

West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Regular Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
September 24th, 2025

I. Call to Order

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

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA mission statement was read by Vice President Jones.

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Davis.

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator Cole, seconded by Senator Silva.

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the agenda was made by President Pro Tempore Robinson, seconded by Senator Cole.

VI. WVU AI Policy Listening Session, Student Success and Retention Report, Associate Provost of Undergraduate Education Evan Widders

Evan Widders: I'm the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education. What does that mean? Well, it means that I am the person, I wouldn't say in charge, but basically that oversees the student experience for all undergraduates at the university on the academic side. When you look at our students, their economic background, their academic background, our retention and graduation rates have gotten pretty good thanks to the hard work of a lot of people across the university, advisors, student life, financial aid, everyone who supports our students.

The goal has been to keep and graduate as many students as possible. Over the last three years, we're up about three percentage points in retention, which is about 120 more students, on average, that are here today that wouldn't have been here at the previous retention rate. The top reasons students say they leave the university are fit/mental health, academics, and financial reasons. We work with students very long and very hard to try to make every sort of resource available to them we can, but it's not always enough. One area that concerns me that happens a lot is students who don't do well in their first year are at risk for losing some of their scholarships. Other student success initiatives we have going on, we have what was called a completion grant. We also have foundations such as the Ballmer Foundation. We also have things such as the REACH Center. That center is solely focused on trying to better acclimate first-generation students to campus. There is also the STEM Collaborative.

The Office of Academic Integrity had 344 reports of academic integrity and violations. 204 of those reports ended up with a charge, meaning a student was notified that there was a concern about academic integrity in their course. That's a 60% charge rate. What works for AI in engineering is not necessarily what works in English, right? English is focused on trying to teach people to become good writers. Engineering is often focused on teaching you how to use AI, right? So is there a middle ground there? We're trying to find out what the right middle ground is, and this is not just WVU. Every university we look at is really struggling with this issue. This is our blanket university syllabus policy. You can see it really sort of defaults to the instructor to try and make it clear. It has to be clear. If it's not, that's where some of those 40% of charged students who were, you know, with violations that didn't have any charges, that's oftentimes because it wasn't a clear policy. So you have to let students know what the policy is, but then once the instructor does that, they have to follow it or they're at risk, right? We do have other syllabi statements. You can't really tell, but that leads to a page with like four other statements. I think it's good if you can have a discussion with the instructor in class about what really is appropriate and what is not appropriate in that class. I have no great ideas on how to approach this challenge, so I'm looking to come here and lean on your wisdom and experience and try to see if you can tell us what would be helpful to you as far as AI usage in academics.

VII. Open Student Forum I

No one was recognized.

VIII. The President's Report

President Street: So another one of my responsibilities as student body president is to serve on the Advisory Council of Students, West Virginia's Higher Education Policy Commission by state law or West Virginia's Higher Education Policy Commission by state law has to have a committee of students with elected with one elected representative from each university or college in the state. I serve as WVU's representative and on Tuesday we had our first meeting. The meeting consisted of going over responsibilities and duties of the advisory council and holding elections for the committee's chair and vice chair. Super happy to announce that I was elected as Chair and Marshall's student body president was elected as vice chair. ACS will meet once a week and Connor and I will be using it to coordinate our lobby campaign that we've been talking about to get the student vote back on the board of governors and expand WVU's historic month of service between Marshall and WVU to all of the universities in the state.

Moving on, I've been making ground on the Building Academic Communities and Homes Initiative or BOC initiative. I couldn't find another acronym and BOC is a tiny home in New Zealand, so for making communities and homes, I thought that would fit pretty well. I met with the department chair of the Ag Ed and Extension Department to log best practices for community building and departments. I then put those notes together in a presentation and presented that to the Faculty Senate Executive Council on Monday to get their feedback. Over the next couple weeks, I'll be implementing that feedback to then go present to the entire Faculty Senate in October to see which department or schools in every college might be working or willing to work with us on implementing some of these practices. Statler College's Aerospace Engineering Department has already agreed, so that's one down.

I also have an update for you all on the Mutual Aid Cabinets. Do you guys know what the Mutual Aid Cabinet is? Essentially, it's a cabinet upstairs. The Mountainlair has free pads, tampons, condoms, and all test strips. Our amazing comms team, so shout out to them, is finalizing a design for the rack of the cabinets to better advertise them and to show how SGA makes an impact on students on campus. Additionally, I've reached out to both the Rec Center and the pylons and Health Sciences about adding a Mutual Aid Cabinet to those locations and the Evansdale and Health Sciences campuses.

Beyond ACS and general SGA stuff, I have some just general university updates for you all. So, like Evan mentioned, President Benson is launching the President's Commission on AI at WVU to investigate how to implement the development and use of artificial intelligence across disciplines. Obviously, your guys' feedback today will go into that, but I'll be serving as the student representative on the commission for the next year, so any of those AI comments as well, feel free to direct those to me, and I'll be attending the West Virginia Board of Governors Summit on October 29th to 30th. It's a professional development opportunity for all board members across the state and all West Virginia universities. I'll be going down to participate in

the conference and also because Connor from Marshall and I will be presenting our priorities to the Higher Education Policy Commission.

We've heard a lot that you guys are worried about the probation aspect of you guys not getting your service or tabling requirements. We're extending that through October because we have a lot of service and tabling opportunities. Remember, it's one tabling hour, two service hours through SGA, so it's okay.

If you guys ever have trouble reaching an administrator at WVU, please let Ro or I know. We have personal relationships with a lot of these people. We spent the whole summer meeting with them and getting to know them, and they're in the business of students as well. They really care about you guys, so be sure if you're having trouble with them, talk to your committee chairs, talk to your department heads, and then you can always reach out to Ro and I as well. That's all I've got for this week.

IX. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Jones: We got the retreat data from you guys on the form. And overwhelmingly, it was positive. I just want to say thank you. Thank you to all of our chairs, our department chairs, many chairs and task force chairs to facilitate some of the conversations while we were there. And thank you, everybody who attended. It was a very good retreat. I actually got an email from one of the ladies who helped me coordinate logistics at Jackson's Mill. She said that the staff was very happy to have us and that we were a great group and that they look forward to having us again in the event that we want to have something else there as well. So thank you for that.

Additionally, I had my first Alumni Board meeting last Friday, and that went quite well. It was mostly an introductory meeting for just kind of setting up what we would be doing throughout the course of the year. President Benson gave and gave his presentation on his strategic vision for the university and how the alumni can be factored into that. One of the things that he talked about that I thought was interesting that I thought I'd share with you all is he is interested in creating an alumni email for students. So after you graduate WVU, your mixed email would then turn into an alumni email, and then you would still get emails and information from the university. That way, they can stay in contact with you. Another thing President Benson is really interested in that really ties into his mission of attracting new students here is class gifts. He talked about, for example, a class bench with the year that your class graduated. Items like that are something that he's interested in trying to bring back and kind of reignite a better alumni culture. And then lastly, he also talked about bringing a paper or alumni magazine that will be shipped and sent out to alumni as well, which I also thought was a good idea.

As for a small structural change that will be happening, WVU's strategic partnerships branch will be expanding over the next couple of years into 2030. We're going to be getting an interim director, and that's going to be kind of a facet of WVU that's going to be growing over time. I know that's one thing that Colin and I have talked to President Benson a lot about is growing the amount of professional opportunities that exist here on campus. And that also ties in with his mission to give WVU a better academic culture. And so the provost was talking about how that will fit into the university. And I'll have more information as we go further into the year and I have another Alumni Board meeting.

Another thing, there were some barns in Preston County that WVU owns that were burned down after they were struck by lightning. They housed some livestock. A wealthy donor will be paying to have those rebuilt. I figured that Garrett would be very happy, too.

This year's Hail West Virginia, which is an event that is held at the Alumni Center before the Pitt game, was the largest in the university's history. There was a 21 percent increase in revenue that they generated. So that is some good news, especially for recruitment and alumni investment as well.

And then lastly, Big 12 is going to be coming up in just a couple of weeks. That's going to be happening over fall break. The application closes on the 28th. So please apply for that. And then we also have a logistics team that will be helping Thanh make sure everything gets executed in the way that it needs to. So if you are not interested in actually attending Big 12, but assisting with just the setup, you're just going to be around campus and just want to assist with that, then I'm sure Thanh would appreciate that.

X. Committee Reports

Senator Cole: We talked about the Clery Act that was released Monday. That report entails all crimes for, I believe, the 24 to 25 academic year. Quick update, I met with Chuck Robert about the Roads and Grounds Reform Initiative that's coming out of our committee. It's actually going to be merged into the Facilities Help Desk, and then they're going to open up the Facilities Help Desk to everybody, meaning you don't have to be a student or a faculty member to fill it out, so even if you're coming here on a tour or a visit or something, you'll be able to fill that form out, report things to Facilities. But the new things will entail road work as well, such as potholes, snow removal, overgrown debris, and such. So I'm hoping to get that on the move soon, but that was the update out there. Also spoke to him about that feature, Crosswalk at Hough Street, that's being elevated to the state level, so the state is now going to be notified to hopefully put some flashing lights up there.

Senator Champ: So we talked about the Greek Life goals, so basically verbal de-escalation and alcohol safety for the fraternities, and verbal de-escalation and kind of like self-defense pepper spray training for the sororities in the spring. We made a Google form, which is just to see how many people would be interested before we send out an RSVP, and we got feedback from Brian and David, our Greek Life Liaison. He's actively sending that email tonight to the Panhellenic, IFC, MPHC, and Professional Greek Council. The form will close on next Tuesday, so that by Wednesday we'll have information on a number. So after we get a number for the interest, the goal is to contact UPD and get two dates on a Sunday, which is when they have chapter meetings, to meet in the theater. And there'll be two dates in October. Next week I'll just tell you guys how many people are interested, that way we can send out a formal RSVP, that way we wanted to align with the database initiative, like I wanted this to be a database initiative because I know that one of the goals is to get the data, so that's why we're sending out the interest form and then the RSVP.

College Senator Selders: So Saturday is the last hydration station that we have for the year. That is our game against Utah. When I last checked, we looked like we were good on manpower so far, but please feel free to stop by, even if you are not wanting to be a volunteer, we'd love to see people be there. Take pictures of it as well, like yourself in front of it, post about it, whatever you want. Lainey is doing a wonderful job with posting us on social, so thank you, Lainey, wherever you are. Other than that, we've had a great season. I'm hoping we run out of water again for this game, like we did the last two. And other than that, we'll just be troubleshooting from here on out, so please stop by the last one.

College Senator Everly: In the College Projects Committee, Dominic met with Professor David Smith, and he spoke about logistics and possible avenues for opening the CCAM media closet, and potentially even going outside of just CCAM. Professor Smith was very receptive and is very willing to see this project along. And then also the Chamber Senators met with Dean Hall yesterday. I've never had a meeting with a Dean, but it was very good. He was very receptive to all of our ideas, and he even gave us some things to specifically work on for the next meeting. So in summary, he got Michael in contact with someone for SGA and Chamber's orgs to advertise within the Reynolds Atrium. He got Cole, Michael, and I in contact with someone regarding the reworking of Chamber's mentorship programs. Dean Hall also really supports condensing the BCOR classes. We plan on discussing this with a bunch of different Chamber's orgs when we visit them, which we have scheduled. And he also supports a Chamber's subreddit to kind of act as an online discussion forum, and he is working on setting an advisor to work on that. And then he also is really interested in kind of kickstarting a change to general education

requirements. So he and our committee today made a survey for that, and we're working on getting that finalized and published. And we'll be on the lookout for that, because we're going to try to push that out to people. And also, Dean Hall and the Dean of CCAM have expressed issues with low involvement within their college-specific student orgs. So maybe in your meetings with your deans, touch on that and then get back to the College Projects Committee so we can attack that as well.

Senator Vullier: So last week, me and Lily met with Carrie Showalter for the Campus Closets, and I just want to say she is probably one of the most down-to-earth and empathetic people I've ever met. But she's very excited for the Campus Closet project, and me and Lily are actually going to go toward a couple different buildings on Friday to see where we can potentially put it. And we should have a forum, or not a forum, we should have a Google Form out sooner rather than later to fill out about the necessity of the Campus Closet so that we can help build it. We are going to schedule soon within our committee to make some inspirational posters to put in study rooms, so if committee chairs look out, I will be hassling you to bring your committee so we can do a little fun crafting activity for your different study rooms around campus. Also, we decided on our three orgs that we're going to visit. If anyone's interested about hearing about those, we're just visiting the Best Buddies International Group, which is students with disabilities, First-Gen Mountaineers, and then also the Mirage Magazine, just because I thought they do a lot with posting about students' stories, so I thought it would be a good way to interact with the student experience.

Senator Torres: We met with Dean Showalter about our two main projects, and overall, it was pretty positive. She was on board with both of them and gave us a contact for our international student programming. And as for the Carruth Center, she also gave us some information about a potential downtown space to be used. And Hank actually met with his Chambers dean, and they said that there is a potential to have a satellite Carruth Center in Chambers, so we'll be discussing more with the Carruth Center in our meeting tomorrow morning to go over that and get some logistics down for the meeting. We also went over the SWOT report from the retreat and went over our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats as a committee, just kind of making sure that we were up to speed with that. And we also discussed where we were going for our SGA outreach and assigned everyone a student org for that, as well as rescheduling of possible times for our international student meeting. Thank you very much.

College Senator Duvert: We discussed the retreat, and talked about the SWOT activity and how that could be used for our committee specifically. But the main thing is we finished the Google form that we had for undergraduate TAs, just like a general set of questions to try and get a good idea of how the average experience is. And we're looking to send that out now. Regardless of discipline, if you know of any undergraduate TAs or professors that have undergraduate TAs, I'm going to put the form into the GroupMe. And it should be in the drive as well. If you can, just do your best to get that out to them, just so we can get a lot of responses and just a good idea of how we can help these undergraduate TAs.

Senator O'Neal: So in sustainability today, we met with Traci Knabenshue and she was the head of the sustainability department. Great conversation, had a lot of questions fielded. She kind of gave us an overview of some of the work they're doing, the 25 goals they have for sustainability. Three overarching goals. But lower emissions, reducing waste here on campus, and protecting land and water. And under those, there's 25 goals among the three main goals. So we talked about those. We talked more about pollinator gardens. So I have a bunch of volunteers around campus from landscape architecture students, water culture students, and people in Freedom Farmers, which is the part I enjoy, that have pledged to partake in training with facilities to help man some of the pollinator gardens and maintain them. So I talked to her about that, and she was really receptive to that idea. And tried to convince her and the sustainable landscapes committee to pledge to build a lot more pollinator gardens instead of just a proposed one for the spring. I also had a meeting today with Chuck Roberts and some engineers about a solar project. They mentioned that with the water tower, they're going to kind of look into a small solar project there for lighting, because there's no electrical outlets near there. And then we also talked about the possibility that they're going to do some research for a solar project in partnership with Solar Holler.

XI. Assembly Reports

President Pro Tempore Robinson: Midterms are like coming up so I hope you guys are doing okay. Focus on your mental health, like you guys are all doing a great job with your SGA work. Please let me know if you feel like you need to take a break or something, like let us know, let me know how I can support you through this time. It's going to be very stressful in the upcoming weeks so please don't get burnt out. My personal pledge that I made in one of the committee breakouts during retreat was to make sure that you all feel personally supported. So if you feel like I can do a better job in supporting you and helping you attain your goals, please let me know how I can do that. Don't hesitate to reach out. My number is in the contact sheet.

Anybody can come to our Bureau of Legislation meetings.

Interns, please come. It's a great time to figure out what's going to be happening during the week. Also, if you want a glimpse into what more leadership roles look like in SGA, it's great to come to that and see what's going on. Also, if you're interested in going to the Eberly Senator meetings, you can let myself or any of the other Eberly College Senators know and we'll try to get you set up with that.

Echoing what Ro said, please apply to be on the Big 12 logistics team and the regular team. But right now the logistics team is only Garrett and Shelby. They already do a ton of work for us so please don't make them do it alone. If you guys have questions about that, please ask.

Senator Silva: First, I met with the Faculty Senate Inclusivity and Diversity Committee. I'm currently going through some of the struggles that we went through at the beginning of the year with the name and rearranging our focus. But we talked about that today. And I also wanted to put it on your radar. There is an inclusive teaching tool kit that they have on their website. So definitely check it out because they do want student feedback on DEI in the classroom and inclusivity in the classroom. So check out the tool kit and if you have any thoughts, please let me know. Also, I wanted to put this on your radar. I don't know if you guys knew, Stalnaker Hall has an international student closet. So for international students that are coming here, either grad students or undergraduate, they can go and get pots, pans, and bed sheets and stuff like that. So if you're graduating soon and you have a lot of stuff and you don't want to take all that home with you, please consider donating it because it could help a lot of people.

Senator Cole: On every Monday up until October 16th at 3:30, the Safety Walk Logistics Team, Planning Team, will be meeting in the SGA Lounge. So if you want to pop in and provide some feedback, as of right now, it's literally just me, Ethan, Kate, and Zadie. So interns, if you all want to come, feel free to, or if you're just interested in helping plan that, you can feel free to stop by.

College Senator Selders: So those of you who want to get certified for CPR and first aid, I will make sure to put it in the GroupMe and probably send an email out for what they tell me in terms of available dates for everybody to get that done. We're looking into also doing some Narcan training as well as the first aid and CPR, since that goes very hand in hand. So if you are needing to or want to re-involve yourself in that certificate process, just let me know ahead of time. Like I said, emails will be going out with dates available that we can do with the STEPS program.

XII. Executive Reports

Garrett Oursler, Intern Coordinator: So Internal Chief of Staff Davis and I met with Carrie Showalter on Monday regarding setting up an advisory board for the Student Life Department. We're definitely in the beginning phases, so if there's any input you want to provide on that, please let me know. But Shelby and I will be meeting with her pretty regularly throughout the semester to help pretty much design an advisory board that makes sure student groups from across campus, across backgrounds, across needs are met on that advisory board. If that's where we should meet, how it should be held, all of that sort of stuff, if you have input, please let Shelby or I know and we'll make sure that that input is included in our conversations.

Second, Dean Showalter showed up to our meeting today and helped explain how interns, SGA, and the whole university structure sort of interact and how to work with each other. Next week, we have Erin Newmyer coming to help foster intern projects and passions and showing the intersectionality between all of the different departments at WVU and specifically what they want to work on. So if you all want to meet with her or talk with her after, just show up at the intern meeting and I'm sure Erin would be more than willing.

And then lastly, I won't be able to make any intern meetings in the month of October, so my development officers will be taking over leading the intern program. So yeah, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, please let us know and have a great rest of your meeting.

Laynie Miller, Comms Coordinator: Just to start off, I just want to thank you guys for being so down to earth and allowing us to take so many videos and pictures of you over the weekend at retreat. I've received a lot of compliments on the spotlight segment that we've been doing and low key, it can't happen without you guys. So early snaps to you for participating in that. I just want to let you guys know that your headshots are done. They've been completely edited and they're being uploaded to the website as we speak. So if you want to go look at that, check that out, feel free to do so.

This is just a reminder that you should be submitting a graphics request and a comms request. I heard that there are a lot of surveys coming out. There are a lot of initiatives coming out. If you want a graphic for that, you have to submit a graphics request form. If you want that posted on social media, you also have to submit a comms request form. And I just want to remind you guys that everything that you submit to me will be done in branding standards. If you are confused about branding standards, you can look them up. They're readily available on the WVU marketing website. And I'm also currently working on giving you guys a branded slide deck to use for SGA instead of the current one that's in the Google Slides preloaded templates. It'll be up to new branding standards, so be on the lookout for that.

Will Andrews, Alumni Relations Liaison: So thanks to the help of Mimi Ferguson, we got the SGA alumni mixture books out of the location and set a date and time. We've got some very distinguished alumni coming. It'd be great to talk to them. It'll be Friday, October 24th, towards the end of the homecoming parade from 8:30 to 10 p.m. at 238 High Street, which is also known as the Ward Building. They were very generous to have us there. So if you guys do come, keep it professional. We're going to have some good conversations there, and everybody should come. So just want to let you guys know that there is a pending government shutdown, and it'll be the day that the alumni reception is happening. So do not expect to see a lot of government officials there. If there are, that's great. But it'll probably be sort of a tense environment, so just prepare yourselves for that. Just wanted to let you guys know that.

Michael Taylor, Federal Relations Liaison: Speaking of October 1st, when we're going to D.C. Okay, I'm meeting with Suzanne Friday to flesh out the details to hopefully get an agenda out to you guys. So far, I'm pretty sure we're going to try to meet with the delegation, like the West Virginia delegation, but we'll see how that works. If you guys want anything included in my meeting with Suzanne, just reach out to me. I'd be happy to see if we can work something out and make a plan for it.

Audrey Bennett and Sara Ratley, Grant Officers: We made a form for you guys for grant assistance, so if you need help finding a grant, applying for a grant, for a project, initiative, it's open to all SGA members. So there's three ways to find this form. The first way is through Google Drive. So if you go to Google Drive, Executives, BOF, then Grant Officers, it's there. The second way is in the important links Google Doc, it's also going to be in there. The third way is that Sara's going to post a link in like a second. So there's, like, three different ways to find it. Let us know if you can't find it. Thank you. I will say our contact information is at the top of the form, too, so if you need our emails and don't want to dig through the contact sheet, that's also there, too.

Mimi Ferguson, Community Engagement Coordinator: So I have a couple different service events to talk about and or reiterate, but before I got into that, I just wanted to say that I had a meeting with Ann Berry, who's the Vice President of Land Grant and Community Engagement, and we are going to have a potential service trip coming up probably in the month of November to the southern portion of the state. So Ann's working with some of her contacts to determine exactly where we need to go and what they need help with down there. I think there's lots of different things still going on from the floods that happened back in February, I believe,

that they still need lots of help with, so that's probably what we'll end up doing. But she just asked if I could ask all of you guys if you have any organizations that you've worked with personally or that you know need help, please reach out to me with those contacts and we can try to include that in any way that we possibly can.

So now for some of the service events coming up. Unfortunately, when we had planned to volunteer for the Rosenbaum House this Sunday, they called me and said that they don't think that they will need us to come on Sunday because on home game day weekends, they get basically all of the leftover food donated to them from the Blue Lot. So I've pushed that back to Sunday the 5th just because when we had it on the 29th, which was a Sunday, basically the sign-up sheet filled up immediately. So it's the same times and everything, the same food that we're serving. We've just pushed that back exactly one week to the next Sunday, so October the 5th. And then we still have blessing box drives running until October the 3rd. So if you guys still need your service hours or you don't think you'll be able to participate in any of the upcoming service events that we have, I just think that's a really good way for you to get those passively.

Ethan Enterline, Local Government Liaison: I want to start by saying thank you to those who have filled out my campus safety questionnaire so far. I know I've been talking about it a lot. But I've been getting some very valuable responses. I can't remember if I've mentioned it in a past meeting before, but each semester, after a Safety Walk, a resolution is usually made, signed, and then it's presented to the City Council. And my plan was to include the results in this presentation to the City Council, as well as the university offices that handle the safety stuff on campus. Tabling for the questionnaire is going to begin this Monday, the 29th, inside the MountainLair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A sign-up form was just sent out earlier in the GroupMe, so if you have time to spare or need tabling hours, go ahead and fill that out.

Last Thursday, I sat in on a meeting between Traci from the Office of Sustainability, as well as Senator O'Neal, and we discussed some sustainability initiatives. Senator O'Neal mentioned this, and we were talking about a potential initiative to try to clean up Frat Row, which is still in the works. Last Friday, Mimi and I went to meet the Morgantown Area Partnership, and she introduced me to the president and vice president there. Those that don't know about them, they're basically a partnership focused on the prosperity of economic and community development in Morgantown, and I'm looking forward to future meetings with them. And then lastly, as Bryan mentioned, I'm going to start meeting Mondays to prepare for the Safety Walk, and I'm looking forward to those as well.

Logan Pierce, External Chief of Staff: So the enrollment survey that we put out a week ago, we're up to 50 responses right now. Our target is 1,000. So we're kind of relying on you

guys to help promote that a little bit. And by relying, I mean assertively pushing you guys to help promote that. So I'm going to be reaching out to a couple college senators from each college, and I would like you guys to see if you could put those in the college newsletters, just to help push that out a little bit, and put it circularly at more than just your news.

Shelby Davis, Internal Chief of Staff: So if everybody could fill out the Senate report form, I'd be appreciative of that. And if you don't, I'll text you to remind me. And then in the drive, in the contacts folder, there's WVU contacts list. That just got updated. If you think there's any missing, please add some. Oh, and then please remember to cc the SGA email on all of your SGA emails, and then also run your projects by me, even if it's just an idea, and you're still kind of thinking it through, just run it by me first. And then also, I really encourage everybody to apply for the Big 12 Student Government Conference by this Sunday. I went last year, and I got a lot out of it. And then I also went to Big 12 on the Hill. And I think the one not on the Hill is a lot better than on the Hill, and I really recommend going to it, in my opinion.

XIII. Old Business

No Old Business.

XIV. New Business

A. New Student Organization Approvals

1. Run With Christ

Levi Watson: Hello. I'm the president of Run with Christ here in Morgantown. We also just go by the branding of RWC. So our mission at Run with Christ is to aim to bring people from isolation to integration through faith and fitness. This organization actually started in Columbus in September last year. And then for our branch here in Morgantown, our first run was March 1st of this calendar year. And we are trying to go through the process of becoming a student org so we can properly meet on campus and reach out to all of the young adults in Morgantown, as well as the community of Morgantown. We meet weekly, typically Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. in front of the Ag Science Building. But during home football games on Saturday here in the fall, we're meeting Friday night at 8 p.m., I believe. And we pass out free Alanis and coffee. We sometimes have a live DJ. We have yard games and then we have a large group run. So the purpose of our

organization is to actually gather all of the ministries in Morgantown together into one central location, at least once a week where we talk to one another, we share stories and just kind of interact. We have a 5K, a two mile and then a walking group. So we're not just a run club, but that is our official name.

2. West Virginia Emerging Law Journal

John Jones: I am the president and editor-in-chief of the West Virginia Emerging Law Journal, and we are asking to be recognized as a student organization. First, I would like to just discuss, I am from the law school, obviously, and I'd like to talk more about writing in general in the legal field. So, basically, you can boil down legal writing into three categories. That's transactional writing, that's writing for litigation, and scholarly and academic writing. Now, the school provides quite a bit of resources for two of them, but the third one, academic writing and scholarly writing, which I believe is one of the most important forms of writing in the legal field, is a little bit, not a lot of access or resources currently at the law school. So, there's a lot of great academic writers at the law school and there's a lot of budding students who are also very interested in it. I actually did a student organization fair, and there was about, almost 40% of the class of 2028 showed interest, wrote down their names, and are currently on the email registration list for the journal. So, there is quite a bit of demand for a journal, and the current journal is great. It's been around for a long time, but they only accept about 10% of the student body, and out of that 10%, we only publish about three times a year because we are a print journal. So, about 10% of the law review actually gets to have their work published. Now, what essentially we want to do is just create a new journal for the WVU Law School, and we wouldn't be the minority in that. We currently have one, and it's a disservice to the academic writers that are in the law school who just don't have the access to the academic writing material, to the publication process. So, essentially, we just want to give the students more opportunities to enter that field. Like I said, academic writing, scholarly writing, is one of the most important forms of writing in the legal field.

Senator Cole motioned to bundle the vote for the organizations, seconded by President Pro Tempore Robinson.

Senator Cole moved to the previous question, seconded by Senator Silva. Senator Cole moved to vote by voice.

All ayes, both orgs passed unanimously.

B. Bureau of Finance

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Julia Leyden, Treasurer: Hi, everyone. We have an exquisite bill for eight grants for seven organizations. Some of the cool things we're funding are a 3D printer for one of our orgs. We're funding some travel, some supplies, and also for our College of Law class of 2026. They're going to Fright Farm as a class-bonding event. So great bill, exquisite bill. I highly recommend voting yes on it.

College Senator Mugnano moved to the previous question, second by President Pro Tempore Robinson. College Senator Mugnano moved to vote be voice.
All ayes, the bill was passed unanimously.

XV. Open Student Forum II

President Pro Tempore Robinson: The Black Student Union didn't have to change their flag football date because I think it's going to rain on Friday. So, that will be next Saturday. There's a cash prize involved in that. Please get a team together. I don't care if you've never played flag football in your life. It'll be a fun time. You should sign up.

College Senator Mehring: As we've kind of talked about, tomorrow is Save a Life Day, aka, Free Narcan Day. I would encourage you all to go get a box if you're not volunteering. If you are, still get one. Just a little ways away from Oakland, last week on Monday, I saved a man's life by administering Narcan. Be ready to go. Keep that thing on you. Thank you.

Ava McMullen, intern: I'm a part of a group called A Moment of Magic, which if you don't know what that is, it's basically where people go dressed up as princesses, superheroes, anything like that, to the children's hospitals. And right now, I am raising money for my own costume. I'm hoping for Belle, but we'll see. But I'm going to send the link into the group chat. If you even have, like, a dollar, like, that is fine. And if you want to join, it is every Tuesday at 8 o'clock in the Evansdale campus, but you can see me after the meeting if you want more information. Thank you.

XVI. Advisors' Reports

Morgan Prunty, M.A.: Registration is due on Friday. If your org is not registered on Monday, you will get a loss of recognition letter, and we will cancel all of your things. If you have questions, stop by the SORC, send us an email at SEL at mail. If you go to the registration page, link's on the right, but it's also in our link tree and our bio on Instagram, which is probably easier to find. Also on Friday, for all of my seniors, homecoming court applications close at noon, 12 p.m. noon. Any applications submitted after that will not be considered. Please, if any of you all are seniors, we would love to see all the applications so we can send those out to our judges on Friday. Also, if any of your student orgs that you all are in would like to participate in a homecoming parade, the applications for that are still open, also on Engage. But it is \$25 for student groups to participate. You don't have to have a float or anything. You can simply walk. I know someone just mentioned Moment of Magic. They walk every year. They get in full costume, and they walk down the road, and the little kids love them. So it doesn't have to be super elaborate. Just come on out, hang out with us. It'll be lots of fun, and then you can stroll straight to the alumni mixer. Yeah, so it's also midterms. Please take care of yourselves, friends. I know everyone's brain is really mushy right now. So take a break. Do not over cram. You have to sleep. Your brain will not retain it if you do not sleep. But also, going on that, Senator Cole and Brogan, who's also a former SGA-er, are hosting a pop-in event for midterms. So it's a de-stress. We're gonna have popcorn. It's gonna be fall-themed. So we're gonna have cute little fall candies. And we're gonna have coloring pages and crayons. So come and color, de-stress, hang out with us for a little bit. It will be next Wednesday, October 1st, from 10 to two at the SORC. If you all need anything, you know how to find me and Thahn. Thank you.

XVII. Snaps

Vice President Jones: I'm going to give snaps to Thanh and Morgan.

Thank you all so much for going to Jacksonville with us, taking care of us.

We appreciate it. I would also like to give snaps to everyone who went to retreat, but in particular, the chairs, the task force chairs and whatnot, who had to facilitate some of the discussions that we had. I really appreciate it, and I really appreciate all the help that I got planning that stuff.

Garret Oursler, Intern Coordinator: Snaps to all the interns who already reached out to Carrie from our meeting to start talking about things that they wanted to do. Three or four people have already e-mailed me, so they listened. She was really excited, so thank you.

Senator Cole: I just want to give snaps to Mimi. You had a great report. I really appreciated that.

Julia Leyden, Treasurer: Snaps to the BoF interns. They do so much work behind the scenes. You guys are awesome, so snap to you guys.

Laynie Miller, Comms Coordinator: Snaps to every senator that has been in a spotlight so far or executive. You guys have been wonderful to work with, and I'm so proud of you all for putting yourselves out there on social media like that.

XVIII. Adjournment

Senator Cole motioned to adjourn, seconded by President Pro Tempore Robinson. Ayes have it, the meeting was adjourned.