

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
January 29th, 2025
2024-2025 Long-Browning Administration**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Abigail Browning at 7:32 pm

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Abigail Browning

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Orcutt

President Pro Tempore Olivero - Present
College Senator Armstrong - Present
College Senator Bielinski - Present
Senator Davis - Present
College Senator Duvert - Present
Senator Fernando - Present, zoom
College Senator Fleece - Present
College Senator Giggenbach - Present
College Senator Henson - Present
Senator Hoh - Present
Senator Indomenico - Absent
Senator Jones - Present
College Senator Jones - Present
College Senator Kelly - Present
College Senator Khalilullah - Present, zoom
College Senator Lipkovitch - Present
College Senator Lutman - Present
College Senator Madden - Present
College Senator Magrogan - Present

Senator Meeker - Present
College Senator Mehring - Present
College Senator Merlin - Present
College Senator Mugnano - Present
Senator Olivero - Present
Senator O'Neal - Absent
Senator Plymale - Present
College Senator Robinson - Present
College Senator Schmieder - Present
College Senator Selders - Present
College Senator Shaffer - Absent
College Senator Silva - Present
Senator Street - Present
College Senator Tadros - Present
Senator Vuiller - Absent

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by President Pro-Tempore Olivero, seconded by College Senator Jones

The agenda was approved.

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by President Pro-Tempore Olivero, seconded by Senator Street.

The minutes were approved

VI. Open Student Forum I

Garrett Oursler: February 13th, if you're interested, from 2p-4p the center for community engagement and the roots board will be having a community meeting. We will be having community leaders come so we can discuss issues in our community and state.

VII. Discussion of Meal Plan Updates, Corey Ferris, Dean of Students

Corey Ferris: This year we are looking to do a change regarding dining plans. It is an upgrade that has been requested by students and has been given a thumbs up by multiple student organizations. We are proposing to change the unlimited plan to get up to 10 exchanges. The dining dollars will go to \$7.25. There will also be 5 guest meal passes that they can use, which

they don't have currently. The exchanges for the other two will go to 5 and decrease dining dollars from \$5 to \$4.25. This is a flexibility that students have requested, as they tend to like swipes more than dining dollars because it is a better value.

VIII. The President's Report

President Long: Welcome back. The future has been on my mind a lot lately. It is important to savor every moment, but it is just as important to be prepared for the future. It is a very transitional time at our university, and I think going into the next era, we need to be prepared for the next moment. I have been working on some things. I have completed the Arts Alliance board. I am working on documenting the research I have done on loneliness. I want you to look at yourself and your work and see what you are working on for the future. We are all in this together, so please lean on people for support. They can help you take on these initiatives. The legislative session will begin in the next month, and it will be a lot, so please utilize all the support and resources you can. "If you can't fly then run, if you can run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl. Whatever you do you must move forward." - MLK

IX. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Browning: Thank you to everyone who came to retreat, it was very productive. I have uploaded all materials to the drive. We are scheduling one on ones, so be on the lookout for that

X. Assembly Reports

Senator Selder: Cupid's Drive will begin soon. Also a concert will be held at 123 Pleasant for the drive.

XI. Committee Reports

XII. Executive Reports

Legislative Affairs Officer Pierce: We have collected data from the rack to give in reference to the Hunger Free campus act. We will be giving this information to Speaker Hanshaw. President Long and I met with officials to discuss the Underwood Education Scholarship, and expand that out to more students. Also setting up a meeting Suzanne to discuss things like lobbying training and Big XII on the hill. We will probably be going down for WVU day and E-Day. All documents that I have are currently laid out in the drive!

Internal Senates Liaison Hickle: I just attended the faculty senate meeting, and i would like to share information on WVU Guarantee. For students that are West Virginia residents and their familial income is \$65,000 or lower, tuition and fees will be waived. You can find more information on this on the Hub's websites

Local Governance Liaison Ferguson: The city has recently partnered with Mountain Line to provide free transportation for those in need, and you can obtain those in 4 locations. They also started the Pathway to Help initiative. I found out that the Grace Shelter is closed during the day because they don't have enough workers. Next week Cate and I will be presenting our safety walk presentation to city council.

Elections Chair Coulter: Just wanted to remind everyone that filing packets are open. We also have a meeting at crossings to talk about elections, and I will also be tabling to talk about elections. Please sign up to work the polls if you are not running or are graduating and not helping with anyone

Outreach Coordinator Cantwell: 75,000 individual tabs reached. Keep spreading the word.

Chief of Staff Risk: Sending out report forms after this report, please fill that out! Also, at retreat, we talked about changing the layout of the tables so everyone feels more included. Next meeting the tables will be laid out differently. We also talked about the conference room and executive office. Everyone will have access to those things this semester. Also going to allow people to reserve those spaces, so keep an eye on our calendar.

Alumni Relations Liaison McDonald: Been drafting emails for the deans of each college to see where they are in their relations with alumni so each student in each college has alumni resources. Also trying to coordinate a zoom panel with SGA alum and a basketball game event with alum.

XIII. Old Business

No old business at this time

XIV. New Business

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Senator Davis made a motion to end discussion, seconded by Senator Street.

The bill was approved.

XV. Open Student Forum II

Policy Coordinator Wooten: Tomorrow in the Laurel Room, PreLaw society will be hosting a mock trial

Senator Street: Next Monday, we will be having a webinar with a West Virginia Policy expert. I'll send the zoom link to the chat

XVI. Advisors' Reports

Thanh Le: Student involvement fair will be in the rec on February 5th from 2-5. Also, next friday is national hot cocoa day, and student life will be around campus next week to give out free hot chocolate from 11-2.

Morgan Prunty: I Belong game is also on the 5th, there are tableling opportunities there too. It is mainly focused on inclusivity, and we suggest doing some sort of activity to be in the running for an \$800 grant. Also have Dancing with our Mountaineer Stars, so sign up for that.

XVII. Snaps

Snaps were given to everyone, Senator Olivero, Social Media Coordinator Roush, roads and grounds crew, new interns and mentors, and Chief of Staff Risk

XVIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by College Senator Jones, Seconded by senator Olivero. The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.