West Virginia University

Student Government Association

November 18th, 2015

E Moore Hall, 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – 7:35 PM
2. Roll Call
3. - Vice Chair Merow – a
4. - Governor Dirkman – p
5. -Governor Fitzwater – p
6. -Governor Humphrey –p
7. -Governor Kaska –a
8. -Governor Kiess –p
9. -Governor McIntyre –p
10. -Governor Moneyhun – p
11. -Governor Richardson –p
12. -Governor Riggins –p
13. -Governor Sabatino -p
14. -Governor Seabolt –p
15. -Governor Thompson –p
16. -Governor Waris –a
17. -Governor Watson –a
18. -Athletic Councilor Ferrera –p
19. -Athletic Councilor Taylor – p

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1. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
2. Open Student Forum I
* VP: There are some issues with tuition changes. Last week you should have received an email about due date for tuition. I found out today that 100% of it is due Dec. 18th, but no fees will be accrued to your account until Jan. 11th, after that a 1.5% increase will be given to your account. You must work with the Office of Financial Aid; they will work on a person-to-person payment plan. We know the communication has not been great so far, but we can hold a discussion now to figure out how to communicate this better and let the students know the facts. What ways can we be better at this?
* Kumar: The headline of the email wasn’t good, but maybe the next email should have a better subject line in the email.
* Hannah: The email should read “IMPORTANT”
* Schwartz: Utilize the technology across campus: TV’s, radio, etc. The University could spend a little money to help students become aware of this.
* Gov. Kiess: As students leaders, we’re privy of knowing much more campus-wide knowledge. I suggest that the administration schedule face-to-face events where they can relate to us what the changes will be, similar to Gee Mail.
* Daniel: Every hall and department should have this part of their weekly emails, per week.
* Kumar: They should include this in announcements.
* Light: If you want to do the email, maybe don’t send it from MIX – send it from the Office of the President or etc.
* Yim: I know communications thru SGA is a thing, but there isn’t actually a transition between SGA and the students all the time. If we had announcements throughout the day, I think more students would become aware of this.
* Ankor Kumar: Hey guys, I’m a programmer and a web designer. We have something cool for SGA, usually SGA rents the County Clerk’s voting system, but we have a solution for that. We have this awesome new voting system, why should you care? The next election will be 100% valid, and will be much easier to vote. For the first year, this tech will save SGA $5000, and every year after that, $8000. Plus, this will be the first commercial voting system backed by the “Block” chain. In a world where technology grows fast, doesn’t it make sense for Mountaineers to Go First?
* Ricky: I’ve been designing iOS apps for years here at the University. True Voting is a new iPad voting technology. Our system has many innovations, ensuring anonymity in voting.

Questions

* Brewster: Where will the iPad’s be stored?
* Kumar: So TrueVote will own the iPad’s and we will rent them for every day.
* Harrison: Why wouldn’t I be the one to collect them?
* Kumar: If you want to be, then we could set this up.
* Klandorf: How do we defend the integrity of the “BlockChain”
* Ricky: We will set up a signature chain, linked to your Student ID. You can’t go back through and alter votes over a network. I can discuss this later if you want.
* Klandorf: Has this been tested?
* Kumar: Yes, this was used in the Denmark election.
* ?: I’m actually doing a project on this type of thing? How much would this cost?
* Kumar: Current estimates would be between $11-13,000. We want to balance quality for a good price. After the first year though, we could get the equipment at a lower price.
* Waters: I know Klandorf mentioned integrity, but has it ever been used in an election?
* Kumar: The “BlockChain” was used in Denmark and went flawlessly. Basically, the results can NEVER be altered.
* Brewster: How will the results be relayed to the University?
* Ricky: We planned on having an administrative portal where we could print.
* Klandorf: We could make money.
* Kumar: WVU is making money for this. They are going to plan this on a school-leveled price basis.
* Klandorf: So you’d be looking to set up a contract with something?
* Kumar: Yes, eventually.
* Ricky: Another idea is the University could purchase the machines.
* Brewster: I feel great about this, but for you, someone who might run in an election – running a keynote on this technology, seems unethical.
* Kumar: It is IMPOSSIBLE to do this. If someone could hack into this, you’d have to be VERY RICH.
* Light: I’m assuming this runs on Wi-Fi?
* Ricky: If there is a temporary loss of Internet, the results will be stored on the iPad’s.
* Gov. Fitzwater: Talking about the individual and signing in. How will they do that?
* Kumar: The user will get their Studetn ID checked, and then swipe the ID. If you’ve voted already, you wouldn’t be allowed to vote.
* Light: I understand “BlockChain” is secure, but is the App secure in itself?
* Ricky: Yes
* Daniels: In order to vote, do you need your Student ID?
* Kumar: Yes
* Daniels: I’m assuming people will work the booths, who will do this?
* Kumar: I’ve talked to the Center of Service and Learning to do this.
* Light: Are we talking about taking the running of this election out of SGA?
* Gov. Fitzwater: I think we should have a forum for this. I make a motion to end discussion.
* Kumar: If you have any questions, ask anyone here. My email is akkumar@mail.wvu.edu, Ricky’s is ricky@omnieledge.com.

 a. Presentation: Governor Riggins, Special Olympics Conference

- Riggins: I’m just gonna give a quick review of the conference while they get this set up. I went to Vermont last week for this. The conference focused from middle-school to college, this focused on this program being used in Vermont. One school in Vermont brought in student-athletes to speak about the word “retard”. They had a speaker series, and how it made them feel. I thought that was very cool to use here and how it could get people aware. They had a banner hanging in their athletic department, which gave awareness to everyone that came into the building. There was a speaker there named Colin Ryan, he talked about budgeting but he made it funny and put others in each other’s shoes. “We’re all kids from somewhere” there are over 4,000 schools in 44 schools and 3.5 million young people exposed to Special Olympics every year, 200,000 students are active in inclusive sports. So far there are 1500 schools signed on, and the focus of the conference was on unified sports. Two thirds of students learned that they had things in common with those who they play sports with, everyone has their own issues but they are relatable in every sense. I have 6 goals for WVU’s program: Building connectivity, sharing ideas, working more with the community, speaker series, college experience, spreading the word too. We want to build rivalry games with Marshall and PITT. When athletes come down, they will get a full athlete’s experience – and we want to show them that college is still a possibility for them. Thank you!

- Marshall Morris: I’m the President of the Young Dems, we’re ending the semester, and we have 3 meetings left. This Thursday, tomorrow, we’ve having Friendsgiving to talk about politics and eat. It would be nice to talk about things and get to know more of you, every Thursday at 7 PM in the Blackwater Room.

- Dakota Workman: Hi, I’m the Vice-Chairman of the College Republicans in Oglebay 103 at 7 PM, Beth Walker is running for Supreme Court within WV so that’d be cool if you could come out.

- Riseburg: What’s up guys? Tomorrow night is a concert (symphony orchestra, 7:30, Clay) tomorrow is a play “Bo Strategim” (Thursday and Friday 7:30, Davis), Spring Events: Stenson (Basketball at 7), Women’s soccer play Saturday at 1 in the 2nd round of the NCAA Touranment.

1. The President’s Weekly Address
* Thank you! Would you look at the flyers we just handed out? I just got these flyers before the meeting, so keep an eye out for that. Yesterday we had Bowls and Books – we painted 72 bowls and connected with Empty Bowls which is an local philanthropy group. Thank you to Justin Click as well for putting on amazing vigil for the recent events in Paris and Beirut. Last weekend, we went to the University of Texas and it reassured the fact that WVU has one of the best SGA’s in the conference. After Thanksgiving, we’ll be explaining what we learned. Over Thanksgiving, we will have Offices of: University Registrar, Student Aid, Financial Aid, and Student Accounts. Hope everything’s going well has a great break!

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1. Governor’s Reports
* Fitzwater: Hey everyone, I ran on a platform on Mental Health Awareness and LGBTQ Advocacy, there will be a new LBGTQ center on campus and Dr. Hawkins will the interim Director. I’m very excited that this is coming to campus, people have been working for this for years. If you know anybody with a Masters degree in Women and Gender Studies or LGBTQ issues – please direct me to them because we’re looking for a permanent coordinator for the center. This center will be in Hodges Hall, where the Launch Lab is currently. We also have Safezone trainings every month, next one will be Dec 9th at Health Sciences. We also want to get Kognito more implemented into the academics here, currently it is part of the FYS program and this helps with at-risk students, veterans, and LGBTQ issues.
* Humphrey: Thank you. The Offices that are moving to Evansdale, they will be on the 2nd-3rd floor of Mountaineer Hub. Something other SGA’s did, they read their mission statement before every meeting. I would love for us to do the same thing. **Reads the first paragraph of the SGA Constitution**
* Kaska: Share-a-Swipe ended tonight, but I wanted to send a thank you to multiple people in attendance. I really depended on you this week, thank you. If you sign-up for events –please follow thru with your obligation. My second point is that I want to have a banquet for all Seniors in Februrary – if you’re intereste din helping me plan this, I’d love that.
* Kiess: Every school presented at the SGA conference. Our SGA Judicial Branch is very underutilized. Baylor Univerisity’s JBoard hears every single parking ticket on campus. At Iowa State University, they have a umbrella share program, where umbrellas can be shared all around campus – used thru a company in NY. This week, Project Nanny has been going on. We’re raising money by selling raffle tickets to help donate money to the kids of people who are in the hospital.
* McIntyre: I’ll probably have a presentation after break on everything that I’ve been working on.
* Richardson: I’m really glad that Mountaineer Hub was brought up. I remember being tossed around and transferred between these different Offices, very nice. I wanted to bring up how the state legislature has blocked Uber from being utilized in Mon County. There are many studetns who drive drunk and Uber could be a solution to that problem. Our director of transportation will be appealing this, and hopefully will change the state legislature’s discision.
* Seabolt: Treasuere Hudson and I heard that an administrator will be taking notes on sidewalks around campus.

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1. Athletic Councilor Reports

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1. Executive Reports

- Harrison: Today is the official day that the timeline for the election being released. On Dec 2nd, President and Vice President can proclaim that they are going to run.

- Krandol: We are working to get Uber on campus. Demetry Walker, an intern, came to me with this issue, and I’d like to bring to Mon County.

- Yim: Back in October I brought up a topic for memorials that have passed from service. I want to get more people on board in helping to create this memorial, I basically just need lots of support from SGA and the student body. This would provide a memorial for any student who passed away while attending this University. The most ideal area for this would be near Oglebay Hall, we’d like plaques with room to put flowers, pictures, etc. WVUVoice, we’d love for more people to get involved in getting the voices of all students out there to all of the student body. We have a structure model for this, if you’re interested – SGA office at noon tomorrow.

- Southerland: A service project when we get back from break is University Shop Event and Toy Mountain. I’m asking every member of SGA to donate at least 1 new toy. We’re trying to either renew the lesae for our International House, or a new location for it. If you want to participate, that’d be greatly appreciated.

- Riseburg: next mural is underway, this one will have multiple artists working on it. If you’re interested in helping to paint, please contact me at jlriseburg@mix.wvu.edu to get connected. BTW this will over by Allen Hall.

1. Unfinished Business

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1. New Business
	1. Grants:

 Chi Alpha

* Hudson: They are going to be handing out coffee on a weekly basis around campus. We suggest we award $1000.
* Riggins: This is over multiple weeks?
* Hudson: $90 a week.
* McIntyre: Did they discuss with you past numbers?
* Hudson: Just what I’ve already said.
* Thompson: At the BOF meeting, we discussed this. They have done this for multiple years.

Discussion

* Kaska: Last year they were awarded a grant and didn’t receive their grant. This is for ALL STUDENTS, so there is no reason we shouldn’t pass this.

Motion – Kaska on suggested amount

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- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun – y

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-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

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 Government and Politics Association

* Roshan Daniels: They are taking 5 people to DC for a conference – they have gone the last 2 years.
* Richardson: This event they simply practice being in government.
* Hudson: They are asking for $1370, we suggest $750 for registration – simply because this only impacts 5 students.

Questions

Discussion

Motion:

- Seabolt – suggested amount

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- Vice Chair Merow – y

- Governor Dirkman – y

-Governor Fitzwater – y

-Governor Humphrey –y

-Governor Kaska –y

-Governor Kiess –y

-Governor McIntyre –y

-Governor Moneyhun –y

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-Governor Sabatino -y

-Governor Seabolt –y

-Governor Thompson –y

-Governor Waris –y

-Governor Watson –y

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1. Open Student Forum II

- Maher: I’m a part of Student Organized for Syria and we want to help the people and refugees of Syria. If you’re interested in English, then we’d love to have you join our cause. You’d Skype with them for 2 sessions a week and basically just help teach them English. You don’t have to speak Arabic to do this because many of them already speak English as it is. Meeting is tomorrow at 5:30 in the Mountain room of the MountainLair, if you can’t make the meeting – see me after the meeting!

- Humphrey: At the Big XII conference, they added a section as Financial Awareness. I serve in the Interfraternity Council as VP, and my platform is sexual assault. I talked with Thomas Greene, Campus Director at Kansas State – their students brought up an opposition to Campus Safe Act.

- Workman: If you plan on coming to the College Repubican meeting – its cancelled because our speaker can’t come anymore.

- Daniels: If any governors or executives want stuff on their website – I’ll do it.

- Quigley: Intern apps for 2nd semester open on Dec 5th.

- Yim: Tomorrow is the Sophomore Fair and we need someone to work the booth from 12-2.

- Light: Students for Reproductive Justice will meet in Gold Ballroom tomorrow at 7, thank you to everyone who supported the vigil! Thank you to Kim Harrison for helping to get the word out!

- Kaska: I really want to get this Senior Banquet organized. This is a week in February.

 a. Presentations: Dr. Klandorf’s First-Year Seminar Class

- Southerland: I’m the TA for this class, and we decided we were going to have them do something such like governors within SGA to find issues here at WVU.

- Parking Campaign (Jones, Price, Cales) – We are all Animal Science majors. We wanted to find availability and overall parking all around campus. We’d like to provide more free parking all around campus, as for now we either have to pass at the Coliseum or pay downtown. We took a poll of 20 faculty member and 50 students, and we’ve found that many students feel that there is simply not enough available parking on campus. I looked into multiple other Big XII parking ideas: BadWeather Permits, Multi-Purpose lots, at Baylor you can pay $350 to park ANYWHERE on campus. Oklahoma State has $1/hr meters, and registering bikes online in case they get stolen. What we have to offer here at WVU is that studetns can buy a pass on a first come first served basis. “We need to build up, not out!” Currently, downtown has extremely limited parking and we’d like to expand that.

- Kaska: For the Coliseum, to park for free, do you need a permit?

- Group: No.

- Kaska: After 5 PM, what are the rules for ST-Lots?

- VP: Decal only after 5 in 24 hour lots. In ST-Lots, anytime after 8 on weekends.

- (Parking System at WVU) – ¾ are commuters to WVU. We have a parking issue too, as commuting students face challenges driving to campus and then parking. We think we should build another parking garage and/or give out passes for certain majors to park near the buildings they’ll be utilizing most frequently. A proposed spot for a parking garage would be the gravel lot down by LSB. We think that more students would drive if there was more available parking.

- Thompson: Health Sciences does something about parking for majors right now, just saying. Each individual parking garage space is $20,000 to build – this would cost multiple million dollars to build a new parking garage.

- (Group Impact Project, Armsttrong, Crist, Reed) – Our mission would be to create a program within residence halls to provide students a stress-free environment to relieve stress. We believe that not only would this be good for students but they would also enjoy it greatly. These dogs would be coming from local shelters around Morgantown, there are many different cost options – the cheapest being about $935 a year.

- Kiess: This year SGA started the Student Programming Board, our Chief of Staff Heeter is actually in a class forming this.

- Kaska: Gov. Humphrey and I were on the library student advisory committee and they’re thinking about bringing in dogs for finals this year, so maybe in the library is a possible place to bring these dogs.

- ?: I know shelters around here have huge adoption fees, how would you pay for this?

- We’d simply be fostering these animals – no cost.

- Riseburg: Is this limited to just dogs, or are cats and parrots as options?

- We’ve thought about it and dogs are just the easiest possible option.

- (Dining Hall Foods – Jones, price, Cales) – We understand most of you are upperclassmen, but this is a big deal for Freshmen. For students with allergies, we have an issue with the fact that some dining halls don’t serve food serving every type of food need. There are websites online that tell students about the menus and allergies online on WVU’s website. At the dining halls, they accommodate to students with dining issues, but we want to make the options more plentiful and more distinguishable so students stay safe.

- Schwartz: I have an example for gluten-free meals – one student has this need and it costs $535 a month to feed this one person.

- Quigley: My friend has a severe dairy allergy, and she went directly to the dining hall and they went and bought the food that the individual person wants.

- Merow: This is my platform within SGA and I’m severe lactose intolerant – this is very expensive and the reason they don’t supply it is because there isn’t a demand for it.

- (Café Calorie Counter – Fitzpatrick, Demastes, Broderick) – We want to push the dining halls on campus to show nutritional values more readily. They propose every food item having a QR code so its easily scannable by a smartphone and therefore telling students immediately how many calories they’re consuming. It would cost the University $45 a month to incorporate this tech.

- Kaska: Who would be responsible for printing out the QR codes to let students know this?

- Group: I think students could possibly do this, but in all reality it would probably be the cafeteria staff.

1. Advisor’s Reports

- Klandorf: Thank you for supporting my FYS class, that was their final exam and I appreciate it. Another point I’ve got is about the peace symbol. The symbol actually stands for: When I was a Boy Scout, the symbol is a man standing there using flags to make the letters “N,D”. It stands for Nuclear Disarmament! (Matt Blair got that one!)

- Brewster: Is Workman still here? If you need a speaker, I volunteer! Justin Light is an intern in SGA, and what he pulled off what phenomenal. I’ve been here 17 years and it’s one of the most successful student initivtives I’ve ever seen. Dr. Klandorf, you encourage students to explore their surroundings and that directly influence their lifes. Thank you teaching these Freshmen these things their freshmen year. I think we had a phenomenal Big XII delegation. I sat on a panel with Chief of Staff Heeter & Gov. McIntyre absolutely killed it, just absolutely shutting down other schools representatives. I think each of you need to wear many different hats and get out there and influence more of this campus. 1. Gov. Kaska said this tonight, but a point system – awarding people for involvement in things. 2. I think we need to expand our SGA’s size considerably. I don’t think we truly represent this campus well enough. 3. Our budget is SO much smaller than other SGA’s budgets, and yet somehow we get it done. In one of my breakout sessions, their grant systems don’t issue money unless it is an absolute campus wide event. We want to form more committees within SGA, but we absolutely need your attendance with these. I hope you have a wonderful break!

- Harrison: We’re glad we got to get our bulbs planted over by the bookstore

- Farris: Have a great Thanksgiving – do a pay-it-forward!

1. Announcements
2. Adjournment