conversation included what SGA could do to further past initiatives to all three campuses here at WVU.

Reach out to: [sera.zegre@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:sera.zegre@mail.wvu.edu) with any questions or collaborative ideas

### **B. Discussion of WVU Recruitment and Retention, *President Santmyer***

President Santmyer led a discussion regarding individual personal experiences as it relates to recruitment to WVU. Some of the reasons as to why people chose to come to WVU included: affordability, scholarship opportunities, alumni success in job placement, the homey feeling of WVU, diversity, clubs and organizations, school spirit.

Some recommendations to help recruitment included: promoting the various types of scholarships, advertising Adventure WVU, combating negative stereotypes, better outreach to highschools across the state and using natural state resources.

If you are interested in further discussion, SGA members can join the GroupMe chat or reach out to President Santmyer.

**C. FB-2023-16**

President Pro Tempore Risk entertained the motion to approve the financial bill

Senator Leadmon seconded the motion

With no objections, the financial bill was passed

**D. AB-2023-11-01**

Senator Eastman explained the bill

The motion to table the bill until the next meeting was entertained by College

Senator Indomenico

Senator Olivero seconded the motion

With no objections, the bill was tabled until the next meeting

**E. AB-2023-11-02**

President Pro Tempore Risk explained the bill

The motion to table the bill until the next meeting was entertained by Senator Olivero

College Senator Ousler seconded the motion

With no objections, the bill was tabled until the next meeting

**XIV. Open Student Forum II**

*President Pro Tempore Risk:* Tomorrow night at 6:00pm. in the Monongahela room, Women in Politics and Government will be hosting a trivia game night. Everyone is welcome to come. There will be a \$15 starbucks gift card on the line. It will be U.S. History/government related.

*Apprentice Colin:* Period of Giving started on Monday. Our two events are on the back to back Thursdays after break. I will have more information regarding that soon. Just be on the lookout for that.

*Senator Sadler:* Philosophy Club is doing a closet clean out. If you have anything you want to get rid of, there are donation boxes in Arnold and the third floor of

Woodburn. Everything will be put into a pop-up thrift shop after break. Anything that is not bought will be donated. Reach out to me if you have anything you want to get rid of.

*College Senator Oursler:* If you are interested in helping plant trees, the office of sustainability needs help between November 27th and December 9th. If you are interested in helping, I have all the details. It will really help them out.

*College Senator Dursa:* The Tuesday after break TedXWVU will be hosting a watch party in towers. We will be watching old ted talks, maybe one from our Chief of Staff Long. There will be some snacks provided in classrooms G05 from 6:30-8:00pm.

#### **XV. Advisors' Reports**

*Thanh Le:* We encourage you to keep donating to the Toy Mountain, we are about halfway to our goal. Please enjoy this break. We all need this rest. Enjoy your family, friends, and loved ones. If you are traveling, please be safe. You guys have been amazing all semester.

#### **XVI. Snaps**

Snaps were given to President Santmyer and Internal Senates Liaison Pierce

#### **XVII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was entertained by Senator Leadmon

The motion was seconded by Senator Eastman

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned

West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
Assembly Proclamation: AR-2023-10-03  
**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS WORKERS'  
APPRECIATION WEEK**

<b>Short Title:</b>	<b>Campus Worker Appreciation Week</b>
<b>Author(s):</b>	<b>Olivia Scholl, Senator Ian Jackson, College Senator (Statler) Hannah Weeks, Senator Julia Lutman, College Senator (Chambers)</b>
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	<b>Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis) Gabrielle Frazier, Senator Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore Bella Randle, Senator Andrew Indomenico, College Senator (Eberly)</b>
<b>Contributor(s):</b>	
<b>Committee Endorsement:</b>	<b>Strategic Initiatives</b>
<b>First Reading Date:</b>	<b>11/8/2023</b>
<b>Second Reading Date:</b>	
<b>Date of Approval:</b>	
<b>Presidential Signature:</b>	

**Whereas**, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) vision statement reads, "...developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff, and other key stakeholders"; and,

**Whereas**, campus workers oversee the maintenance, cleanliness, and safety of the

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campus buildings, grounds, and facilities; this includes repairs, cleaning, and ensuring a comfortable environment for students, faculty, and staff; and,

**Whereas**, campus workers often assist in administrative tasks such as managing paperwork, organizing events, providing logistical support for various departments, and ensuring the smooth operation of the institution; and,

**Whereas**, recognizing the efforts of campus workers, including students involved in federal work-study programs, is necessary to encourage them to continuously excel professionally through their work and academically through their studies; and,

**Whereas**, campus workers may directly engage with students by providing essential services such as food services, housing assistance, library support, or campus security; they contribute to creating a positive and supportive environment for students; and,

**Whereas**, workers in academic support roles, such as librarians, lab technicians, or IT support staff, contribute to the educational environment by offering resources, technical assistance, and guidance to students and faculty; and,

**Whereas**, campus workers, including security personnel, play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of everyone on campus; their presence and vigilance contribute significantly to maintaining a secure environment; and,

**Whereas**, campus workers manage the logistics and operations necessary for the day-to-day running of the campus, such as transportation services, waste management, and utilities; and,

**Whereas**, campus workers often serve as essential members of the campus community, contributing to its culture and sense of belonging; they may interact with students, faculty, and visitors, thus shaping the overall experience of the campus; and,

**Whereas**, the dedication of campus workers across the university creates an advantageous environment for learning and an atmosphere that contributes to the experience of all students, faculty, and staff; and,

**Whereas**, campus workers are the backbone of an educational institution, contributing

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in various capacities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the campus, creating a conducive environment for learning, growth, and community engagement; and,

**Whereas**, companies with an employee appreciation program find multiple positive outcomes, including, but not limited to: motivation, engagement, job satisfaction, increased retention, enhanced productivity, and performance<sup>1</sup>; and,

**Whereas**, National Employee Appreciation Day is observed on the first Friday in March of every year; and,

***Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** encourages West Virginia University to establish a Campus Workers Appreciation Week set during the first week of March,

**Section 2:** encourages the Student Government Association to use its social media platforms to highlight campus workers during Campus Workers Appreciation Week,

**Section 3:** encourages The Daily Athenaeum to publish an article during that week to highlight campus workers and what they do for the university and students,

**Section 4:** upon passage and approval, the legislation should be forwarded to the mandates below,

**Mandates:**

E. Gordon Gee, President

Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives

Ted Svehlik, Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services

Autumn Tooms Cyprès, Dean of College of Applied Human Sciences

Darrell Donahue, Dean of Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design

Gregory Dunaway, Dean, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

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<sup>1</sup> Rayma, S R and, M R Vanithami, "The Power of Employee Recognition: Building A Culture of Appreciation in the Workplace," *The Indian Journal of Technical Education*, vol. 46, pp. 105-114. Jun. 2023. Available:

<http://isteonline.in/Datafiles/cms/IJTE%20June%20issue%20web%20color.pdf#page=115>

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Joshua Hall, Dean of John Chambers College of Business and Economics  
Keith Jackson, Dean of College of Creative Arts  
Clay Marsh, Dean of School of Medicine  
Pedro J. Mago, Dean of Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources  
Diana Martinelli, Dean of Reed College of Media  
Stephen Pachuta, Dean of School of Dentistry  
William (Bill) Petros, Dean of School of Pharmacy  
Amelia Smith Rinehart, Dean, College of Law  
Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership, SGA Advisor  
Madison Santmyer, Student Body President  
Karsey Prichard, SGA Executive Secretary  
The Daily Athenaeum  
Jamie Kosik, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management (HSC and Divisional Campuses)  
Charles “Chuck” Roberts, Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management (Downtown and Evansdale Campuses)  
Shirley Robinson, Staff Council Chair and Board of Governors Classified Staff Representative

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West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
Assembly Resolution: AR-2023-10-02  
**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION FOR INCREASED OUTDOOR STUDY  
SPACES**

<b>Short Title:</b>	<b>Increase Outdoor Study Spaces</b>
<b>Author(s):</b>	<b>Garrett Oursler, College Senator (Davis) Gabrielle Frazier, Senator Andrew Indomenico, College Senator (Eberly)</b>
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	<b>Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore Elijah Eastman, Senator Joanna Switala, College Senator (Eberly) Ian Jackson, College Senator (Statler) Matthew Olivero, Senator Anna Witt, College Senator (CAHS) Peyton Bielinski, College Senator (CAHS)</b>
<b>Contributor(s):</b>	
<b>Committee Endorsement:</b>	<b>Strategic Initiatives</b>
<b>First Reading Date:</b>	<b>November 1, 2023</b>
<b>Second Reading Date:</b>	<b>November 8, 2023</b>
<b>Date of Approval:</b>	
<b>Presidential Signature:</b>	

**Whereas**, the WVU mission statement reads, “West Virginia University (is) committed

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to...advancing education...by providing access and opportunity;”<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas**, the SGA mission statement reads, “We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University an atmosphere that helps to foster an open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression;”<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas**, the SGA Vision reads, “To be a Student Government Association that serves the students by; creating a campus that can accommodate everyone,...enhancing environmental stewardship,...fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders;”<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas**; in a survey conducted by the SGA Sustainability Committee last year, 55.78% of respondents stated that they felt the quality of outdoor study or leisure spaces were either negative, needs improvement, or neutral;<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas**; in the aforementioned survey, 76.8% of total respondents wanted to see more initiatives centered around outdoor study spaces on campus;<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas**; students notice the current efforts undertaken by the university to improve this issue and appreciate the work put forth by campus workers to make this possible;

**Whereas**; there have been many studies that show, “that higher availability and use of campus green space was found to be associated with improved quality of life;”<sup>4</sup>

**Whereas**; the West Virginia University Modernization Program under WVU Strategic Initiatives will focus on student experience and systems enhancement from 2023-2026;<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas**; recommendations for additional outdoor study spaces were made based on proximity to student activity, to address inadequate seating across areas of campus, or

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<sup>1</sup> [Mission - West Virginia University](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Mission and Vision | Student Government Association | West Virginia University](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Sustainability Report.pdf](#)

<sup>4</sup> <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2019.03.003>

<sup>5</sup> <https://strategicinitiatives.wvu.edu/wvu-modernization-program>

<sup>6</sup> See Appendix A

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to add additional options for current high traffic areas<sup>6</sup>;

*Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:*

**Section 1:** WVU SGA encourages the university to provide more outdoor study spaces across Downtown, Evansdale, and Health Sciences campuses;

**Section 2:** WVU SGA encourages the university to ensure outdoor study spaces and other outdoor recreation areas are accessible to students with disabilities;

**Section 3:** Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the following:

Mandates:

Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives

Ted Svehlik, Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services

Jamie Kosik, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Services

Charles Roberts, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Services

Jim Mirage, Director of Roads and Grounds

Traci Knabenshue, Director of Sustainability

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

Madison Santmyer, Student Body President

Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)

Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary

Daily Athenaeum

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## APPENDIX A- PROPOSED STUDY SPACE EXPANSION LOCATIONS

### SECTION 1: Downtown

*Proposed Increase in Permanent Seating Locations:*

Site 1: Mountainlair Greens;

*Request: Bolted picnic tables with umbrellas*



Site 2: Life Science Building Patio;

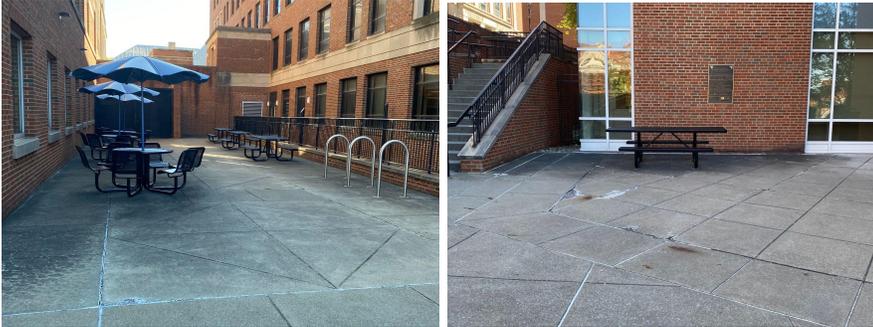
*Request: Bolted picnic tables with umbrella covering*



Site 3: Downtown Campus Library; Bolted picnic tables with some covered;

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*Request: Umbrella covered tables with charging, more picnic tables*



*Proposed Increase in Semi-Permanent Seating Options:*

Site 1: Mountainlair front lawns;  
*Request: More adirondack chairs*



Site 2: E Moore Hall front lawns;  
*Request: Consistent floating patio chairs, tables, cushions, adirondack chairs*



Site 3: Life Sciences Building Front Lawn:

**Request: More adirondack chairs, picnic tables**



Site 4: Mountainlair Greens Open Space;

**Request: More unbolting picnic tables, under a covering**



*Proposed Additions of Outdoor Seating Spaces:*

Site 1: Downtown Campus Library;

**Request: adirondack chairs**



## SECTION 2: Evansdale

*Proposed Increase in Permanent Seating Locations:*

Site 1: Evansdale Residential Complex Front Lawns:

*Request: More bolted table and chairs*



Site 2: Evansdale Residential Complex Front Lawns:

*Request: More bolted tables and chairs*



Site 3: Student Recreation Center;

*Request: More picnic tables with charging ports and umbrellas*

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*Proposed Increase in Semi-Permanent Seating Options:*

Site 1: Engineering PRT Station/Building;

*Request: More adirondack chairs*



Site 2: Evansdale Library/National Research Center for Coal and Energy;

*Request: Adirondack chairs*



Site 3: Agricultural Sciences Building;

*Request: Picnic tables with covering*



Site 4: Student Health Center/Soccer Field;  
**Request: Adirondack chairs**



Site 5: Behind Allen Hall/Side Pocket of Towers;  
**Request: Adirondack chairs**



*Proposed Additions of Outdoor Seating Spaces:*

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Site 1: Engineering PRT Station/ Engineering Building Front Lawns;

*Request: adirondack chairs, lounge furniture similar to the E. Moore hall furniture*



Site 2: Agricultural Sciences Building;

*Request: Picnic Tables*



Site 3: Creative Arts Center

*Request: Picnic tables and adirondack chairs*



Site 4: Evansdale Library Lawns;

*Request: Adirondack chairs*

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Site 5: Evansdale Residential Complex Front/Side Lawns;  
*Requests: Picnic Tables*



### **SECTION 3: Health Sciences**

*Proposed Increase in Permanent Seating Locations:*

Site 1: Pylons Front Lawns;  
*Request: Tables with umbrella covering*



*Proposed Increase in Semi-Permanent Seating Options:*

Site 1: Pylons Side Lawns;

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**Request: adirondack chairs**



*Proposed Additions of Outdoor Seating Spaces:*

Site 1: Pylon Front Lawns;

**Request: Furniture similar to E. Moore hall lawns**



West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
Assembly Bill: AB-2023-11-01  
**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

<b>Short Title:</b>	<b>Qualifications to Run/Vacancy Appointment Exception</b>
<b>Author(s):</b>	<b>Matthew Olivero, Senator Elijah Eastman, Senator</b>
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	<b>Anna Witt, College Senator (CAHS) Riley Coulter, College Senator (Statler) Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore Garrett Oursler, College Senators (Davis)</b>
<b>Contributor(s):</b>	<b>Christian Miller, Attorney General Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary Travis Weller, Elections Commissioner</b>
<b>Committee Endorsement:</b>	<b>Governing Documents Review Committee</b>
<b>First Reading Date:</b>	<b>11/15/2023</b>
<b>Second Reading Date:</b>	
<b>Date of Approval:</b>	
<b>Presidential Signature:</b>	

**Whereas**, according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Committee is to, “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

**Whereas**, upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee, collectively voted on the following proposed amendments; and,

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**Whereas**, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the following proposed amendments will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Student Government Association's appointment proceedings,

**Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:**

**Section 1:** The following amendments set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall be voted on by the student body in the spring election:

Article 3.1 Shall be Amended as:

**3.1 MEMBERSHIP.** All students registered and ~~enrolled as a full-time at least a half-time~~ student of the Morgantown campus at West Virginia University shall be deemed members of the student body and therefore eligible to participate and hold membership in the West Virginia University Student Government Association. This organization will not discriminate on the basis of age, disability status, ethnicity, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status

Article 4.2.5i Shall be Amended as:

i. The elections chair must be ~~a full-time student~~ **at least a half-time student at WVU** who has completed at least one semester at West Virginia University and seen at least one election cycle

Article 6.2.1 Shall be Amended as:

6.2.1 JUSTICES. The Judicial Court shall consist of 9 Justices, 1 serving as Chief Justice. They shall consist of:

a. ~~Full-time students;~~ **Students enrolled at least half-time at WVU;**

Article 9.1 Shall be Amended as:

9.1 BASIC QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO SEEK AND HOLD A POSITION IN SGA . All SGA positions, whether elected or appointed, shall be open to ~~full-time students~~ **any student enrolled at least half-time** at WVU who are in good

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academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above) which must be transferred from a BOT recognized institution. To continue to hold an SGA position, the WVU student must remain ~~a full-time student~~ **at least a half-time student** in good academic standing. The Dean of Students will have the final decision on questions of status. All appointed positions must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Assembly.

Article 10.1.4 Shall be Amended as:

10.1.4 All applicants must meet the requirements to be on the Student Government Student Assembly as outlined in Article 9.1 and 9.2, **with the following exemption: First-semester freshman and first-semester transfer students may be appointed to elected positions.** These requirements shall be outlined on the application. For vacancies with specific regard to College Senators, applicants must be enrolled in the academic college for which the vacancy has been created.

**Section 2:** Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the mandates below:

**Mandates:**

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students  
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)  
Daily Athenaeum  
Madison Santmyer, Student Body President  
Brogan Dozier, Student Body Vice President  
Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary

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West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
Assembly Bill: AB-2023-11-02  
**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

<b>Short Title:</b>	<b>Executive/Legislative Vacancy Appointment Rules</b>
<b>Author(s):</b>	<b>Susie Risk, President Pro Tempore</b>
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	<b>Anna Witt, College Senator (CAHS) Matthew Olivero, Senator Riley Coulter, College Senator (Statler) Elijah Eastman, Senator</b>
<b>Contributor(s):</b>	<b>Christian Miller, Attorney General Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary</b>
<b>Committee Endorsement:</b>	<b>Governing Documents</b>
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**Whereas**, according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Committee is to, “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

**Whereas**, upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee, collectively voted on the following proposed amendments; and,

**Whereas**, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the

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following proposed amendments will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Student Government Association's appointment proceedings,

***Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** The following addition concerning executive appointment procedures set forth by the Governing Documents Review committee shall take immediate effect:

Article 4.1 Description shall be amended as:

**4.1 DESCRIPTION.** The West Virginia University Student Government Association Executive Branch shall consist of the President and Vice President, who are elected by the student body during the annual West Virginia University Student Government Association Election. Within three weeks following the SGA Inauguration, the President and Vice President will appoint members to serve on the Executive Cabinet. The President may also have the power to appoint other executive positions as deemed necessary. **Executive appointees may only be nominated for approval of a position once within the same term but retain eligibility to be considered for other positions within the Student Government Association within the same administration.**

**Section 2:** The following addition concerning executive and legislative vacancy appointment procedures set forth by the Governing Documents Review committee shall take immediate effect:

Article 10.1.d Vacancy and Succession shall be amended as

**10.1.d. If a candidate is appointed by the Student Government Association Select Committee on Legislative Vacancies and Appointments for a position within the Student Government Association but fails to receive two-thirds (2/3) approval from the Student Assembly, they will not be eligible for reconsideration for the position during the same term. However, they remain eligible to be considered for other positions within the Student Government Association within the same administration.**

**Mandates:**

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students

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Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)  
Daily Athenaeum  
Madison Santmyer, Student Body President  
Brogan Dozier, Student Body Vice President  
Karsey Prichard, Executive Secretary

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# PROGRAMS

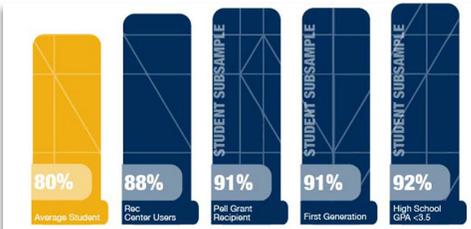
Campus Recreation seeks to serve WVU students, staff, employees and our community with a safe and inclusive space to improve personal health and well-being, and to increase participants' engagement with the university.



# STUDENT SUCCESS

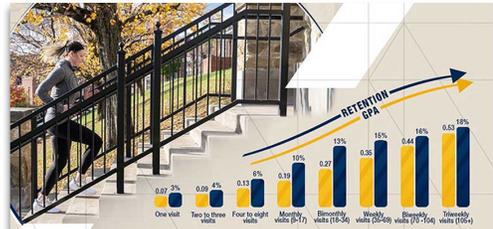
Campus Recreation participation strengthens student engagement. Studies show student campus recreation participants have higher GPA, retention, and graduation rates, as well as health and wellness benefits.

Our ongoing research seeks to contribute to the growing published peer-reviewed literature connecting recreation participation with student outcomes. We use data-driven statistical approaches, connecting study findings to implications for professionals and campus leaders across colleges and universities. Given we employ over 300 students, we also focus on leadership development and impact assessment of our student employees.



## Predicted retention rate for rec facility users compared to the average

Results show a positive and significant relationship between recreation facility use and retention. Subsample analyses using matched sample suggest larger impact of facility use (up to 12% points retention) for students at risk for drop out.



## Recreation facility visits and academic outcomes compared to non-user

Recreation facility use has significant relationship with GPA and first year retention: 3% points higher retention and .07 points higher GPA at one visit, with stair step pattern to 18% points higher retention and .53 points higher GPA at triweekly.

## FAST FACTS

2022-2023



**415,000+**

Visits to Student Rec Center annually



**3,400+**

Aquatics counts monthly average



**31**

Intramural sports offerings for all students, faculty, staff and spouses



**45**

Clubs in Club Sports program, such as Competitive Cheer, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Quidditch and Weightlifting



**80+**

Fitness offerings weekly, from high intensity interval F45 to calming yoga



**4,000+**

Mountaineer KidZone Participations

## STUDENT SUCCESS

## FAST FACTS

2014-2017

**8%**

Points higher first-year retention for weekly+ recreation facility users

**12%**

Points higher first-year retention for weekly+ recreation facility users with drop out risk

**+0.35**

Points higher GPA at weekly recreation facility visits compared to non-user

**\$1.2**

Million annually in additional revenue due to 1-year retention increase of first-time undergraduate students from weekly rec facility use

West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
Financial Bill: FB-2023-16  
November 15, 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: Society of Women Engineers

For expenses to cover the cost of shirts for a fundraising event and to advertise to local children.

<i>Society of Women Engineers</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Shirts	200	\$1000.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$1000.00</b>

### TITLE II: Muslim Student Association

For expenses to cover the cost of a speaker for the Islamic Scholar Lecture on January 27, 2024.

<i>Muslim Student Association</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Speaker		\$1000.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$1000.00</b>

### TITLE III: Campus Crusade for Christ

For expenses to cover the cost of registration for a conference in Washington, D.C. on December 28th-January 1st.

<i>Campus Crusade for Christ</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	6 students	\$1494.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$1494.00</b>

## APPENDIX A

### *Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount*

<b><i>Financial Bill 2023-16 Totals</i></b>	
Organization	Total Cost
Society of Women Engineers	\$1000.00
Muslim Student Association	\$1000.00
Campus Crusade for Christ	\$1494.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3494.00</b>

## APPENDIX B

### *Requested Amounts Per Organization*

<b><i>Financial Bill 2023-16 Totals</i></b>		
Organization	Total Grant Requested	Total Suggested
Society of Women Engineers	\$3487.72	\$1000.00
Muslim Student Association	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
Campus Crusade for Christ	\$1494.00	\$1494.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6862.33</b>	<b>\$3494.00</b>