

**West Virginia University  
Student Government Association  
Student Assembly Meeting  
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM  
September 28, 2022  
2022-2023 Hernandez-Uqaily Administration**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pareera Uqaily at 7:30 p.m.

**II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement**

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Pareera Uqaily.

**III. Roll Call**

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Donate

President Pro Tempore Khan- Present

Senator Amores- Present

College Senator Azinger- Present

College Senator Blair- Present

College Senator Cahill- Present

Senator Chennuru- Present

College Senator Clark- Present

Senator Conner- Present

College Senator DeLong- Present

College Senator Donner- Present

College Senator Dozier- Present

College Senator Dysart- Present

College Senator Griffith- Present

College Senator Guschel- Present

Senator Hodges- Present

College Senator Hudson- Present

College Senator Irfan- Absent

Senator Jones- Present

College Senator Kuffner- Present  
College Senator Marquart- Present  
College Senator McMillen- Present  
College Senator Milam- Present  
Senator Miller- Present  
College Senator Mitchell- Present  
College Senator Moore- Present  
College Senator Neiswonger- Present  
College Senator Oursler- Present  
College Senator Patel- Present  
Senator Price- Excused  
Senator SantMyer- Present  
College Senator Schwartzmiller- Present  
College Senator Skean- Present  
College Senator Tabidze- Present  
Senator Uqaily- Excused  
Senator Volk- Present  
Senator Whalen- Excused  
College Senator Wooten- Present  
College Senator Zoglio- Present

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

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by Senator Chennuru.  
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Senator Santmyer.  
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 Senator Conner.  
The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by College Senator Hudson.  
There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

**VI. Presentation from Tami Deal, Stress Study**

*Tami Deal:* Tami Deal is from the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute where a research

study is being conducted involving stress and burnout. They would like to invite everyone to participate. If interested, scan the QR code on the flier. The purpose of the study is to measure the psychological, cognitive, and behavioral effects of chronic stress and burnout. To do that, two devices are used, one of them being an Aura Ring. The Aura Ring measures sleeping patterns including light sleep, deep sleep, REM sleep, how long the person stayed asleep, and how many times the person woke up. The other measure is the RNI Health app where participants answer questionnaires and take cognitive assessments. Participants wear the ring and complete the RNI Health app for 8 months, with two weekly surveys taking about 5 and 10 minutes, and monthly surveys taking about 20 minutes. If participants remain 70% compliant or higher in the study, they get to keep the Aura Ring at the end. Dates for enrollment will start next week at the Mountainlair. Reach out to Tami Deal with any questions.

## **VII. Open Student Forum I**

*Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey:* The Prevention Summit is happening this Friday, September 30th from about 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is more information on Well WVU's social media and website. The summit encompasses prevention at many different levels, including substance use prevention, sexual assault prevention, mental health issue prevention, and more. Encourage everyone to come out, especially for the poster session from 11:50 to 1:00 p.m., as the Mountaineer Fentanyl Education Task Force will be there, along with Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey.

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

*President Hernandez:* Last week, Outreach Coordinator Ellis and this week, Mental Health Coordinator Coe both resigned. Have decided to put a pause on filling the vacancies in order to focus more on external work for the student body, but will revisit shortly. In the meantime, the work from both of these roles are being covered by Student Organization Liaison Staten, Chief of Staff Coiner, Chief of Staff Flower, President Hernandez, and the communications team. If anyone has any questions or concerns feel free to email President Hernandez.

Will be moving forward with the LiveSafe Campaign. LiveSafe is an app that promotes safety on campus. One cool feature is being able to hold a button while you walk, and if you release the button for more than 5 seconds it will indicate that you are in danger and send help. Yesterday in the communications

team meeting, ideas were brainstormed on how to promote this, such as videos, tabling, and a university relations campaign. There will be more specifics in the coming weeks.

President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily met with President Gee last Friday and updated him on legislation going on within SGA and the LiveSafe campaign. They will be sending a formal report to him by November 1st.

Student Organization Liaison Staten's President's Forum is coming up. Please promote this and attend if you can. President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily will be meeting next week to discuss mental health initiatives on campus and within the state. There will be more updates on this next week.

Reminder for committees to focus more on legislation and how to advocate for students this way. Events are great but legislation is also nice. Monthly reports are due October 1st. Only thirteen people have completed them so far, so please do them. There will be no SGA meeting next Wednesday, October 5th.

## **IX. Assembly Reports**

- College Senator Cahill moved to add College Senator McMillen and College Senator Clark to roll via unanimous consent.
- The motion to add College Senator McMillen and College Senator Clark to roll was seconded by College Senator Neiswonger.
- There were no objections, and College Senator McMillen and College Senator Clark were added to roll.
- President Pro Tempore Khan moved to add Senator Hodges to roll via unanimous consent.
- The motion to add Senator Hodges to roll was seconded by College Senator Hudson.
- There were no objections and Senator Hodges was added to roll.

*College Senator Oursler:* This morning at 8 a.m., College Senator Oursler met with the director of grounds and roads. They want to put pollinator grounds on campus to help relieve maintenance issues on these areas, so College Senator Oursler is going to try and work with them on that. They are very short-staffed which is why there are some things around campus that may not be perfect, but they are getting there. An exciting development that came from that is that they are working toward student internships with them, such as in the landscaping side of things. A lot of Davis College students or other college students could be interested in that. They are trying to get that up and running by the end of this semester. They have

no problem working with SGA in the future and would like to be the step that pushes it forward. The only problem is that university planning does not see these spaces as important to make aesthetically pleasing. College Senator Oursler sees them as important and might turn his focus toward it to say that students may not really care, but grass does nothing and needs maintenance, while pollinator areas do a lot and don't need maintenance. If anyone is interested in helping, please let College Senator Oursler know, as he is thinking of bringing a piece of legislation forward in the future.

*Senator Chennuru:* Senator Chennuru will be meeting with the director for advising, Joy Carr, this Friday, September 30th, at 1 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, message Senator Chennuru for the Zoom link. They will be discussing how SGA can support student retention and persistence efforts on campus, specifically by hosting an academic meet-and-greet event to increase engagement between the student body and academic advisors.

*College Senator Marquart:* Next Thursday, October 6th at 10 a.m., College Senator Marquart, College Senator Mitchell, and College Senator Clark will be meeting with the Dean of the College of Applied Human Sciences to discuss utilizing the student's voice through SGA, how students can be represented at the new college, and setting up a student advisory board.

*College Senator Hudson:* After about eight years of having trash cans in the pylons on the Health Sciences Campus, there is now a completely renovated roof and the leaks have been fixed. Some of the other renovations for the different parts of the floor are still ongoing but overall there have been a lot of positive comments from professors and students.

*College Senator Cahill:* Last week College Senator Cahill and College Senator Donner met with the dean for their college to discuss ideas. One idea will most likely need legislation written for. It involves getting the flashing crosswalk lights installed at Huff Street and Beechhurst because of the increase in traffic with the new building. If anyone is interested in helping write or sponsor that or if any committee is interested in helping, reach out to College Senator Cahill. They also discussed holding a Meet the Senators event involving tabling so B&E peers can come and meet the Senators and express their ideas and interests. Dean Hall suggested providing refreshments, so a bill would be required for that, which should be able to apply to all college senators. If others would like to participate, let College Senator Cahill know.

*Vice President Uqaily:* Round two of monthly reports are due on October 1st. The

Chambers College vacancy applicant is up for confirmation today. Orders are being placed for name plates for all of the executive branch and new senator and college senators. Vice President Uqaily has been in contact with the SGA at Pitt regarding the January retreat, and they are super willing to work with us. Super excited for us to get some collaboration while in Pittsburgh. Will follow up with more information as it gets closer.

Want to reinforce what President Hernandez said about committees focusing on legislation. It is important to realize that as student government, we are the only organization that has the power to write legislation, whereas other student organizations have the liberty to host events. Love the energy that has been going around in the Senate and have been trying to keep up with the committee minutes and group chats, but let's also try to capitalize on legislation.

One of the biggest reasons we are not having a meeting next week is because it is midterm time. We are first students and then student leaders and want to give everyone some time off. During the two and a half hours which you would usually spend at SGA, don't spend it studying. Take some time off for yourselves, relax, and prepare for Fall Break. If you are not doing well, you cannot look out for others. If at any point throughout the year there is anything Vice President Uqaily can do for you, do not hesitate to reach out to her.

## **X. Committee Reports**

*College Senator Wooten:* The Community Engagement 10-for-10 survey that Zach Ellis created has ended. There were a total of 432 responses. Will be going over the responses at the next committee meeting. Come out to the meeting tomorrow, at 6 p.m. in the Cacapon Room.

*Senator Conner:* Government Relation's Committee will be partnering with the Mon. County high schools and university relations to set-up a Voter Registration Drive for high schools before the registration window ends on October 18th. Reminder to request absentee ballots if you will not be at your polling place for midterm elections. You can request them up until early November, but it is best to get it in early if submitting by mail.

*College Senator Blair:* The Sustainability Committee student survey has gone out and has already received around 200 responses. There will be a graphic going out on social media and a poster being sent to dorms and RA's. If anyone could connect College Senator Blair with their college newsletters contact information to get the survey sent out through that, it would be super helpful. Expecting some really

good results. One of the open ended questions asked how WVU can motivate students to recycle, to which someone responded “fire Neal Brown,” so there are some really insightful comments coming through.

College Senator Blair and Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler met with a past representative of student government at the University of Oklahoma for the Zero Waste Hygiene initiative. They provided a lot of information and it seems like a cool way to get students involved in better health and hygiene while also looking at some of the waste systems on campus. They want to encourage first-generation student worker positions. If anyone is interested in working on that, message College Senator Blair.

*College Senator Azinger:* Speaking on behalf of Senator Price of the Student Experience Committee. The Accessibility and Safety Walk will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30 p.m. Will be sending the exact locations and creating a sign-up sheet soon.

*College Senator Cahill:* College Senator Cahill and College Senator Kuffner of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee talked on Sunday about legislation regarding cup lids for drinks at bars to prevent tampering of drinks. There are at least fifteen people in the committee GroupMe, and if you are in that GroupMe and said you could attend meetings on Sundays at 11 a.m., you are expected to attend unless you say otherwise. For that reason, College Senator Cahill will be sending a new when-to-meet poll tonight for a time throughout the week, because it appears that weekend meeting times are good in theory, but not in practice. Please respond to that as soon as possible.

*Senator Amores:* The Mental Health and Well-Being Committee met last Friday at 4 p.m. and will be meeting this Friday at 4 p.m. via Zoom. If interested in joining, let Senator Amores or College Senator Dysart know, or join the GroupMe via the link in the Drive. The committee, along with the Sustainability Committee, is meeting with Sarah from the SRC this Friday, September 30th, at 2 p.m. to discuss ideas and collaborations. Sarah seems very motivated to get things done, so hopefully they will be presenting some legislation within the next few weeks.

The WVU Wellness and Mental Health Student Advisory Board applications are due this Friday, September 30th. The link is in the Drive and on this committee chair report. Please consider this awesome opportunity that can help reach a lot more students. Reach out to Chief of Staff Flower or Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey with any questions. Were looking for volunteers to table for



the Carruth Center, but Intern Coordinator Backus helped all the interns fill the slots; so, snap to the interns, really appreciate you all.

Preparing a series of programs collaborating with the university divisions and relevant student organizations, titled “Brain Breaks” for the committee’s focus months in December and January. These Brain Breaks will be five to ten minute programs that will give students a quick break between classes. The goal is to include them on all four campuses. An example could be a mindfulness activity, a mood board, or a five minute yoga and stretch. Have met with a few student organizations and relevant university divisions to discuss this collaboration but have also talked to the student organizations about how SGA can support them. The response to that has been overwhelmingly exciting. If you are interested in learning more there is more information in the Drive. Expect some legislation in the next few weeks about that.

Would like to be quite real about SGA. There are some of us in this room that pretend that school does not exist every Wednesday from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. and possibly on the weekends, but with midterms in full swing and SGA being quite a heavy load, want to remind everyone that burnout is real and serious. When you are burned out it can be very isolating and feel alone and by yourself. Senator Amores, the Mental Health and Well-Being Committee, and the entire 103 of us in this Drive are with you. So proud and thankful to be around such a passionate group of students who commit so much time and energy to better the student body. If you feel underappreciated or like no one has noticed the energy you are putting in, we notice, Senator Amores notices, your peers notice, your interns notice, your mentors notice. Please take time this week to do something for yourself. If you need some ideas, Senator Amores is always down to go on a walk or hike, grab a coffee or a bite to eat. You can join Senator Amores and College Senator Milam at yoga, or Senator Amores and College Senator Dysart on their weekly viewing of *The Crown*.

*Senator Santmyer:* The Inclusion Committee reached out to the Division of Equity and Inclusion and are waiting to hear back from them regarding an Inclusion Student Advisory Board. Division of Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Elswick reached out to Dean Farris about requirements for accessibility and inclusion related training for faculty. Reached out to Daniel Long about accessibility services for students. He responded very quickly, so hopefully will be able to get possible legislation. The Safety and Accessibility Walk will be held soon and more information will be sent out regarding that. DEI Month is also coming up, so be on the lookout for information.



## **XI. Executive Reports**

*Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey:* On Monday, Senator Conner, College Senator Wooten, President Pro Tempore Khan, Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey, and Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler met with Ron Justice, Director of Local Government Relations at WVU's Government Relations Office to discuss how student government can connect with Mon. County High Schools to kickstart voter registration efforts prior to the October 18th Voter Registration deadline. Ron Justice is reconnecting them with the Mon. County Schoolboard president and superintendent. It is their intention to begin the conversation among student organizations at the schools, particularly their student governments, although they may consider making trips if requested. President Hernandez, Vice President Uqaily, Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey, and Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler will be joining a call Friday morning with Marshall Student Government leadership to discuss hunger-free campus initiatives in the state legislature with Delegate Sean Hornbuckle.

*Chief of Staff Flower:* If you did not get your headshot before the meeting tonight, you can stick around after the meeting to get one. If that time does not work for you, contact Chief of Staff Flower to set up another time. For recurring committee meetings, please make sure to check the exact meeting room location on the confirmation email from the Lair Reservation Staff, because they may not have been able to accommodate the exact same room every single week. You can also check the paper outside the room. If committees need to cancel a room for any reason, email or text Chief of Staff Flower and she can do that for you.

*Chief of Staff Coiner:* If anyone has any outreach ideas or needs with the recent vacancies, do not hesitate to reach out to Chief of Staff Coiner. Have been in talks with President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily, and have decided to pause 10-for-10 surveys for the time being. If anything comes up in the future that you would really like to push out, don't hesitate to reach out to Chief of Staff Coiner.

There is currently a LiveSafe Campaign GroupMe composed of College Senator Hudson, College Senator Cahill, and Student Organization Liaison Staten. If anyone is interested in joining and helping with the campaign, reach out.

*Student Organization Liaison Staten:* The monthly President's Forum is this Monday, October 3rd from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Mountainlair Rhododendron Room. Please sign-up for this and take the time to share this with the leaders of your organizations. If the president of your organizations cannot make it, anyone with a position higher than membership can attend. Currently only 8 people are signed

up for the event, so would really like to see more people. The QR code is in the chat. Also please fill out the Community Clean-up survey for October 22nd.

*Division of Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Elswick:* The WVU DEI is hosting Club Unity, tomorrow September 29th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the fifth floor of Evansdale Crossings. They are also hosting Diversity Week October 9-14th. They do not yet have a finalized list of events, but it will be out soon.

The LGBTQ+ Center is taking a trip to the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh on October 8th. It is an all-day trip on a Saturday and is free. More details can be found on their Instagram. They are also hosting a student game night on October 6th from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Women's Resource Center is hosting a silent witness exhibit October 18th-21st in the Mountainlair Vandalia Lounge. They do not have specific times for this, but there will be an Expo on October 20th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Inclusion Committee is doing a lot of work. Division of Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Elswick has reached out to multiple offices, such as WVU DEI, to talk about a student advisory board for DEI students, to Daniel Long to talk about accessibility accommodations, and to Dean Corey Farris to learn more about faculty trainings and write some legislation guiding that. They encourage anyone outside of the Inclusion Committee to write DEI legislation, as there are not a lot of assembly members in the committee. If you are writing legislation related to DEI or inclusivity, reach out to the Inclusion Committee.

*Communications Coordinator Perry:* In addition to LiveSafe, please download PhotoCircle. It is an app where you can upload pictures for the group. If you are involved on campus, hanging out, or want pictures posted for our stories or feed, you can upload the photos. There are already a few pictures in there thanks to President Hernandez. It is a little red app, and the link will be in the chat.

*Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler:* The Mon. Board of Education met yesterday at 6 p.m. They talked about and reinforced the ban on political indications in the classroom, including Pride flags. The community had a protest at 5 p.m. before the meeting, and Morgantown High School had a walk-out today at 1 p.m. that included over 200 students and community members. This is important to us as a university, because about 45% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered suicide in the past year. 1 in 5 transgender or non-gender conforming youth attempted suicide in the past year. West Virginia has the highest percentage of transgender teenagers per capita in the nation. It was found that LGBTQ youth who found their school to be affirming reported lower rates of attempting suicide, and

LGBTQ youth who live in a community that is accepting reported significantly lower rates of attempting suicide. There are WVU students who are from these high schools, or who have siblings, cousins, or children in these high schools. Want to see these queer youth live long enough to go to college, so this is definitely something we should consider. Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler is going to start writing a public or open letter for the community, telling them we are in support of them and here for them.

## **XII. Old Business**

## **XIII. New Business**

### **A. Student Organization Registrations**

#### **1. Homeland Security and Intelligence Law Students Association**

*John Martin:* The main goal of this organization is to better connect WVU law students with the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Intelligence Agencies, and the Jag Corp. There are a pretty good number of WVU law graduates that have gone into this field, but there is no real established organization to help make the pipeline more formal. The end goal is to make WVU Law a destination for law students interested in the field. Planning to have general meetings, guest speakers, visits to Intelligence Fusion Centers in Charleston, Pittsburgh, or D.C., and work together with some of the law organizations in similar fields, like International Law or the Veterans Advocacy Group. We are different from other organizations at the law school as those are more identity-based rather than career based, so we are looking to establish a new organization dedicated to helping network and connect law students with this particular field.

- College Senator Oursler moved to bundle the student organization registrations and consider them as one via unanimous consent.
- The motion to bundle the student organization registrations and consider them as one was seconded by Senator Chennuru.
- There were no objections, and the student organizations were bundled as one.

#### **2. Society of Artificial Intelligence & the Law**

*Taylor Hours:* The goals of this organization are based on society becoming more dependent on artificial intelligence and how this will affect the legal field, and how the legal field can affect how businesses and corporations use artificial intelligence. There is an expectation placed upon attorneys that use AI, a duty of competence and some requirements that you cannot bill for hours that AI

completed. Tools judges use to sentence prisoners have a large disparate impact on POC prisoners, so raising awareness in people going into the legal field that are going to be using these assessment tools, is important so that they understand the disparate impact and have the potential to help remedy it. Plans include guest speakers, weekly meetings, and discussions. There are no other organizations like this, as this is a new topic. This organization can help others become more aware and have a voice about how everything in this legal field is changing regarding AI, and about preventing the disparate impact of some of the tools we are dependent on.

### **3. School of Design and Community Development Graduate Student Association**

*Silpa Beegala:* Part of Davis College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Design.

Decided to have this group to establish a bridge and enhance academic, social, intellectual, and professional opportunities for students, like grad students who may be new and not connected under one umbrella. The school contains six different majors and departments: Agriculture and Extension Education, Fashion and Merchandising, Environmental and Community Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Interior Architecture and Design Studies. There are about 42 students in all of these departments that this organization thought would be nice to bring together under one GSA. The goal is to bring together students and faculty across the Design and Community Development disciplines through events and programs, and to serve as a liaison between the graduate student community and graduate college, helping them find opportunities at the university leadership level. Plan to use newsletters, social media, and events involving personal, professional, academic, and cultural areas to bring everyone together. Plan to have their first meeting the first week of October, meeting with the students in the third week of October, a Graduate Student Mixer before Thanksgiving break in November, and an end of semester meeting in the first week of December.

#### **a. Discussion and Voting**

- College Senator Hudson moved to approve all three student organizations via unanimous consent.
- The motion to approve all three student organizations was seconded by College Senator Moore.
- There were no objections, and the three student organizations were approved.

#### **B. FB-2022-18**

*Treasurer Daniel:* Two grants. A travel grant for the Society of Hispanic Professional

Engineers for \$1,410. One grant for Women in Politics and Government for a raffle.

**a. Discussion and Voting**

- Senator Amores moved to approve FB-2022-18 via unanimous consent.
- The motion to approve FB-2022-18 was seconded by Senator Volk.
- There were no objections, and FB-2022-18 was approved.

**C. Legislative Vacancy Confirmations**

**1. Daniel Madden, *John Chambers College of Business and Economics***

*Daniel Madden:* Daniel Madden is a junior Economics and Global Supply Chain Management major. He is interested in joining SGA, because he feels that he brings a lot of fresh ideas. Coming from outside of SGA gives him a fresh perspective on things. The biggest issue he would like to address is financial literacy among students, mainly loans and repayment strategies. He believes his experience as vice president of his school's chapter, as well as exposure to his high school's student government association has given him great experience.

*College Senator Azinger:* You spoke about financial literacy and scholarship awareness, and that's very important. In high school there was some education about different unsubsidized and subsidized loans. Have you seen a lack of awareness among your peers or other students? What caused you to focus on this?

*Daniel Madden:* To be honest, it's the fact that student loans got so bad in America that the president had to actually issue a refund. That should have never happened. We should be learning in college how to repay it, and the steps to take so that that doesn't happen.

*Senator Conner:* If approved, please come to the Government Relations Committee meetings on Mondays at 4 p.m., and we will talk about financial literacy.

*President Pro Tempore Khan:* See on your resume that you have worked at Krispy Kreme. If approved, will you work with President Pro Tempore Khan and College Senator Wooten to get a Krispy Kreme in Morgantown.

*Daniel Madden:* Am a big advocate for bringing business back to West Virginia. Absolutely would love to work with you on that.

**a. Discussion and Voting**

- Senator Volk moved to vote on confirmation of the candidate via secret ballot.
- The motion to vote on confirmation of the candidate was seconded by College Senator Blair.
- There were no objections, and the meeting was moved into voting.

- Daniel Madden, *John Chambers College of Business and Economics*, was confirmed with 31 yays, 1 nay, 1 abstention.

#### **XIV. Oath of Office**

The Oath of Office was taken by newly appointed College Senator Madden and was conducted by Attorney General Long.

#### **XV. Open Student Forum II**

*Senator Hodges:* There are things that students have. We all have a computer, we all have an ID, and we also all have a voice. The next statement is about to directly contradict the previous statement. Not all students have a voice and not all students are being heard. This issue is not just at WVU, in fact, it happens on many campuses. The opportunity to listen to other diverse student leaders, other diverse change makers, other diverse impactors on their campus at the REACH conference has been eye-opening. The ability and the need for safety and retention of employment of diverse employees on WVU is critical to the success of diverse students. There is also a need for proclamations of support among the black community, and among diverse communities. There is a need for inclusion of communities on this campus, and in places like SGA, which can be an exclusive and sometimes elite room. We need to be more inclusive and to make students feel more heard on this campus.

But heard about what specifically? The issue of collaborative, and what's meant to be safe spaces on this campus, and for centers of research, such as the Center for Black Culture and Research, and the need for them to be more supportive of black students on this campus, is something that's critical to the success of students on this campus. For way too long we have had the Center for Black Culture and Research not do anything, not help, and for way too long we have not had leadership that is willing to work with black students. This issue may not affect most of you in this room, but it is a piece of legislation that will make an impact. There will also be pieces of legislation that Senator Hodges will be writing, and will want to have meetings with every single legislative member, every single executive member, every single advisor. He wants to hear every voice on this campus and that's his main thing. He wants every voice on this campus to be empowered. Because every voice on this campus is not empowered, there needs to be legislation moved forward for Diversity Month. There needs to be proclamations and there needs to be resolutions. If you want to help on any of



these proclamations or resolutions, or have any ideas, reach out to Senator Hodges via phone or email. Looking in this room he sees bright people with nothing but potential. Everybody in these legislative seats, every single one, has shown a driven commitment to want to help students. Even though these issues may not affect you, let's help all students together.

*College Senator Oursler:* Composting on campus is moving forward. If anyone wants to help, learn, or see what is happening let College Senator Oursler know. Student help is the only thing holding it back. The professor that was doing it only had non-disciplinary students helping before, and when they moved on to a different discipline, he was left with it by himself. If anyone wants to learn how to compost and can come to the Evansdale Greenhouse, reach out. It would be a pretty cool program, and College Senator Oursler will be reaching out to some relevant student organizations to try and get them involved and make the program more sustainable for the future. Dining services is also on board, so they just need student help.

*College Senator Dysart:* The Honors Student Association will be meeting next Tuesday, October 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Hall Theater. Would love to see some students there. This is not only for Honors Foundation students but also Excel students or students that have completed the Honors Foundation program. After that, at 8:00 p.m., the Country Line Dancing Club will be meeting at the Rec Center.

## **XVI. Advisors' Reports**

*Advisor Le:* Congratulations and welcome to College Senator Madden. We expect two dozen Krispy Kremes every meeting. We just finished the REACH conference this past weekend. It was three days of amazing work, kudos to Advisor McCoy who was the chair of that conference. The entire SEL team was hard at work, Advisor Prunty was behind the scenes; thank you so much for all your help. We welcomed delegations of 8 different schools across West Virginia and western Pennsylvania, so it was really great to see that turn-out and the impact that we were creating in that space. For those that were there, hopefully you were a part of those conversations. The work is not done. We are here to advocate and to provide education, and we challenge people to join us. The conversation should not just be over a weekend, or for some under-represented or marginalized students, it should be everyone in that conversation. Advisor Le's office will always push that, and are already in the planning process for the conference next year. Those that want



to be involved, let them know; they want your input. We think we are providing a great space and opportunity to learn, but need the voices of the students to do that. There was a very disappointing turnout from WVU Students at the conference. There were over 70 students registered, but only about half of them showed up. We were having great conversations and were showing out for the other institutions. These are schools and students that may have wanted to go to WVU, but for some reason or another may have had to go to another school. They enjoyed being here, and we wanted to create that atmosphere that they were a part of our Mountaineer family as well. They felt the love, we had a Hospitality Suite set up for them at the hotel, we provided five full delicious meals, Jamaican spice on Friday evening and a beautiful brunch upstairs in the Mountainlair to end the conference. Want the student body here to understand that this is a real conference, not just something on campus. It is a real conference to attend and to help make a change and be a change-agent on campus. Challenge you all as leaders to get people at the conference next year. Even if you are graduating, challenge those that will still be here to attend.

If you are a part of a student organization and want something included in the Student Engagement and Leadership newsletter which goes out every Monday at 10 a.m., reach out to Advisor Prunty or the SEL account. There is also an entire section of the newsletter dedicated to SGA.

If you are interested in running for Homecoming or Royalty Court, the application is due this Friday, September 30th, at noon. It is a beautiful way and a great opportunity to showcase who you are. Organizations that are interested in being in the Homecoming Parade on Friday October 28th, at 6 p.m should apply. The applications will close Wednesday, October 26th, but don't wait until then. There is a small fee to participate.

We really are thinking about your mental health and the time and capacity it takes to be in SGA. Use the recess next week to use that time for whatever you need. Take care of yourself; SGA will be here when you get back. There is plenty to do, but your mental health is most important. Take the time to recharge. Big game this weekend. Let's go Mountaineers! Have a good fall break. Take some time for yourself. It is midterm time, so study hard, but also rest hard too.

## **XVII. Snaps**

Snaps were given to Advisor Le, Advisor Prunty, Advisor McCoy, Treasurer Daniel, the

newly approved School of Design and Community Development Graduate Student Association, Treasurer Daniel, Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler, Senator Conner, the entire SGA administration, interns, Intern Coordinator Backus, Chief Information Officer Jackson, College Senator Skean, all SGA mentors, everyone.

### **XVIII. Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was entertained by Senator Chennuru.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by Senator Conner.

The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.

West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government  
Association Financial Bill: FB-2022-18  
September 28, 2022

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 2022 Semester per the official WVU Academic Calendar.

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**TITLE I: *Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers***

For expenses to cover conference fees for the 2022 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Conference from November 2nd to 6th for six members in Charlotte, NC.

<b><i>Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers</i></b>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Conference Fees	6 Registrations	\$1,410.00 <b>\$1,410.00</b>

**TITLE II: *Women in Politics & Government***

For expenses to cover a fundraising raffle event on 10/26/22. Donuts will be purchased from Dunkin' Donuts.

<b><i>Women in Politics &amp; Government</i></b>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Ticket Rolls	3 Rolls	\$9.00
Giveaway Item	1 Yeti Cooler	\$275.00
Giveaway Item	1 JBL Speaker	\$99.99
Catering	6 Cambros of Coffee	\$102.00
Catering	120 Donuts	

	\$102.90
	<b>\$588.89</b>

## APPENDIX A

### *Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount*

<b><i>Financial Bill 2022-18 Totals</i></b>	
Organization Total Cost Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers \$1,410.00	Women in Politics and Government \$588.89
Total <b>\$1,998.89</b>	

## APPENDIX B

### *Requested Amounts Per Organization*

<b><i>Financial Bill 2022-18 Totals</i></b>	
Organization Total Grant Requested Total Suggested Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	\$4000.00 \$ 1410.00
Women in Politics and Government \$588.89	\$588.89
Total <b>\$4588.89</b>	
<b>\$1998.89</b>	