

**West Virginia University  
Student Government Association  
Student Assembly Meeting  
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM  
October 11th, 2023  
2023-2024 Santmyer-Dozier Administration**

**I. Call to Order**

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

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

The SGA Mission Statement was read by Vice President Brogan Dozier

**III. Roll Call**

Roll was called by Executive Secretary Prichard

President Pro Tempore Risk - Present

College Senator Abbas - Present

College Senator Arastu - Present

College Senator Bielinski - Present

Senator Bromley - Present

College Senator Coulter - Present

College Senator Dursa - Present

Senator Eastman - Present

College Senator Farooq - Present

Senator Frazier - Present

College Senator Henson - Present

College Senator Indomenico - Present

College Senator Jackson - Present

College Senator Kaminski - Present

Senator Leadmon - Present

College Senator Lipkovitch - Present

College Senator Lutman - Present

College Senator Madden - Present

Senator Olivero - Present  
College Senator Oursler - Present  
College Senator Phillips - Present  
College Senator Pillo - Absent  
Senator Randle - Present  
Senator Sadler - Present  
College Senator Schmieder - Present  
Senator Scholl - Absent  
College Senator Shiels - Present  
College Senator Switala - Present  
Senator Vodiany - Absent  
Senator Weeks - Absent  
College Senator Witt - Present

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

The motion to approve the agenda was entertained by Senator Frazier  
The motion to approve the agenda was seconded by College Senator Indomenico  
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 College Senator Oursler  
The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Senator Frazier  
There were no objections, and the minutes were approved.

**VI. Open Student Forum I**

*Former President Chloe Hernandez:* Here is your quote, “It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps that bring about the most lasting change.”

**VII. The President’s Report**

*President Santmyer:* I am sorry that I am not there, I had a presentation this morning for the West Virginia Community Systems for my role on the advisory council for students. I met the Board of Governors summit for West Virginia, so it was the Board of Governors for all the schools, except for Marshall. It is going really well. Tomorrow I will be back. On the 29th, we went to the capitol and talked

about ways we can help the state of West Virginia and moving forward with the issues the university has been facing. Overall it went really well. Fill out the poll in the GroupMe about office hours. I just want to see who will use them, just please be honest. I wrote legislation on benches and covering last year for the bus stops. I was sent pictures from the office of accessibility that they are making progress on that. Your legislation does matter. Please submit your bios and photos so we can get those up on the website. We are walking in the homecoming parade, if you want to sign up for that please reach out to charlie and fill out the form.

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

*Vice President Dozier:* The legislation vacancies committee and I have been working hard to fill vacancies seats among the assembly. We have vacancies in chambers, health sciences, law, and college of creative arts. If you know someone that would be great, please reach out to them. Specifically health science, we are hurting. We would like to have a representative for health science. Expect a message scheduling your one-on-ones. We just want to check in, talk about legislation ideas, pros, cons, whatever. Please be on the lookout for that message. The J-court application is out, so please push that. We will be having an informal meeting next week. There will be some great conversations on how to get involved and write legislation. It will be super chill and super fun, bring some snacks, do some brainstorming.

### **IX. Assembly Reports**

*College Senator Madden:* The meeting with the Chamber's dean was very productive. He was very receptive to our ideas. The Chamber's Scholar Program along with the Chamber's Advisory, we shared a lot of good ideas. Including the scholar walk outside of the library. He talked about some safety concerns near the area there. That's all I have, thank you.

*College Senator Oursler:* I presented the Campus Collaborative to Speaker Hanshaw. He was very receptive to that. He is a graduate of the Davis College and part of the traveling advisory board. He is very connected to what we do. He thought it was a good idea. We discussed how WVU could focus on our service side as well. Travis Mollohan thinks from what he said, he may go on to write more about it in the legislation. I have met with Shepherd's Student Government and Marshall's Student Government, and talked about our partnership. We are waiting on some

budget models, but those should be finished next week and we will be moving forward very quickly. I met with the director for roads and grounds, and vice president, they are open to an initiative I would like to start. It has to do with increasing study spaces outside. They just want to know where, and we will be scouting those places out soon. I just wanted to float this idea, but the auxiliary and business services want to do a “game night” with SGA. Or a cornhole tournament or something. He seemed intrigued and I thought it would be fun to do something like that.

## **X. Committee Reports**

### **1. Student Life**

*Senator Olivero:* The safety and accessibility walk is still happening on Tuesday the 17th at 6:30p.m. There is a link to sign up if you want to attend. We are covering Downtown, Sunnyside, and Evansdale. I will send information out to everyone who signs up that will detail how we will do reporting and what we will be looking at and looking for.

### **2. Community Engagement**

*Senator Leadmon:* This Saturday we will be co-hosting an event with the Parent's Club. We will be doing pictures, snacks, and games. This is a great opportunity for SGA to show themselves to the students of WVU and their parents. If you are able to do this, please message Anna Witt. It will be a great time. Come out to the safety and accessibility walk, it will be very fun. On October 26th, SGA will be participating in Trunk or Treat. I am still looking for a theme. I don't want to be lame and sweaty in the polos. If you have any candy suggestions, let me know. We are going to start tabling. I will send sign ups and info about that in the SGsLAy GroupMe. If we get over 30 sign ups I will die happy. If not, then I will not. One more thing, interns you are interns. You are appreciated at these events. Please come out. You all are very important because there are about as many of you as there are us.

### **3. Strategic Initiatives**

*Senator Frazier:* We had a really productive meeting. We have two ideas for legislation that we are interested in. We were interested in creating a way for SGA to thank the facility workers for what they have done. Senator Lutman suggested that we could have a Campus Workers' Appreciation Day or week. Either that, or just legislation that could proclaim our thanks

to the campus workers. If you are interested, stop by our meeting or reach out to us. Another idea was working with career services, corporate relations, and academic affairs about how we can increase the collaboration with the other colleges.

## **XI. Executive Reports**

*Chief of Staff Long:* We have been planning an internal event for all SGA members where you all can hear from various SGA student alumni, past student body presidents and vice presidents. You can ask them any questions you would want. This would be on November 6th at 7:00p.m. I hope you all will come, I think it is a very valuable opportunity. The Carruth Center is hosting a workshop on October 18th at Cafe Evansdale called KindFul: A Body Love Conversation. Join them for conversation, all students are welcome and you get a free meal. That's it for tonight.

*Local Government Liaison Day:* Fill out the safety and accessibility survey if you haven't already. We have some upcoming town halls. The first one is October 16th at 7:00pm. in the Shenandoah room. The following Tuesday we will have another town hall on Evansdale, same time in Crossings room 414.

*Outreach Coordinator Tiano:* The month of giving is still going on. We are collecting food in support of the rack. Next week we are doing an education and literacy drive for the Morgantown Library. Anything you donate is eligible for service hours. It is posted on Iserve. We are doing a community clean up for an in-person service event. I officially have the tab bins up on all three campuses. The initiative will be up by the end of the week. Keep it in mind for the next home football game. Thank you guys.

*Treasurer Patel:* If anyone needs funding for SGA events, I opened up the internal budget requests form on engage. Just fill that out, and please give me a 2 weeks in advance notice so I can have everything ready. If you have any questions please let me know, thanks.

*Elections Chair Weller:* The elections reform survey is out. We have only 20 responses. Please do it. At least all of the senators. Make sure you share it on your socials.

Anyone can fill it out. We just want your feedback on the election code.  
Hopefully we will be bringing legislation to you in a few weeks. Thank you.

## **XII. Old Business**

There was no old business at this time

## **XIII. New Business**

### **A. New Student Organization Approvals**

#### **1. Wellness Council**

College Senator Oursler entertained a motion to vote on the organization  
Senator Eastman seconded the motion to vote on the organization  
With no objections, the *Wellness Council* passes as a new student  
organization

#### **2. Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy**

Senator Frazier entertained a motion to vote on the organization  
College Senator Kaminski seconded the motion to vote on the  
Organization  
With no objections, the *Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy* passes as a  
new student organization

### **B. FB-2023-11**

College Senator Madden entertained a motion to amend the bill as stated  
The motion was seconded by President Pro Tempore Risk  
With no objections, the bill was amended

College Senator Oursler entertained a motion to pass the amended bill  
The motion was seconded by College Senator Indomenico  
With no objections, the bill was passed

## **XIV. Financial Literacy Survey Discussion, College Senator Madden**

*College Senator Madden:* Financial Literacy stuff was something I ran to pursue. We are  
in the process of creating a survey that would go out to the student body so they  
could speak on, if there were an event, what they would like to learn at that event.

I also wanted to ask you guys if there were anything specific within your colleges or that your friends were talking about that you think might be important to put in the survey.

*Senator Olivero:* Did we do a survey over the summer, I remember working on one, is that what they are wanting to send out?

*College Senator Madden:* They are working on a new one that is through the Provost's office so they have access to the data. They essentially scrapped ours, which I was upset about but.

*Senator Olivero:* Are we going to try to do the GEF things right now or is that a later thing?

*College Senator Madden:* Yeah, that is kind of a later thing because right now they are just trying to gauge who knows what, and what they would like to know. Something that drastic is just on hold for now.

*President Pro Tempore Risk:* I definitely think it is important to ask students how much they know about personal finance. Such as a credit card or loans. Maybe ask about their own student loans or any money they did receive to go to school. I think that is the thing that affects the most students.

*College Senator Madden:* Yes, we discussed that. I think those would be some of the bigger things that people would want to know about. You all can reach out to me if there is anything else you all think of. We hope to get the survey created by this Friday.

*Senator Olivero:* Is the end goal trying to do certain events to bridge that information gap?

*College Senator Madden:* Yes exactly. Depending on what the topic of the event would be, would shape who and what we need to do and get.

## **XV. Micro Scholarships Discussion, College Senator Madden**

*College Senator Madden:* We discussed an idea about micro scholarships. Those were originally intended to be an incentive to come to whatever event we were going to

hold. It turns out, that was not allowed. But when we started talking about it a little more, they do stuff like that but for different purposes. They want to determine what they would be able to give microscholarship for. Some examples were food insecurity, housing insecurity. Any input you all have about that would be appreciated

*President Pro Tempore Risk:* I know you mentioned that it has to be for specific things, do you know how they go about awarding scholarships that may be for housing or food insecurity? Is there a specific way that they will ensure they are using it for that need? Or do they just hope they will use it for that need?

*College Senator Madden:* Honestly, I have no idea. I think that was another reason I was told to talk about it with everyone here. I have no idea how that process works. They want to determine what we could do about getting more information with how that would work.

*College Senator Oursler:* How are we quantifying food security? What numbers are we going off of? How do we know they are food insecure? I don't know how we would do that.

*College Senator Madden:* That is another question that they want answered by us. This is really just a way to get the conversation started. That is something they definitely wanted brought up.

*Senator Frazier:* If you are food insecure, and not independent from your parents taxes, you wouldn't be able to get food stamps or welfare services. With that in mind, a scholarship for food insecurity would be easier to quantify.

*College Senator Switala:* I am the president of the Student Basic Needs Coalition. One of the things we have been focusing on this year is parenting with a company to fill out a screener to tell you if you are eligible for snap benefits. I don't know if that could be something considered when looking into the microscholarship. Because at least then they could know if they are eligible or ineligible for snaps, since things are changing for college students so much on the basis of eligibility. Maybe there are some other things that the Student Basic Needs Coalition could help with, and the Student Life Committee could focus on.



## **XVI. Open Student Forum II**

*Senator Olivero:* If you go to the safety walk, you get to wear a really cool, high-vis vest. If that doesn't sell you, I don't know what will.

*College Senator Oursler:* The sustainability goals for the university will be published soon. If we have anything that they put on there that we don't think is important, or something that we do want on there, just let me know. This Friday from 12:00pm-5:00pm, the Davis College is holding its first FarmFest. You can check out the farms and learn all kinds of things. There are a bunch of cool things that we do. It will be a fun time, it is for everybody.

*Senator Sadler:* Something that has been on my mind is that faculty are getting cut. They are really amazing people. They are West Virginians, they are Mountaineers. I think we should just be really mindful, check in on each other. It is just a really depressing time and situation.

*Chief of Staff Long:* It really is a month of service. The Pre-Law Society will have a donation box out for the Rape and Domestic Violence Information center. You can donate essential items, as long as they are not feminine-hygiene items.

*Senator Leadmon:* If anyone knows how much candy I need for the track or treat, please let me know. I have no idea. We just can't run out of candy. We would be really lame, just pack up and go home.

*Pluto:* I am Anabella's apprentice, my name is Pluto. I just wanted to say that as someone who is an out of state student, my tuition is through the roof. I spent \$26,000 on tuition to come here. The scholarships are really important. I don't know who was talking about the Student Basic Needs but I want to come talk to you. That's it.

*Senator Frazier:* 100 Black Women are hosting a book drive for the Appalachian Prison Book Project. We are collecting books of all genres. The APBP really likes reference books so if you have any of those laying around, bring those. The donation boxes are in the lair, Evansdale, and the center for black culture.

## **XVII. Advisors' Reports**

*Morgan Prunty:* Next week is homecoming. Campaigning will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Voting will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00am. to 7:00p.m. Please vote and encourage your friends to vote. Parade applications will close next Wednesday. If you are wanting to participate, please fill that out and get those applications in. Internal groups are \$25 and external groups are \$75. If you are not in the parade but would like to help with staging, please sign up. Volunteering is 3:30 to 8:00 ish. If you need anything, you all know where to find us. This week is our competition food drive between the rack, and Houston's food pantry. We are doing a food drive as part of that. Any student organization can donate. Whichever org donates the most food will be awarded a \$100 grant through SEL.

*Thanh Le via Zoom:* I miss y'all

## **XVIII. Snaps**

Snaps were given to Cate, the Apprentices, Mr. Weller, College Senator Oursler, Anna Witt

## **XIX. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was entertained by President Pro Tempore Risk  
The motion was seconded by College Senator Farooq  
With no objections, the meeting was adjourned

West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
October 11, 2023

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 2023 Semester per the official WVU Academic Calendar.

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### TITLE I: Motor Control Group

For Expenses to cover registration fees for two conferences in November and January.

<i>Motor Control Group</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	5 people	\$1250.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$1250.00</b>

### TITLE II: Motor Control Group

For Expenses to cover club merchandise for current & new members of the student org.

<i>Motor Control Group</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Shirts	12	\$940.27
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$940.27</b>

### TITLE III: WVU OSTEM

For Expenses to cover hotel rooms in Anaheim, CA for the National oSTEM conference on Nov. 9th - Nov. 11th

<b><i>WVU OSTEM</i></b>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	2 rooms x 3 nights	\$1240.33
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$1240.33</b>

### TITLE IV: Biochemistry Club

For Expenses to cover prizes for a trivia night event on Nov. 1st at 6:00 pm in Clark Hall.

<b><i>Biochemistry Club</i></b>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Supplies	9 items	\$270.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$270.00</b>

### TITLE V: Pershing Rifles

For Expenses to cover registration to become a nationally recognized organization.

<i>Pershing Rifles</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	10 members	\$650.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$650.00</b>

### TITLE VI: WVU Sports Management Club

For Expenses to cover: Large Nugget Tray, Large Mac & Cheese Tray, and Large chocolate cookie tray from Chick-fil-A, and 5 medium Hand tossed cheese pizzas, 5 pepperoni hand tossed pizzas, and 8 cinnamon bread twists.

<i>WVU Sports Management Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Food		\$350.61
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$350.61</b>

### TITLE VII: Alpha Phi Omega

For Expenses to cover registration and lodging for the APO National Convention in December in Indianapolis, IN.

<i>Alpha Phi Omega</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Lodging	3 nights	\$540.12
Registration		\$721.65
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$1261.12</b>

### TITLE VIII: Quiz Bowl Club

For Expenses to cover registration for 1 team to compete at the IQBT Undergraduate Qualifying Tournament on Nov. 2nd-Nov. 5th.

<i>Quiz Bowl Club</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration		\$55.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$55.00</b>

**TITLE IX: Veterans of WVU**

For Expenses to cover registration for Student Veterans of America National Convention on Jan. 4th - Jan. 6th in Nashville, TN.

<i>Veterans of WVU</i>		
Item	Quantity	Cost
Registration	4 people	\$1520.00
Total Allocated Funds		<b>\$1520.00</b>



## APPENDIX A

### *Financial Bill Total Allocation Amount*

<b>Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals</b>	
Organization	Total Cost
Motor Control Group	\$1250.00
Motor Control Group	\$940.27
WVU OSTEM	\$1240.33
BioChemistry Club	\$270.00
Pershing Rifles	\$650.00
WVU Sports Management Club	\$350.61
Alpha Phi Omega	\$1261.12
Quiz Bowl Club	\$55.00
Veterans of WVU	\$1520.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,537.33</b>

## APPENDIX B

### *Requested Amounts Per Organization*

<b>Financial Bill 2023-24 Totals</b>		
Organization	Total Grant Request	Total Suggested
Motor Control Group	\$1500.00	\$1250.00
Motor Control Group	\$940.27	\$940.27
WVU OSTEM	\$1615.00	\$1240.33
Biochemistry Club	\$300.00	\$270.00
Pershing Rifles	\$650.00	\$650.00
WVU Sports Management Club	\$350.61	\$350.61
Alpha Phi Omega	\$1358.65	\$1261.12
Quiz Bowl Club	\$55.00	\$55.00
Veterans of WVU	\$1520.00	\$1520.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,289.53</b>	<b>\$7537.33</b>