

**West Virginia University
Student Government Association
Student Assembly Meeting
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM
January 29th, 2025
2024-2025 Long-Browning Administration**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Abigail Browning at 7:3 pm

II. Reading of the SGA Mission Statement

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Abigail Browning

III. Roll Call

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Orcutt

President Pro Tempore Olivero - Present

College Senator Armstrong - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Davis - Present

College Senator Duvert - Present

Senator Fernando - Present

College Senator Fleece - Present

College Senator Giggenbach - Present

College Senator Henson - Present

Senator Hoh - Present

Senator Indomenico - Present

Senator Jones - Present

College Senator Jones - Present

College Senator Kelly - Present

College Senator Khalilullah - Absent

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Present

College Senator Madden - Present

College Senator Magrogan - Present

Senator Meeker - Absent
College Senator Mehring - Present
College Senator Merlin - Present
College Senator Mugnano - Present
Senator Olivero - Present
Senator O'Neal - Present
Senator Plymale - Absent
College Senator Robinson - Present
College Senator Schmieder - Present
College Senator Selders - Present
College Senator Shaffer - Absent
College Senator Silva - Present
Senator Street - Present
College Senator Tadros - Present
Senator Vuiller - Present

IV. Reading and Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by President Pro-Tempore Olivero, seconded by Senator Street

The agenda was Approved

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by President Pro-Tempore Olivero, seconded by College Senator Jones

The minutes were approved

VI. Open Student Forum I

No Open Student Forum I at this time

VII. Discussion of Student Engagement and Outreach Act, Julia Leyden, Student Organization Liaison, and Mason Cantwell, Outreach Coordinator

Student Organizations Liaison Leyden: This presentation is just about the outreach bill you passed last semester

Outreach Coordinator Cantwell: Just a refresh, this bill allows SGA to use full legislative privileges and meet with student orgs.

Leyden: This requires senators to table twice a semester and meet with at least one student org. Executives must table at least once. Some things we suggest for making these meetings efficient is to be approachable, know your audience, and know your resources. Know the basics and know where to find the specifics. Know how SGA and SEL offer grants and resources for all organizations. Please check out all the links and resources I have provided for help. When you visit a student org, you should browse through ENGAGE to see which one you would like to meet with. Use this as a good jumping off point. I also want to emphasize that attending events is also preferred, not only attending meetings. You can submit the org meeting form on ENGAGE and you will either be approved or rejected due to numerous factors. The main thing we want you guys to do is keep in contact with the orgs, be a good representative of SGA, and be involved. Also send a follow up email to keep in contact. Then submit the post student org visit form as a report on ENGAGE so we can group together the common themes and address the things that come up in SGA meetings. Be sure to continue to advocate for the orgs and for your engagement!

Cantwell: As for tabling, this allows student orgs to have more connections with SGA. There are links on ENGAGE for requesting tabling. If you are the one who is initiating the tabling, you are the one who should fill out the form. There will also be the two week in advance deadline for submission just like the student org pre-meeting form. We also want to put a cap on four tabling events a month so we don't take all the tabling spots for other orgs. Also only three members at a table per hour so we aren't bombarding the table. As for guidelines, be sure that you are engaging and aren't on your phone or laptop. Stand up and talk! There are also a pre tabling checklist here on the slides.

Leyden: We want to make sure that these tables and visits are for this administration and not for campaigning. Campaigning tabling and visits do not count toward this requirement. Here are the links for the resource documents and the forms.

Cantwell: We also wanted to use ENGAGE for this because it is a great resource for us. This will save you so much time later on. Both of our links and emails are on this form as well, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We also put our phone numbers on here. Please use these documents!

Senator Davis: Will the student involvement fair count as tabling time?

Cantwell: Yes. Just send me the sign up sheet when you can.

VIII. The President's Report

President Long: On Friday, I presented the results of the peer to peer survey to the Deans and I wanted to present these to you as well. 69% of the respondents had a positive response to group work. 55% said sometimes or rarely they feel connected to others, which lines up with our loneliness statistics. We correlated this with UCLA's loneliness scale. 77% said their favorite class had peer to peer interaction, and the majority said that group work is best completed in class when everything is evenly distributed. I will present this to the Faculty Senate.

Arts Alliance met last night and we have a great slate of events coming up. The interest form is still up on the website. I wanted to mention that I am here to support all of you and we should all be willing to lend a helping hand. This administration is coming to an end in 2 months and that's about how long you have to complete your initiatives unless you are running again. I want to help you get your ideas across the finish line, so please let me know if you need anything. I have a BOG meeting this Friday and the agenda should be posted on their website. I know that there is a lot going on right now, and it is perfectly okay to advocate for your viewpoints, just be sure you are keeping all of us in the loop so we can act as a unit. If we want to keep collaborating with others, I just want us to be careful and strategic in what organizations we partner with so we don't blur organizational lines. Please go through Mary for all of your graphics, Mary would be more than happy to meet your aesthetic needs. My quote for today is "Go out on a limb, that's where the fruit is." - Jimmy Carter

IX. The Vice President's Report

Vice President Browning: Please schedule your one on ones, link is in your email. Charlie and I met with Heather Richardson, and I also met with AOD committee and we learned more about UPD's role on the Mon Metro Drug task force. I will also be meeting to discuss accessibility on HSC. also Brunch and Inauguration will be April 13th and Change of Seats on the 16th

X. Assembly Reports

College Senator Selders: Friday will be the beginning of the Cupid's Drive, Morgantown mutual aid will be tabling with us at 123 Pleasant street for a concert!

College Senator Magrogan: Last night Mimi and I presented at City Council for a fall safety walk. We will be working on spring safety walk for downtown and evansdale soon!

XI. Committee Reports

Senator O'Neal: Tris and I met with members of the DEI department to talk about our current political climate. The executive order orders the succession of DEI. State entities cannot use funds to promote or fund DEI, which includes our university. It also bans employers from demanding DEI statements and it requires all of these entities to submit a plan to remove these DEI resources within 90 days. The DEI office doesn't know what will happen when the Governor reviews. Also the DEI statements and training are optional. The name of the department and the focus will change, but the resources will remain. We wanted to stress this to you guys and tell you not to worry.

College Senator Silva: The main things to take away from this are that the department is going to do their best to keep their resources the same. They are currently working around different DEI requirements, like the ones at the Law School, so we don't lose any accreditation. I just want to let you know that you are not alone. We and the department will keep working and advocating for you.

XII. Executive Reports

Elections Chair Coulter: Please sign up to be on the elections committee if you are not running or helping a campaign so everything runs more efficiently. Filing packets close tomorrow at 5, so please encourage everyone who may be interested in running to fill one out

Legislative Affairs Officer Pierce: Just a few updates. I got the RACK data, and I put that report into the drive. We just would really like to get the Hunger Free Campus Act passed. Working on an assembly proclamation in support of the rack and to help combat food insecurity. I am still working on getting a meeting scheduled with Hanshaw to get this to him. I am meeting with Travis soon to discuss the future and lobbying.

Chief of Staff Risk: Member of the month is Gabrielle Selders for her efforts on the Cupid's Drive. Intern of the month is Maria Felsher because of her attendance in CGR and SGA meetings and her work on legislation.

Alumni Relations Liaison McDonald: I have had 2 meetings with Kevin, one of which was with the board. The first meeting for the Alumni Association is February 20th and they plan to pass the bylaws. They want to start getting together for socials over the summer. We are trying to get a basketball game scheduled for alumni connections and you can get discounted tickets if you would like to network and talk with the alumni. We will do a zoom panel sometime in march, and we will work with Adventure WV sometime in april or may, doing a high and low ropes course. Please answer my poll if you want to buy a ticket for March 8th's basketball game.

XIII. Old Business

No old business at this time

XIV. New Business

A. New Student Organization Approval

1. El Rincon Hispano

The ayes have it, the organization was approved

A. FB-2025-02

President Pro-Tempore Olivero moved to amend the bill to the third Bill Treasurer Leadmon sent out, seconded by Senator Street.

The motion passes

College Senator Mugnano: What changed between the first and second bill?

Treasurer Leadmon: The third one is also messed up and not actually updated, bear with me here. Sending out a fourth one.

Policy Coordinator Wooten plays goofy music in the distance.

Treasurer Leadmon: The organization ordered chick fil a, but they had to change their order to account for allergies and needed more money, so that is what was amended.

A motion to end discussion and vote was made by Senator Olivero, seconded by College Senator Silva.

The ayes have it, the bill was approved.

XV. Open Student Forum II

No one was recognized for Open Student Forum II

XVI. Advisors' Reports

Morgan Prunty: Just please make sure you are being mindful of the systems we have in place for communications and utilize Mary to the fullest so we have a very specific SGA brand and a consistent voice. Please just be as proactive as you can. Tonight is the last night to sign up

for Dancing with our Mountaineer Stars, form is on ENGAGE open until midnight. Next Wednesday is the involvement fair 2-5 at the Rec. We will be going straight over to the Coliseum for the Women's Basketball game, and sign ups for that are still open. This will be my last meeting due to maternity leave, but you guys are so incredible! Congrats everyone!

XVII. Snaps

Snaps were given to Treasurer Leadmon, Senator Davis, Local Governance Liaison Ferguson, Senator Streets, The Muppets, Gabby, Maria, College Senator Magrogan, and Morgan Prunty. And Anti Snaps to College Senator Jones

XVIII. Adjournment

*A motion to adjourn was made by College Senator Mugnano, Seconded by College Senator Silva
The ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned.*