

**West Virginia University  
Student Government Association  
Student Assembly Meeting  
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM  
October 2nd, 2024  
2024-2025 Long-Browning Administration**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Abigail Browning at 7:30 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 Barbour - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Davis - Present

College Senator Duvert - Present

Senator Fernando - Absent

College Senator Ferrell - Present

College Senator Fleece - Present

College Senator Henson - Present

Senator Hoh - Present

Senator Indomenico - Present

Senator Jones - Present

College Senator Jones - Present

College Senator Kelly - Absent

College Senator Khalilullah - Absent

College Senator Lieving - Present

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Present

College Senator Madden - Present

College Senator Magrogan - Present  
Senator Meeker - Present  
College Senator Merlin - Present  
College Senator Morgan - Present  
Senator Alex Olivero - Present  
Senator O'Neal - Present  
Senator Plymale - Present  
College Senator Robinson - Present  
College Senator Schmieder - Present  
College Senator Shaffer - Absent  
College Senator Silva - Present  
Senator Street - Present  
College Senator Tadros - Present  
Senator Vuiller - Present

## **VI. Open Student Forum I**

*College Senator Lutman: The chambers college is having a movie screening tomorrow at 5:30, it is a movie about financial literacy. We recommend everyone come if you have goals that concern*

*Executive Secretary Orcutt: Violins of Hope, which is an exhibit of violins from the holocaust, will be in the alumni center for the next two weeks. We have been trying to get them to come here since 2018, so please check it out if you're interested. Our very own graduate string quintet will be featured.*

## **VII. The President's Report**

*President Long: It is that time of the semester again, so just make sure you guys are taking care of yourselves. Schedule rest before it schedules you. We had a fantastic trip to DC last week, and I am looking forward to our continued partnership with Marshall. Our delegation was great. The safety walk is coming up and I want to encourage you to sign up and come help. Campus safety is an increasingly important concern and we need to seriously help improve campus safety. Next week I have a special BOG meeting, mostly related to the presidential search, so if you have any concerns let me know. Chief of Staff Risk and I have been looking at your reports and we will be ready to help you out with any concerns you have. A lot of you have accomplished great things already. Today's quote "You can have it all just not all at once"*

### **VIII. The Vice President's Report**

*Vice-President Browning:* On November 14th at 5:30 we will have a vigil for Nolan Burch and I am still missing a few people for one on ones, so please sign up for that.

### **IX. Assembly Reports**

*College Senator Magrogan:* Safety walk is next tuesday at 6, I have had a lot of people sign up, I just need a few more people on HSC. I know it is not the most ideal location, but it is very important because real people go there everyday and we want everyone to have a safe environment, especially at the hospital. October is pedestrian safety month, hopefully next week we will be collabing with student life to brainstorm more ideas. Pedestrian safety is super important. Also, safety walk is very similar to last year, so please sign up.

### **X. Committee Reports**

*No committee reports at this time*

### **XI. Executive Reports**

*Alumni Relations Liaison MacDonald:* I got in contact with kevin, we will be having a meeting to get everything situated for homecoming.

Local Governance liaison ferguson: City council meeting last night was 3 hours. They talked about bringing a deputy city ambassador program. We want SGA to help with that. They're also starting to work on the roads in sunnyside, starting with north street. Parking authority is doing a toys for tots drive with free parking for a reward. This weekend we have Friday for the arts and the first art walk. Check out mainstreet morgantown instagram and the website for more info. October 19th is arbor day, and they will be planting trees, and they are looking for people to help with that. I am going to sit on some meetings this week, and if it goes well they will invite more sga members. Also I invited city council members to come to the safety walk, so you guys should come too!

*Executive Secretary Orcutt:* I will be sending out ENGAGE invites for the next meeting on Monday. Assembly, please respond. I got about 25 responses last week and half of them were interns. Interns and Executives do not have to RSVP, just assembly. It will make things easier on Abi, Matthew, and I.

*Communications Coordinator Roush:* I will be releasing the SGA monthly newsletter tomorrow, so if you want anything in there, please let me know. Thanks!

## XII. Old Business

## XIII. New Business

### A. New Student Organization Approval

#### 1. Respiratory Therapy Mountaineer Club

*The ayes have it. The organization passes.*

### B. AR-2024-09-02

*Senator Vuiller & Senator O'Neal read AR-2024-09-02 as written.*

*College Senator Davis: I think this is a great idea.*

*College Senator Lutman: Tabling can be aggressive, so just be mindful that you are not being aggressive. This is a great idea!*

*Senator Olivero: There are a lot of student orgs that may not get met with, so it is hard to choose which ones are important. It can also*

*Senator O'Neal: That is why we left a lot of power to the Student Organizations liaison so*

*Senator Olivero: What authority does the Liaison have, especially if they are not meeting the expectations.*

*Senator street: We don't want anyone to feel scared, so that is why we have the meeting with protemp to discuss alternatives.*

*President Pro-Tempore Olivero: I will say the language is flexible. We dont wanna kick anyone out of SGA for this.*

*President Pro Tempore Olivero moved to open discussion to the gallery. Seconded by Senator Street*

*Student Organization Liaison Leyden: Our idea in implementing this was to be achievable. There is no maximum requirement. We just wanted to make it achievable for everyone. Our hope is to incentivise going out and being active in our school community. I am also here as a resource for you. We also wanna be flexible .*

*College Senator Magrogan: if someone was a paet of an organization, and they attended a meeting, would that count?*

*Senator O'Neal: yes, as long as theyre not an exec*

*College Senator Magrogan: Would there be a report made?*

Senator O'Neal: Yes, to the Student Org Liaison and during assembly reports.

*President Pro-Tempore Olivero moved to end discussion and to table the bill until the next discussion, seconded by Senator Street.*

### **C. SGA Budget, 2024-2025**

*Treasurer Leadmon:* We have \$21,000 internal budget, and \$122,000 external. As a body, you can vote to move the budget around. What really matters is the bottom \$43,000 and \$122,000.

*President Pro Temp Olivero:* Can you explain what the internal budget is?

*Treasurer Leadmon:* \$21,983. SGA is expensive. When we have special meetings and get different things, we don't have a huge budget, so that is why it is

*President Pro-Tempore Olivero:* When you take out the overhead, is there a number?

*Treasurer Leadmon:* Yes. The number is not a lot

*Thank Le:* Keep in mind that these numbers are variable. Take the BIG XII trip as an example, and all the banquets.

*Treasurer Leadmon:* Our internal budget has taken most of the cuts over the years. We have a very engaged body of senators. You can approve a different budget this year.

*Senator Olivero:* We appropriate some money from the external budget and move it to the internal budget so we can use it for our initiatives. I also think we should heavily consider how this impacts the student orgs.

*President Pro-Tempore Olivero:* We talked about the budget in cabinet alot today. There is a possibility that we move a small amount from the external budget to the internal budget because a lot of people would like the money for different initiatives and part of doing your job in SGA is doing these events. The internal budget is so low we may have to decline certain initiatives.

*President Pro-Tempore Olivero moves to amend the budget by taking 1900 dollars from external budget and adding it to the internal budget, and opening discussion to the gallery, seconded by Senator Indominico.*

*Treasurer Leadmon:* It is not that we don't have any money. If we move this money, we can do so many more initiatives.

*Chief of Staff Risk:* That much money is just a very small part of the external budget.

The events we go to are taking up a lot of our internal budget. Putting this money in our internal budget could benefit us. When you look at it as a lump sum, student orgs will still be able to request a lot of money.

*President Pro-Tempore moved to vote on the amendment, seconded by Senator Street.*

*The ayes have it, the amendment passes.*

*President Pro-Tempore moved to vote on the budget, seconded by Senator Indominico.*

*The ayes have it, the budget passes.*

#### **D. FB-2024-14**

*The ayes have it, the bill passes.*

### **XIV. Open Student Forum II**

*Senator Street:* We need to update our tabling stock and we have a list together, so if you have any ideas on what you want, let someone in CGR know.

*Senator Davis:* Tabs donation box in the rec center and there will be one in the lair and on HSC soon!

*Policy Coordinator Wooten:* Tomorrow evening in the rhododendron room there will be a pre law meeting. Come if you're interested

*Senator Silva:* Tuesday october 8th there will be a cake pop sale at ESB.

*Chief of Staff Risk:* Saturday we are hosting a Fundrager at my house to help Appalachians that were impacted by Hurricane Helene. \$5 to get in.

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

*Thanh Le:* Reregistration period has ended with 416 organizations. We could easily finish the year with over 500 groups. We are almost there. We have started sending out derecognition letters. Also a homecoming court was announced. Applications for the parade are still open. We just launched the Reach conference, we would love to invite you all to attend on November 2nd. It is now a drive in conference. Small commitment fee of \$10. Also it is midterms, so please take care of yourselves.

### **XVI. Snaps**

*Snaps were given to Policy Coordinator Wooten, Local Governance Liaison Ferguson, Vice President Browning, Attorney General Frazier, Treasurer Leadmon, The University of Alabama Football Team, Senator Davis, Senator Hoh, and Chief of Staff Risk.*

**XVII. Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn was made by President Pro Tempore Olivero, seconded by Senator Olivero.*

*The ayes have it, the meeting was adjourned.*