

**West Virginia University  
SGA Meeting- 02/22/2016  
2016-2017 Administration  
Call to Order- at 7:30pm  
Hatfields B, Mountainlair Student Union  
Morgantown, WV**

**Reading of the SGA Mission Statement**

“We, The students of West Virginia University, desiring to preserve within our university an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion, inquiry and self-expression to insure the person freedoms and general welfare of the student within our University, to promote principles of diversity and to continue in our tradition of responsible self-governance, do hereby establish this Constitution of the West Virginia University Student Government Association.”

**Roll Call**

*President Pro Tempore Heeter* - present  
*Senator Brewster* - present  
*Senator Burgess* - present  
*Senator Dixon* - present  
*Senator Dudley* - present  
*Senator Ernest* - present  
*Senator Goff* - present  
*Senator Hunt*- present  
*Senator Kaska*- present  
*Senator King* - present  
*Senator Knollinger* – present  
*Senator McGuire* - present  
*Senator Quigley* - present  
*Senator Smith* - present  
*Senator Waris* - excused  
*College Representative Hall*- present  
*College Representative Stover*- present  
*College Representative Robinson*- present  
*College Representative Amato*- present  
*College Representative McGraw*- present  
*College Representative Cooper*- present  
*College Representative Morgan*- present  
*College Representative Smith*- present  
*College Representative Fakhouri*- excused  
*College Representative Levelle*- present

Minutes from last week have been approved

## **Open Student Forum I**

*Sen Burgess*- In a couple of weeks, we're going to have our elections. One of the things Julie and I have been talking about concerns the Global Affairs office. If you guys remember when Dr. Brustein came in and talked about the study abroad fee, I don't like the idea of having a hidden fee in our student fees. I think it would be considered hidden if it wasn't out in the open, so I think instead of having an opt-out option, we should have an opt-in. We would let the student government establish the criteria for the scholarships, but it would be controlled by the Global Affairs office. Obviously, it would be left to the next administration, but I think this would be beneficial because it shows our interest in helping those who want to go abroad. If you want to help or have any questions, we will be drafting the language up for it soon

*Sen Brewster* – would that be put into the election as a vote like yes or no?

*Sen Burgess* – yes, it would basically ask: would you like to have an optional fee added to your student fee, an opt-in fee, to fund a study abroad scholarship?

*Sen Brewster* – My issue would be that only 1000 people would be voting in the election. That would only be about 1000 students taking part in the program, and even then, they may not opt-in, but that may increase turnout in the SGA elections?

*Sen Burgess* – the Global Affairs office will help us with advertising and it would be a caveat for the election, and they really want more students to study abroad. It won't be hidden, it will be well advertised so people know what's there. We've already talked to the Parents Club as well so the parents will know it's there

*Sen Hunt* – if that option is on the election ballot, they're not opting in right? They're just opting in to the option of having that a fee?

*Sen Burgess* – It's not official yet, so after this election, I'm going to point the new administration in the right direction

*Sen Goff* – I have enough scholarships to cover the cost of my tuition, so I never get on Mix to check, how would you opt-in?

*Sen Burgess* – you would just have to log into Mix, and you would just go on Star and opt in

*Sen Goff* – I was thinking that you would have to uncheck the box.

*Sen Burgess* – that was one of the things Brustein had said, but no one really checks their student fees so we want to move away from that to avoid a "hidden fee"

*Rep McGraw* – Have you talked the administration? Have they talked to the families?

*Sen Burgess* – I'm on the committee for the Parents Club so they said they would reach out and talk to the parents

Prof Klandorf – I think this important, but I also think we need to address the increase and its influence, so in comparison, \$5 may be miniscule. In the long run, it's going to cost everyone, regardless of scholarships or not, so that would be an issue to place on the ballot and propose to the Parent's club too

*Sen. Burgess*- I wasn't trying to place precedence of this scholarship over tuition increase, but that's definitely a good idea

*Sen Dixon* – this is on behalf of EC Fatallah: "The election is close, but the deadline to turn in packets is closer. There is also a fee of \$10 for Senators intending to run and \$20 for potential President and Vice President candidates. Failure to turn in the packet by 4 PM will be failure to be put on the ballot. Only you can get signatures. Getting signatures for someone else or having someone else get them for you is an elections code violation." Fathallah

### **The President's Report**

*President Merow*- Concerning Share-A-Swipe, we need people and volunteers to pick up the food and deliver it and serve it, so if you're interested in helping organize that, let me know. Also, make sure you're checking your emails. The ListServ we've been using has been sending emails to your promotions rather than your actual inbox. Also, we're interviewing the candidates for the J Court so we should have those positions filled by next week. I've been talking to Roshan and Isaac, and we're bringing Dr. Singh to campus to talk about emotional health and success. He wants to come here, so we're partnering with Career Services and hopefully WellWVU. We've been hoping to reach out to different departments to like offer extra credit to students to come, and we're looking into other ways to promote attendance. Mac and I had a meeting with Thanh Thanh, the director of student engagement and leadership, and they're looking for a way to implement new SGA strength training during our retreat. It identifies your strengths. They want to implement it earlier in the year, to help you figure out where you fit best or how you can be most successful. The woman in charge of this wanted to ask what kind things you wanted to see come out of this, so if you can think of this, let me know. Last men's game is next Friday against Iowa State, and the claim period is soon. We have 34 days until the next administration.

### **Senators' Reports**

*PPT Heeter* – I'm going be purchasing Plan B with my Senator's budget, and Shannon, Morgan, and Garrett are helping me with that. Together, we purchased 30, and we're still working out the logistics of how to distribute those. If you don't use your budget, you can donate that to me and we can buy more

*Sen Hunt* – I wanted to thank everyone who worked the Norma Mae Huggins raffle booth. We raised over \$300 for the fund, and that may not seem like a much, but it was \$2 a ticket. The next thing I'm working on with my new intern Zach is donations for the Rack. We're challenging club sports team to donate as much as they can, and we're going to make that proportional to the members. The team with the biggest percentage gathered will get a prize, but if someone wants to create a team within SGA to compete with the club sports team, that would be a really great way to use your remaining budget. Or you guys can just donate your budget to the Rack.

### **College Representatives' Reports**

*Rep Robinson*- I've been working on the WVU National History Museum, so you can check that out soon.

### **Executive Reports**

*Big 12 Deputy Liaison Underwood* – We had a lot of positive feedback on the Big 12 Sexual Assault survivors video. Matt Wells emailed Ashley this morning that they will be playing the video at the remaining men's and women's basketball games and hopefully the Spring baseball games. Ashley is the best mentor in this organization.

*Dir Staton* – April 1 will start the Greek Week, and it will start with the big Greek Day of Service. It's musical themed, so come out and support

*Treasurer Daniel* – Make sure all your budgets are spent or allocated to different things you feel passionate about. I sent the members of BoF and interns to hound you about that so check all your messages and emails because some of you haven't replied. Just let us know, we're always willing to help you. Abbi is presenting the grants today, so be nice.

*Dir Daw* – I talked with Kim Harrison today about the Student Organization of the Year award, and that application will be sent out probably Monday, so reach out to different orgs and have them fill out that application

*Treasurer Daniel* – on Monday, there are 20 organizations coming to the BoF meeting. They still have until Sunday to apply, so there may be more

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

- **Grants**

- **Club Softball**

*Intern Yachini* – They came to us and requested funds to pay for their uniforms, and this grant will cover 16 of their 23 jerseys. \$506.56 total.

- **Sierra Student Coalition**

*Rep* – My name's Amanda, and we are planning an Earth Day celebration on the Lair Green. We have lots of different student orgs there, all doing different activities, and they will all basically have their own booth. It's a big celebration of the Earth, and we will have speakers, including Evan Hansen and various professors. We will also have bands, and basically, we're just promoting sustainability on campus.

*Sen Brewster* – The financial bill just says various items

*Intern Yachini*- there's an itemized list in Appendix C for everything they requested

*Sen Goff*- can you just read the list out loud?

*Intern Yachini*- They're requesting 5 gallon water jugs, decorations, stainless steel water bottles, clay pots, seeds, catering, microphones, speakers, podiums, and other miscellaneous items

*Sen Ernest* – move to vote on this financial bill via RC

*Sen Hunt* – move to vote on this financial bill UC

*Sen Brewster* – second

- **First Reading of Resolution 2017-01-03**

*Rep Hall* – Signed by Hall, Brewster, Burgess, Stover, Robinson

*VP McIntyre*- first reading, we can vote on this next week

*Sen Hunt* – I move suspend special rules and vote today

*Sen Dixon* - second

*Sen Kaska* – motion for amendments for the third, fourth, and fifth Whereas to have a comma after each one, and fifth whereas to change “allow” to “allows” via UC

*Sen Smith* – second

*Sen Hunt* – I move to vote on this Resolution via UC

*Sen Smith* - second

## **Open Student Forum II**

*Sen King* – The RHA is selling True Blue t-shirts, so they're technically for the True Blue Game on March 3, but there is no date on them so you can wear them to any of the games. There's plenty of time to buy shirts, and if you want one, see me or Amato. They'll be on sale all day in Towers and various dorms across campus

*Big 12 Deputy Liaison Underwood* – Phi Psi is having a philanthropy event to benefit the Children's hospital. It's \$150 per team

*Sen Hunt* – WVU Seeds to Zambia is doing an event March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 PM in the Blue and Gold room to prepare seed packets to send to Africa that local farmers can make some profit off of and support their families

*Sen Burgess* –Concerning SGA Volleyball: this Saturday is a rematch against the chumps, but last week, we won our first match. It went to the third set, and we won 10-1. Our MVPs for the last game are Jillian and Hailey, and they both had like 12 serves in a row, and it was crazy. Myself, Amber, Doug, and Isaac are Dancing with Mountaineer Stars next Saturday

*Treasurer Daniel* – I sent out a doodle to people who showed interest to a meeting about discussing communication within SGA and looking at our scholarships and foundation account and to get that back up and running for future years

### **Advisor Reports**

*Prof. Klandorf*- I was walking towards the Engineering building, and a fellow was flying a drone, and I just felt something in terms of campus safety. Should we ban drones on campus? I won't be here next week; I'll be in Los Angeles.

### **Moments**

*Sen Dixon* – Sen King for her work with the Katherine Johnson tribute; Seth Underwood because he organized a great ACLU event, and there was almost a packed room in Ming; Sen. Smith because she got an internship in DC this summer

*Sen Brewster* – COS Kiess for being named alternate mountaineer mascot this year

*Rep Morgan* – Rep Hall for her wonderful resolution tonight

*Pres Merow* – we have SGA lapel pins back here, so come get one on your way out; Ankur for ordering the pins and Roshan for paying for them

*Treasurer Daniel* – Abbi!

*Rep Amato* – move to adjourn

*Sen Ernest* - second

### **Adjournment: 8:07pm**

Written and Reviewed by Executive Secretary Hoang

\*\*UC= vote on by unanimous consent

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