

West Virginia University  
SGA Meeting- 04/19/2017 2017-2018 Administration  
Call to Order – at 7:30  
Blue and Gold Room Towers Residential Complex

**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 Brewster* – Present  
*Senator Alotaibi* – Present  
*Senator Arbogast* – Present  
*Senator Ball* – Present  
*Senator Cawley* – Present  
*Senator Gupta* – Present  
*Senator Henriquez* –Present  
*Senator Hoang* – Present  
*Senator Hunt* – Present  
*Senator King* –  
*Senator Leasor* – Present  
*Senator Osborne* – Present  
*Senator Underwood* – Present  
*Senator Vijay* – Present  
*Senator White* – Present  
*College Representative Hall* –  
*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* – Present  
*College Representative Levelle* – Present

Minutes from last week have been approved.

### **Open Student Forum I**

None.

### **President's Weekly Address**

*President Humphrey* - First, we are somewhere different. As far as Professor Klandorf noted this is the first time in many years we have been here. It goes to show that we are meeting with different people on campus and reaching out. I am really happy you all agreed to this. Vinnie really pulled this off. I will reserve talking about the bylaws for when that comes up. One thing I wanted to update you with... I had a meeting with all of the executives, Treasurer Rachel Daw, Attorney General Jarred Cannon, Operations and Administration Officer Abbi Yachini, Constituent Affairs and Services Officer Sydney Luther and Chief of Staff Adila Fathallah. We had a great talk. We need to enhance the communication amongst each other. Stay tuned, we are testing Slack and whether it will work for us or not. We are seeing things in GroupMe that are just going away. Slack will give us something to follow. Next week we will let you know how that goes. Everyone who applied for an executive appointment, thank you for coming. I ask you to bare with us during this time. We did not want to rush this and we wanted to make sure that we had all of the people in the right position. Just bare with us, we have not forgotten about you guys. If anything we are thinking about you more. Also, we can't delay this budget. We need to make sure we are monitoring it. This is why I am attempting to appoint a Legislative Affairs Officer this week. I will be back up for the bylaws.

### **Senators' Reports**

*Senator Ball* - I was working with Blake and we are looking to tie in project management on campus. We want to work with campus innovation. Basically the program would have people set up their ideas on how they are going to achieve their goals. We would give out prizes. We will try to work with a project management program. We will be working with that in the next 2 weeks.

*Senator Cawley* - There will be a mock trial at 7:00 in the Gluck Theatre for the Title IX Mock Trial. Please contact me if you would like to get involved.

*Senator Henriquez* - Thank you to those who came to NAACP. I have resigned from my position. I have reached out to Mrs. Anderson. I believe that is her name. I hope to work with

President Gee and seeing his perspective on campus. I want to look at the different organizations on campus.

### **College Representatives' Reports**

*College Representative Amato* - First off, before the SGA meeting we had a Representative meeting. One thing we talked about was the representatives as a whole and the senators as a whole. I want to stress that we are one group, one assembly. Also, we finally have our bike share program meeting. It will be Friday at 3:00. If you are still interested in that let me know. The one company we are looking at, Oklahoma uses. We will be doing more research on how to move forward. As an RA in towers, I am really really excited that we are here. We are in the building of a huge percentage of freshman and this is a great way to get them involved.

### **Executive Reports**

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **By-Laws Amendments: Resolution 2017-02-02**

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY THAT, the following additions and amendments be made to the Student Government Association Bylaws;

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER shall:

- a) Be responsible for coordinating all state and federal outreach, communication and correspondence between the Student Government Association and said offices;
- b) Research legislation concerning higher education or issues that impact West Virginia University in the State Legislature and United States Congress;
- c) Serve as the West Virginia University representative on the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) State Advisory Council of Students;
- d) Oversee and coordinate any planning, logistics or provisions for WVU Day at the Legislature and Bix XII On The Hill advocacy efforts;
- e) Maintain working relationships and have monthly calls or emails with a point of contact in the office of the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Governor's Office, Higher Education

Policy Commission (HEPC), all West Virginia members of the United States House of Representatives, and all West Virginia members of the United States Senate;  
f) Meet regularly with the West Virginia University State and Local Relations Office;  
g) Perform all other related duties as shall be determined by the President and Vice President.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER shall:

- a) Serve as the policy development and analysis point of contact for issues specific to the campus of West Virginia University;
- b) Work with all members of student government (Executive and Legislative) on developing data, strategy, analysis and planning for campus goals and initiatives;
- c) Oversee and work in collaboration with the Student Government Association Project Management Office (PMO) to help further the mission and goals of project management officers and initiatives;
- d) Be responsible for formatting and designing official resolutions, bills or proclamations for student government;
- e) Perform all other related duties as shall be determined by the President and Vice President.

Therefore, be it enacted that, upon passage of this bill, the changes to the Student Government Association Bylaws will go into effect immediately.

Sponsored by: President Pro Tempore Tyler Brewster, Senator Teresa Hoang, Senator Mason Arbogast, Representative Mel Smith, and Representative Ross Levelle

Amato - I move to vote on this resolution 2017-02-02 by unanimous consent.

### **Student Assembly Special Rules**

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - It is a rule that these special rules get passed in a month. So if anyone has anything to add I would be more than happy to add them to it.

I. All proposed policies, such as but not limited to, a resolution, a bylaws proposal, or a constitutional amendment must be submitted to the President Pro tempore 24 hours (Tuesday by 7:30) in advance to the regularly scheduled meeting. A signatory of the legislative amendments must meet with the Attorney General 24 to 48 hours prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

II. Business casual standards of attire should be upheld for all members of the student assembly during every formal assembly meeting; jeans are acceptable IF they are dressed up with a nice shirt (E.G. No holes in jeans, and no t-shirts).

III. The use of technology (E.G. Cell Phones, Laptops, Tablets, etc) during meetings of the student assembly is prohibited. When discussing items in which the use of technology is helpful to the assembly as a whole such as financial bills, resolutions, and proclamations an

assembly member may request a point of privilege, and at the Chairwoman's discretion, technology may be brought to the table.

a. If an assembly member receives a call or text they must excuse themselves from the table and return in a timely fashion.

IV. All assembly members will address each other by their professional names; E.G. Chairwoman Smith, President Pro Tempore Brewster, Representative McGraw, etc.

V. For Open Student Forum discussion topics, speakers may have the floor for 60 seconds. After which the Chair will notify them that their time is up; however, their time may be extended by 30 seconds OR another set block of time decided by the voting member of the Student Assembly.

a. If a voting member does not wish to allow more time to a speaker, a roll call vote will be taken to decide whether or not to allow for more time.

b. For official business discussion, members of the Student Assembly may have 90 seconds to respond. After which the Chair will notify them that their time is up; however, their time may be extended by 30 seconds OR another set block of time decided by another voting member of the Student Assembly.

VI. Roll at meetings will not be called or altered after the conclusion of Old Business, an exception can be made if a reason for tardiness is submitted to the Chairwoman, Attorney General, and President Pro Tempore 24 hours prior to the meeting.

VII. The President Pro Tempore shall send the agenda to the Communications Director who shall make the agenda public through social media by noon prior to a regularly scheduled meeting.

VIII. All announcements shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore before 5:00PM the day before the meeting at which they are to be announced.

IX. Regarding all members of the Student Assembly, an excuse for absence shall be submitted via email to the Chairwoman, Attorney General, and Executive Secretary by 7:30PM the day before the meeting. The Chairwoman and the Attorney General will rule on the absence validity and the President Pro Tempore and Executive Secretary will record such absences for future reference.

X. These rules will take immediate effect upon successfully passage by the Student Assembly.

*Senator Gupta* - I would move to make everyone have the same amount of time. You could strike section 5 off line item A of section.

*Senator Hunt* - I would like to amend section 9 the last sentence to read the Chairwomen, will rule in the absence of validity and the President Pro Tempore will work with future absences.

*Amato* - I agree that we don't want happened last year. I think we got ourselves in a very awkward position when other assembly members were talking about other assembly members. I think that looking at other members should be removed from the assembly.

*Senator Hunt* - Having the President and Attorney General deciding and then President Pro temp putting the information in.

*Vice President Smith* - Let's take this one at a time.

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - I was talking about the first line.

*Senator Henriquez* - I would like to vote on this by unanimous consent.

Second.

*College Representative McGraw* - I move to make a motion on this by proclamation.

Second.

*Vice President Smith* - Do I hear the Aye, do I have any Nays.

Proclamation passes.

### **Executive Appointments**

*President Humphrey* - I sent you the executive appointments last night. I sent out the two appointments. The first one was the Legislative Affairs Director. We are streamlining SALA into one position. The deputy position will be the opposite party. My appointment is Riley Keaton. I really wanted to appoint Riley because he has an established relationship with the people in Charleston. He knows what is going on and is uniquely qualified for this position. After reviewing applicants, he was very qualified. It gives you guys an outlet to connect. I will turn it over to Riley.

*Riley Keaton* - So the way that I have seen the Legislative Affairs is that it has to do a lot with programs. They spend decades calling the people in Charleston. All of the people who have been doing the work before are no longer working. I have a lot of relationships with the party. I ran for the house. The only thing they are worried about is the elections. I know the personal drama. The house and the senate are not on the same page. Right now it's just not happening. It is moving hour by hour and day by day. I like to think that when we do know that I will be one of the first. I would appreciate your approval. Going forward we want to have a proactive agenda.

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - Obviously, we will appointing a democrat to be the deputy. Are you willing to share the power down in Charleston?

*Riley Keaton* - I know the differences. I went to WVU day of legislature. Jordan got us a lot of the meetings. I know everyone behind the doors. We are sitting down and having our meetings and members of the other party. I do think that we need to keep all 34 people on board. My strength is from the majority but yes I will be.

*Senator Henriquez* - You are obviously qualified for this appointment. What are your personal qualifications for wanting to get involved?

*Riley Keaton* - I was Marcus's intern this year. I enjoy all 60 days of chaos. WVU is navigating through choppy water. Something like two thirds of the legislature has been re-elected since 2010. We are a very undecided state. I want to help get us through.

Discussion on this appointment.

*College Representative Amato* - I think it goes without saying that he was pretty impressive. He was very interconnective. We do not have a good stance with Charleston right now.

*Senator Henriquez* - I talked with Senator Brewster. I remember seeing Riley's name on social media saying things about SGA. However, after seeing what he had to say, I think that he will be qualified for this position.

*Senator Hunt* - I move to on this appointment via block vote after the next appointment.

Second.

*President Humphrey* - The next appointment I have is for Executive Secretary. I will be coming to you guys for these appointments soon. This next person was narrowed down for the group of finalists. Tyler made the recommendation for Mikalaa Martin. She was involved a lot last year. She understands that this is a Monday and Wednesday job.

*Mikalaa Martin* - I would like to extend my thanks for making me a nomination. I just think that I could do a lot of good. I spent a lot of time with Mac last year talking about the future of SGA. It is kinda passing a poor light lately. Of course, I am willing to take on the task of typing. I can listen and take notes efficiently. I am going to be an RA next year. I really think I can do this job this year.

Discussion on this appointment.

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - I chose Mikalaa because she was a very active intern to Vice President Mac. She was very great this year. She really impressed me. This is why I suggested her to Blake.

These appointments pass.

### **Bylaw Additions**

*Senator Hunt* - After reading the proposed bylaws...another member of the assembly brought this up to me. The bylaws are done by each administration. Each administration does their own rules. These travel through the administrations. We do not create it brand new every year. The thing that is confusing to me is that at the end of the last administration we voted on bylaw changes that took out positions. I saw this happen with the Capel/Morgan administration as well. When I was reading and other people saw things that were taken out of the Bylaws. People have told me that we have to go off of what was left to us. We kinda have to go off with what we were left with. This is from the last administration so we can go forward with what is being voted on. This would help so that we could see what was being changed. I know this is very confusing. I just kinda wanted to bring this up to you. This is not our own brand new set of special rules.

*Senator Gupta* - You mean that the bylaw changes are not brand new?

*Senator Hunt* - The bylaws that are being sent out, a lot of the positions have already been stuck in the bylaws. I think they should have to add them back in and show the assembly. Then they would have to add more positions in. I think it would be good if they strike out, so we can see the differences.

*Senator Gupta* - I am not opposed to making a new document.

*President Humphrey* - I would like clarification.

*Attorney General Cannon* - As the constitution reads it does not say that we can't start over.

*Senator Hunt* - I did not know that. So thank you. I think it is something that is very important. I worked on the bylaws a lot in the past administration. Going back on the last page it goes back to 2008.

*Senator Underwood* - I just think that I do not see an issue with keeping it how they made a new document. I think that sometimes it can be okay to start over with something so we do not get in the cycle of editing over and over. I mean we can still look at the bylaws in years to come.

*Senator Leasor* - I see what Senator Underwood is saying. I guess why I like going off of previous years is because this is what people are going off for SGA. This shows a direct translation. It shows things in the light of things.

*President Humphrey* - I would like to say I have always thought there was something wrong with people changing the bylaws prior to them leaving. That's them telling us how to do our job. There were two positions opened. There is not a big difference between the numbers. There are slight changes. We are making changes right now, so later on we don't say, "no we do not need it in the system." We made it very clear on putting people in a position.

*College Representative Amato* - While I appreciate the clarification, I do still want to encourage the body that according to the constitution... you can correct me if I am wrong, a bylaw just can be changed by us, but a constitution has to be voted on by the student body. It is good to have the consistency. I think it would be good to lean on past administrations. I guess I thought we received the completed document.

*College Representative McGraw* - I guess there is a lot of confusion. I guess there is a lot in the bylaws that goes from administration to administration. I would like to see how it has been laid out. I know the document is still a work in progress.

*Senator White* - I guess to go off of what Blake was saying...seeing the experience at the end might be good.

*Senator Hunt* - I do have the ones that we voted on in the last meeting, so if you have anything that is being shown. If you guys want those just let me know.

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - Is the issue that we are getting rid of the position? Is it showing the changes so we can look back at the positions Senator Hunt?

*Senator Hunt* - It is great seeing the new positions, but I would like to see the new document being made. It would be much more clear to see the position.

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - It not hard then we could insert it into the new document, copy, and paste it into the new document.

*Senator Hunt* - If we do strike them, so that they say that they are bringing up positions in the bylaws, and then vote to add them.

*College Representative Amato* - I want to continue to answer Tyler's question. There is a secondary concern. Senator Leasor brought it up. We are an organization that wants to expand and continue to bring in new people and we could do better with that given this past year. We

have all of these established positions and names. A new name is only going to confuse us more. I think that is one thing that will clean up.

*President Humphrey* - I would just like to say that if there is confusion on this that this is the legislative process. The shift is going to change. We said we were going to streamline things. I understand the clarification, but the bottom line is of the relevancy over the years. Nobody understands the different names, but that we got something done. It is not about the administration x, y, or z. It is an evolutionary process. We want it to be a more efficient process. I am just not going to appoint people when we don't need them anymore.

*Senator Hunt* - I have no problem with bring these positions in. I just think they need to see what is going to be changed from the people after us. I think it is going to be very confusing for people. If it was in one document then I think it would be less confusing.

*President Humphrey* - If we are going to go through with these then the Attorney General will take the tweaks to the existing changes. I want to make sure what people did is documented. If we try and something fails but another thing works that is a good thing.

*Senator Gupta* - I will bring in a perspective. I did not have anything to compare them to. It would make it easier for me if I had it to reference. I also agree with Blake to start from scratch.

*President Pro Tempore Brewster* - If you guys do not understand something please reach out to me so we don't come into a meeting like this anymore.

*College Representative Amato* - I move to end discussion.

*Senator Cawley* - I would like to add a line item for the unfinished business. I would like to add the Mock Trial by unanimous consent.

Second.

*Senator Cawley* - It is basically in my senators report. That covers it up.

## **Open Student Forum II**

None.

## **Advisors Reports**

*Professor Klandorf* - Good evening, tonight brings up a lot of memories. Since the year 2000 things have not changed. I had like four dogs. Dean Farris had an office down here working until 2 a.m...some things do not change at all. Last week I had an opportunity that deals with these terrorists attacks. You hear the students, so what would you do? In these attacks too many people die because they do not know what to do. What would you do? People end up panicking in these situations. Look at how many people are here. How do we deal with this? Imagine if we got these chairs and picked them up and charged the person. I think I would be the first one taken out. I think this is something to address in our first year classes. I think this is something to think about. Taking charge of a situation.

### **Adjournment**