

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
March 22nd, 2023
2022-2023 Hernandez-Uqaily Administration**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Khan at 7:31pm.

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by President Pro Tempore Khan.

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 Donner- Absent

College Senator Dozier- Present

College Senator Dysart- Present

College Senator Escue- Absent

College Senator Griffith- Excused

College Senator Guschel- Present

College Senator Hudson- Excused

College Senator Irfan- Absent

Senator Jones- Present

College Senator Madden- Present

College Senator Marquart- Present
College Senator McMillen- Absent
College Senator Milam- Present
Senator Miller- Present
College Senator Mitchell- Present
College Senator Moore- Present
College Senator Neiswonger- Present
College Senator Oursler-Absent
College Senator Patel- Present
College Senator Phillips- Absent
Senator Price- Present
College Senator Risk- Present
Senator SantMyer- Present
College Senator Schwartzmiller- Present
College Senator Tabidze- Present
Senator Uqaily- Absent
Senator Volk- Present
Senator Whalen- Present
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 Price.
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by Senator Conner.
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 Price.
The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Senator Volk.
There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

VI. Open Student Forum I

College Senator Dozier: Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier would really appreciate it if you answer the feedback forms that you received.

College Senator Tabidze is modeling for the Mirage fashion show, and if you want to be just as cool as him, you should text College Senator Dozier to be a model. They have a lot of fashion going on and it is all sustainable. The Sustainability Committee might be there.

Saturday is College Senator Dozier's birthday and she will be having a party at College Senator Risk's house. Come in your best "Brogan" outfit; everyone's invited. There will be a special guest.

VII. The President's Report

President Hernandez: Welcome back, hope that your spring break was fun. Make sure to do your last monthly report. Don't have too much going on this week, but will have more next week. You can wear pajamas at the next meeting.

"Your story is what you have, what you will always have. It is something to own." -Michelle Obama

VIII. Assembly Reports

IX. Committee Reports

College Senator Wooten: Planning another Pantry Plus More excursion on April 1st, if anyone wants to come.

Senator Santmyer: The Inclusion Committee will be meeting Friday in the Bluestone Room at 3pm. Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier also had a meeting today with two members of the Accessibility Student Advisory Board, the Vice Provost, Dr. Gee's Office, Meshea Poore, Daniel Long, Dean Farris, and Jill Hess to talk about DEI training for faculty. They were really receptive and have a lot of plans as they move into the next SGA administration over the summer. They are working on the multifaceted parts such as with professors who have had offenses reported vs. working with all professors and faculty including RAs, GAs, and TAs.

Senator Price: Yesterday evening, the Student Experience Committee held their Accessibility and Safety Walk. It was a tremendous event with four different geographic areas, including two downtown, one on Evansdale, and one on HSC.

There were a lot of administrators who joined, and it was revolutionized this semester through the use of an app provided by the city engineer instead of the usual manual documentation used, making it much more technological and efficient. Expect a report sometime in the next couple of weeks and legislation to follow.

The Student Academic Advisory Board will have an orientation meeting this Friday and then will start meeting with the Provost's Office in the next couple weeks.

Also, been working with President Hernandez on getting the library to create a repository of open textbooks. The committee will meet on Tuesday at 5pm on Zoom and in the Mountain Room.

College Senator Blair: Thursday at 4:30pm there will be a panel discussion put on by the West Virginia University Energy Institute about methane and what the future looks like for coalbed methane mitigation technology in the state of West Virginia. It is relevant to policy, is totally free, and food and networking opportunities will be provided.

If anyone wants to get a conference on their resume there will be an Alternative Energy Conference at the Waterfront Hotel in mid-April. A lot of people from the Energy Institute will be there, and more stuff on policy, business, and innovation in the department will be discussed. It is also free with free food.

X. Executive Reports

Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey: Since the last meeting, the West Virginia legislature adjourned sine die, leaving in its wake a flurry of bills for the governor's consideration, among those some of which have already been signed. Those that are included and may be relevant and of interest to this body include Senate Bill 121 creating a Student Journal Press Freedom Protection Act, House Bill 2005 establishing a dual enrollment pilot program to the AGPC, House Bill 3192 requiring suicide prevention contact information on student ID cards, House Bill 3113 requiring high school students to complete a course in personal finance, House Bill 3555 prohibiting institutions from assessing higher costs course material without allowing the student the ability to opt for an alternative or receive a refund for previously purchased course material, Senate Bill 558 prohibiting law enforcement from posting arrest mug shots on social media, House Bill 3018 establishing 18 as the age of consent and removing the ability of an underage person to obtain consent to marry through parents, legal guardians,

or petition through the court, and House Bill 2007 prohibiting gender-affirming care for minors except in cases of severe gender dysphoria.

The budget bill passed, which allocates \$21,969,395 to the West Virginia University School of Medicine, \$17,086,815 to the Health Sciences Center at WVU, and \$92,753,136 to West Virginia University's General Administration Fund with an additional \$8,549,644 with a land grant match. The General Administration Fund minus the land grant match is a \$6,414,046 decrease from last year's budget. Both the School of Medicine's and the Health Sciences Center's budgets respectively were increased by a couple \$100,000. Will now yield to Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler.

Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler: Will be updating the Google Sheet that had all of the craziness in the legislature to just have the bills that did pass, color associated by topic so that it is easier to look through. Over the past two days, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals heard arguments at the Law School, which is pretty cool. It was also recorded if you want to watch it back. The superintendent of the state police has resigned amidst investigations into the state police for several instances of gross misconduct. Former President Donald Trump may be indicted this week for allegedly providing hush money to Stormy Daniels. If you want to hear more about anything, including anything mentioned or the Silicon Valley thing, reach out to Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey or Legislative Affairs Liaison Dowler.

Chief of Staff Flower: Brunch RSVPs and award nominations close tonight at 11:59pm; consider this your final call. If you do not RSVP for brunch, you will not be able to attend, so please be sure to get that in, would definitely recommend going. It will be on April 16th at 11am at the Alumni Center.

If you are a newly elected senator please RSVP for inauguration by Tuesday March 28th. The last reports, March reports, are out; please submit them by April 1st.

Following the meeting, a Google form will be sent out to vote on superlatives picked by you all with your ideas implemented. Please fill it out at your convenience; you do not have to answer every single one, but it will be a fun addition to brunch if you would like to participate.

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

XIII. Open Student Forum II

Chief of Staff Coiner: Women in Law is having a networking event open to all students next Tuesday at 6pm at Iron Horse Tavern with free food. It will be a great event where everybody can hangout and get to know one another, and if you are interested in law it will be a great opportunity to chitchat.

Legislative Affairs Officer Riffey: The Wellness and Mental Health Student Advisory Board application for the 2023-2024 board is now available. Chief of Staff Flower sent it in the formal chat a couple of days ago. It will close on April 21st at 11:59pm.

Several mental health organizations on campus are hosting the Happy Minds Festival on Saturday, April 25th from 11am-2pm, most likely at the Student Recreation Fields. Will have more updates at another time, but follow their Instagram @ happymindsfest if you are interested.

College Senator Milam: The Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center is having their annual Walking with Survivors event on Saturday, April 1st at 3:30pm, with registration beginning at 2:30pm. Registration is \$20 and includes free food and a free t-shirt, and supports a great cause with all the proceeds going directly to RDVIC to help continue their work with survivors.

Senator Amores: Senator Amores' yoga studio is doing a clothing swap on April 1st from 12-2pm at & Yoga, Suncrest location. You can bring your own clothing or pay \$5 at the door and can take whatever you want.

Senator Volk: Today was the 2nd annual Presidential Student Ambassador's Summit. A lot of things were discussed with the three main foci being reinvigoration, recruitment, and retention. Senator Volk was in the retention groups where along with university administrators and other students, they mostly talked about things like community service, sexual assault prevention, campus safety measures, helping students develop as leaders and feel capable of leadership, and potential changes to the Honors Excel program. There were a lot of great ideas floating around, and they got to speak with a lot of great university administrators. Looking forward to hopefully some changes and being reinvigorated for next year.

Treasurer Daniel: Wanted to thank everyone for getting engaged with Day of Giving; really do appreciate it. The foundation broke their record from last year by over \$100, and there are still a couple of hours left. Thank you for supporting SGA's Day of Giving initiative.

Attorney General Long: Can you think of a better game show host than Alex Trebek? Attorney General Long can. His name is College Senator Wooten. Tomorrow, the Pre-Law Society will be hosting their Legal Jeopardy event, with a prize of a \$25 Amazon gift card. Hope you all will consider dropping by and competing for this wonderful opportunity and seeing College Senator Wooten's wonderful hosting skills.

XIV. Advisors' Reports

Advisor Le: Welcome back, hope you're doing well. Just wanted to remind everybody that today is still Day of Giving until 3am. If it's \$5, \$10, or whatever you can give, anything would help. Right now they're publicizing pretty heavily for the student food pantry and raising money for that, and SGA funds will hopefully help provide scholarships for SGA in the future. If you have any or could share with somebody that may have more funds or resources please help promote that the best you can on social media.

Reminder that next Friday is the deadline to submit information or nominations for the Student Org Excellence Awards on Engage. The Kim Gray Outstanding Student Leader Award is also open now until the 31st. Please have your student groups and yourself submit. The banquet will be on April 18th, so be on the lookout for that information as well.

Please finish out strong, your administration isn't over yet. Congratulations to Senator Santmyer and College Senator Dozier; already starting to work behind the scenes, but just remember to finish this administration strong and represent President Hernandez and Vice President Uqaily to the full extent.

XV. Snaps

Snaps were given to Treasurer Daniel, all who participated in the Safety and Accessibility Walk, everybody who went to Panama with the Global Brigades, and President Pro Tempore Khan.

XVI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was entertained by College Senator Tabidze.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by College Senator Wooten.

The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.