

West Virginia University  
Student Government Association  
Regular Student Assembly Meeting  
Vandalia Lounge, Mountainlair, 7:30 PM  
October 15, 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 President Pro Tempore Robinson, seconded by College Senator Mehring.

V. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

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

VI. Open Student Forum I

*Danielle Trumble, Mayor of Morgantown:* Just wanted to say thank you to you all for inviting me and having me. I will be joining in on the Student Government Association Safety Walk tomorrow. I have only been Mayor of Morgantown since July, but I've been on City Council since 2021. During that time that I've been on Council, I've largely worked with the Center for Community Engagement. I've led a lot of student volunteer projects, I've participated on panels, things like that. Now that I'm Mayor, one of my goals for my term is to improve the relationship, break down some of the barriers between students and permanent residents of

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Morgantown. We want you to view yourselves and the rest of the students to view themselves as residents of the City of Morgantown. This is a place that you live, not just a place that you go to school. So working with the SGA on ways that we can do that is very important to me. I am also currently serving on the National League of Cities University Communities Council, and I will be hopefully working with Colin and his team over the coming year to push forward some of the initiatives of that group. We're doing a lot of work on census counts and things like that right now, so certainly we'll not be a stranger around these parts. Thank you for having me.

## VII. The President's Report

*President Street:* If you didn't know, we had the Big 12 Conference last week. Thank you to all the delegates who went on behalf of WVU. I know a ton of the other delegates posted pictures on their personal Instagrams. So it seems like we showed them a really good time. And you guys all participated really well too. So just thank you for that. I know in cabinet we talked a lot about the insights we got from some of the other Big 12 schools. I know we're going to, Logan's is going to focus on building out the University Relations Department with Katelyn. So if you're in that department make sure you're at the next two meetings. They're going to be super important. Moving forward from that, I have some more information on the Board of Governor's Vote campaign that we've been working on. I have my next Advisory Council of Students meeting, which is the committee of all the student body presidents in West Virginia. Tomorrow at 1pm, we're going to be outlining the advocacy campaign so we're on the same page with all of the other schools. And talking about Month of Service, which we'll be working with Mimi on going forward. Month of Service is a program we used to do with Marshall every October, where every week we did a different service activity in Mon County and Huntington. We're going to expand that out so we'll have a definitive month after that meeting. Besides that, we're going to outline our timeline to advocate for the student vote back on the board. We're looking at October to pass through a joint resolution through all of the assemblies of every student government in West Virginia. In November, we're going to work on training all of the other schools and teaching them how to interact with their legislators. Our state government relations team here at WVU will be coming to our SGA to get that presentation. But they'll also be coming to the Advisory Council of Students to help them out. We'll be working on individual meetings during December in terms of every school reaching out to their own delegates at the state level. And then in January we'll go right before the session starts to advocate with every school in tandem together.

Besides political advocacy, I had my presentation to the Faculty Senate on Monday when President Benson gave us a State of the University on the Bach Initiative, which is building

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academic communities and homes in departments. The presentation went fairly well. Faculty were pretty receptive to it. We've had eight departments already sign up. So me, my intern, Emily, and Bradley are going to be meeting weekly to get these departments up to speed. I know Emily already has scheduled a couple meetings with these department chairs so we can figure out where they're at right now and then build up the five policies we're going to be working on, what to implement in their departments. Those five policies are having all faculty involved in the teaching of 191 courses. So students come into their time at WVU knowing all of the professors in their department. Having a department wide open door policy since the departments we surveyed have said that that works a lot better than just having defined office hours. Having student-run, faculty-mentored social media, that represents the department. But this gives students an opportunity to highlight internships that other students might not know about. Having monthly student faculty mixtures so students have an opportunity to interact with their faculty in a less intimidating environment. And having a department common space. So I know Julia is a big fan of the history department lounge. And some of the other departments have amazing lounges as well. But having that common space for departments is super important. Because community is built on those tiny interactions not in a classroom or a group project.

Beyond the Bach initiative, I've had some developments on the campus projects we've been working on. The mutual aid cabinet is good to go with the Eec center. We're waiting to order that until Health Sciences approves it. Katelyn and I have a meeting with the Health Science facility team at Pylons tomorrow to survey the area and figure out where on Pylons a mutual aid cabinet would be best fit. Additionally we're still waiting and we're still in communications with Carrie to see if we can expand the resources that the mutual aid cabinets offer, to offer free Plan B. But that is on hold. In terms of solar panels, Traci from the sustainability office reached back out to Andrew and I. And we have a meeting on the books. Next week we'll be going with the dean and associate deans of the Davis College as well as the facilities team and the sustainability team to survey the area that we picked out to move solar panels in front of the greenhouse. Talk about what challenges we might have and all else fails. We're in budget which is great. We were not in budget last year. So hopefully this is a nice next step to ensure that we have solar panels on campus. Beyond that we talked in cabinet and approved an internal budget request to do seating on the PRT platform for the Beechurst platforms. The federal funding that the university got for PRT upgrades last year is being implemented over a roughly ten year span. So Beechurst is the only one that has gotten those upgrades so far. So with that said and since the time frame on the plan is going to take so long, we decided to purchase seating for the Beechurst station and lend it to future administrations to decide if they were going to do seating on other platforms. Besides that, our enrollment outreach form asking students why they chose WVU is doing pretty well. We're at two hundred ish

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responses. Our goal is a thousand. So Ro and I are working with Rhonda Black. She oversees all of the first year experience in 191 classes. We're going to go to them and present the enrollment survey to them. BYU said that's something that they do. Their student body president and vice president goes to every 191 class to ask first year students what problems they face on campus. Also we'll be doing that and plugging some of our surveys as well. So we can make sure we hit that thousand survey response target by the end of the semester.

Besides that, just some general items. Ro and I have our monthly meeting with President Benson next week. So if you have anything we want to mention to him, let us know. I'm sure he'll talk about you again Dominic. We also have a lunch with our vice president of enrollment. He's brand new. He's great. Hopefully that lunch will yield him coming and presenting his work here at an SGA meeting. He presented to faculty senate on Monday and he's got a great plan for us. So I'm super excited for you all to meet him. I had an honorary degree committee meeting today. That wasn't much of anything, but it was cool. And then some committees at the university are being restructured that cabinet serves on. So we've had some shuffles there. That is all I have for you today. Thank you.

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

*Vice President Jones:* I have, as I said at the last meeting, begun my Senator one-on-ones. All of you need to make sure that you go and schedule those for those of you who haven't already done that. We obviously had the Big 12 conference over fall break. I hope everyone did have a very good and well-rested fall break. It was an excellent event that we hosted over the course of the weekend. Everyone from the other Big 12 schools were really impressed by WVU, they were impressed by our facilities, they were impressed by how gorgeous our campus and our state is. And so, again, as Colin said, thank you to all of our delegates who attended that. Next, this past week, I had my first meeting for the Hardesty Festival of Ideas, my lead project under our administration for the vice presidency. And so we met with some of the folks in Stewart Hall in the president's office to start planning out the logistics of that. I created a survey. I'm having my second meeting with him tomorrow to go over the results of that survey on topics people wanna hear over the course of the span of a week for the Festival of Ideas. I would also like to mention, I've mentioned this before, I'm on the search committee looking for our new academic provost. We have begun to increasingly progress through that process. We've now finalized our latest list of candidates. We are down to, I believe, the final 10 to 15 candidates and we'll be running the gauntlet over this Thursday and this Friday from 8 to 5 p.m. going through interviews for all of these candidates. So that process is chugging along very well.

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## IX. Committee Reports

*Senator Cole:* Safety committee is chugging along and we literally just spent our entire time going over the previous projects. We have no new business. We are wrapping up pretty much everything that we had planned. And then I will note, for the birdie distribution project in college, Senator Hill and I are meeting with Hannah from SAPT tomorrow at 12:30. So hopefully we will have an update for that next week.

*College Senator Torres:* So the connection committee had a full house today. Thank you so much for coming out. But most of our meeting was spent talking with Dean Showalter. She popped in and basically just for feedback from us and also to just discuss some things. Some of the things we talked about with her was a downtown satellite office plan b just in case the Chambers one doesn't work out and just kind of troubleshooting some problems with that. We also talked about the international student closet and getting access to the international student closet to make sure that that can be easy access for everyone and all the RAs to have that. We talked about making gift baskets for the international students when they first come in, filled with sheets, an American phone number, and all that stuff that they need and that they can't bring home from their country. We also talked about potentially training a bunch of students to run student support groups. And then also the green bandana project initiative. She gave us some contact information for that. And then some interns and people talked about some of their projects and asked her for some points of contact for that which was great. And we just had a lot of great discussions with the interns on how we can best serve their initiatives. So that's what we did.

*Senator Vullier:* If you haven't seen it already, it's on the SGA Instagram. We have the campus closet survey up and I can send it into the formal group chat along the link so that you guys can all fill it out, at least all fill it out so that we can have some data back to be able to present to try to get it up and running. Secondly, we also heard of some really good projects which I am really excited about. So yeah, good job, interns. And then we had Sexual Assault Prevention Task force as well as the Hospitality Task Force come to our committee tonight and we just threw around some potential ideas and saw the logistics of them.

*College Senator Mugnano:* The college projects committee was honored to have the interns come in and visit with us. So we did introductions with each other so that we were all familiar and then we went over what the interns, what their projects were and if they were related to the College Projects Committee and if we could work together with those. And then we shared

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what each center's projects were that we've been working on and then we also discussed one of our committee student organizations that we were going to go to. One canceled on us this week so we were talking about rescheduling that.

*College Senator Shaik:* We basically are just gathering our data from the forms for undergraduate TAs and we're organizing that data. So if any of you know anybody who's a TA or you guys are undergraduate TAs, please fill out that form or send that to them. And then there are plans for an Eberly meeting to make decisions on how undergraduate TAs will be processed as it's a pretty big college and widespread possibilities of majors. And then Peter attended the Big 12 Conference and he found that every single university at the Big 12 Conference has some form of payment to undergraduate TAs, which is part of our advocacy group. And so we are planning to gather it and take specific data and develop a presentation that can be universally sent or presented to school deans as an advocacy for undergraduate TAs. And then our mentees and interns at our meeting and some pretty cool ideas. One idea in particular, free pool at the Mountainlair outside of up all night hours. And then we finished off just researching engineering capstone courses so that we can interact with the engineers, engineering seniors who have completed difficult courses and identify which courses TAs would be beneficial in. Thank you very much.

*College Senator Tuttle:* We started off by doing introductions for the interns and talked about why we were interested in sustainability and the projects we were interested in, so I thought that was fun. And then we went over the upcoming events, which tomorrow at 6 in Brooks 202 we're having a speaker, Mike Jones. And then Friday at 7 we've got another speaker. And then we're having a service opportunity next Thursday. And then E-Day at the Capitol in Charleston, it's not until February 23rd, but the sign-up is up in the sustainability folder. Thank you very much.

## X. Assembly Reports

*President Pro Tempore Robinson:* I hope you had a good fall break. The first meeting for the Eberly Dean search committee was on Monday. I think it went really well, and the committee members were very receptive to my feedback. They had a lot of questions about student input, which I wasn't really expecting. I went to Big XII, and I gained a lot of insight that I'd like to implement in our assembly. So just so you guys know, after talking to these people, we do a lot of unique things with our resources compared to the way other schools function, and I think you're all doing a really great job in your work being creative and advocating for the student

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body. So when we start looking at other people's budgets and comparing ourselves to them, just know that we do a lot more with our resources than they do. We do a lot of different things. Senators, a lot of you are hard at work preparing and working on your initiatives. Try to support each other in your endeavors, like showing up to events that we're holding. I know Andrew's working really hard on the sustainability stuff, you can show up to that. Whenever people are organizing, tabling, show up to those things as well, when you can. I mean, you guys are already doing well with that, but just like supporting other senators and things that you are not really involved in, like if it's not your committee running something, that doesn't mean you can't go. On the Eberly side of things, we're getting a lot of positive feedback on the events that we've been holding, and we're trying to capitalize on some of the momentum. We had a dean meeting today, that's where I'm getting this from. So we're looking to host an event towards the end of the semester around the time of the Woodburn lighting ceremony. We're going to do something like a holiday themed event for the students. Eberly really likes our enrollment survey, and they'll be sending that out shortly. They commend our commitment to helping the university recruit and retain students, and they gave us some ideas for surveys that we'll hopefully be talking about soon. I don't know that the provost, well, the assistant provost highlighted this, but enrollment went up 8% last year among freshmen, in the Eberly College the enrollment went up 17%. So that tells you how much Eberly is contributing and how impactful our efforts in research and service can be. So I think we should just be taking these things seriously in our efforts, but yeah, that's all I got. Thanks.

## XI. Executive Reports

*Will Andrews, Alumni Relations Liaison:* So, as I'm sure you're all aware, next week is homecoming week. There's a lot of events planned, but I wanted you to know about some of them. Starting off with next week on Wednesday at our SGA meeting, our alumni panel will be coming to field questions about student government and life as alumni. They cover a good spread of industries. It should be anything from business to policy, so I'm sure you guys will be interested in that. On Thursday of homecoming week, there will be a networking event at the Erikson Alumni Center, and I was encouraged to bring honors business students, so interns, if any of that fits you, please let me know after the meeting so that I can get you on the guest list. On Friday, our lovely advisors in SEL helped put together a parade that is sure to be fun, and we actually have some SGA members in the parade as well, so a round of applause to them. Following the parade will be our Alumni Mixer at the Ward Building on High Street, which is across the street from the courthouse. It starts at 8:30 and goes to 10 p.m., so mark your calendars, please. I'll send more information as we get closer to it.

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And then, on Saturday before the game, I'll likely be attending the reception at the Alumni Center, just to speak with any alumni that could possibly help us with any of our current initiatives, and actually that game is the Coal Rush game, so make sure to wear all black and show up for our alumni. For other business, I sent everyone that did not put their information into the internal contact sheet, so please do that if you haven't already. The reason I ask is because in case you are willing to join the SGA Alumni Board upon graduation, they'll be able to reach out to you for events, meetings, and the like. And then finally, I was invited this past weekend over fall break with three other chamber students to compete in the Cornhusker Case Competition at the University of Nebraska against universities like Texas A&M, Kansas State, and the University of Washington. Two of them were members of Delta Sigma Pi, so thank you to College Senator Poole and the rest of our DSP SGA members for producing high-performing individuals. We got some great ideas from the competition for the expansions of our business honors program, so if you're interested in any of that, reach out to me as well. Thank you.

*Mimi Ferguson, Community Engagement Coordinator:* First I sit on the Committee for Alcohol and Other Drugs at the university, and Wes Thomas, he chairs that. He's from Well WVU, and he just asked that I share a couple upcoming training sessions with you guys just in case you're interested. There's a safe talk training in person happening Friday, October 17th from 1 to 5 p.m. in Field Hall. Safe Talk is a half-day training in suicide alertness. And then there's naloxone training, unfortunately it is Wednesday, October 22nd from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Room of the Lair, so we'll all be busy, but please share that with your friends. The participant would be provided with a Narcan Nasal Spray Kit after the training. And then on Friday, November 14th from 9 to 5, they're having a Mental Health First Aid Day. It's virtual. It requires like two hours of online pre-course modules, and if you are interested in that, there's more details in the link, so just reach out to me and I can send you guys the sign-up links for all of this.

And then for SGA specifically, in the next two weeks, I think we have about six outreach related events that you guys can get some service hours for participating in, so if you got an email from me saying that you don't have your service hours yet, really pay attention here to this. As soon as I sit down, I'm going to send the document with all of the information about these. But on October 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. on Evansdale and Downtown Campuses, we have the Safety Walk that Bryan and Ethan have been working on planning, so thank you to both of them. It should be a pretty good event. And then thank you to the Mayor for coming to that as well. And then on October 17th, we have the Trunk or Treat from 4 to 6:15 at Eastwood Elementary, and unfortunately the sign-up for that is full, but I just wanted to remind those volunteers that that's still happening. And then we have a Bears in Blankets Drive that's going to start on Monday, October 20th, and run to November 3rd. So remember how last month we had the

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Blessing Box Drive, so basically the Bears in Blankets Drive is just so we can have a more passive service event going on in case you guys can't make it to any of the in-person events. The donation box will just be in the SGA Lounge like the Blessing Box Drive box was, and you can donate most types of stuffed animals and blankets, but they need to be new. And then you can reach out to me if you have any questions about that as well.

And we also are doing something for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. So on October 22nd, so next meeting, in between committees and the general meeting, we're going to let you guys out like 15 minutes early from your committees if you want to participate in this. Basically we're going to be making little cards with positive messages, and we're going to tie them onto pink flowers with pink ribbons, and then we're going to take those to the Breast Cancer Wing of the WVU Cancer Institute, and we're going to pass those out to the different people who are in the waiting room there just to raise awareness for this month. And then Andrew's been planning the Canoes and Bikes Cleanup on the Long River and Rail Trail, and so that's going to be October 23rd from 2 to 6, and that's partnered with Adventure West Virginia I believe, so that should be a really cool event.

And then last but not least, like Will was talking about, we have the Homecoming Parade, and SGA is actually going to walk in that together, so something we've been talking about is trying to become more visible to the community, and we think if we go participate in something that literally almost everyone in Morgantown comes to, then it's definitely a good way to show out for the community. So that's going to be October 24th, the parade starts at 6pm, but the lineup's going to need to be a little bit earlier than that, so I'm probably going to send a separate message next week that I'll have people like if you're going to attend that. Thanks.

*Julia Leyden, Treasurer:* Hi guys, so the first thing I want to just mention to you all is that I met with the Grant Resource Center yesterday and discussed some grant work that we're going to be doing in SGA with our grant officers, but they also wanted to extend to the rest of SGA. If you're interested in getting trained on working with grants or grant applications that they'd like to offer you guys training, so if anyone at all is interested, you don't have to be in the Treasury Department, you can be an intern, you can be a Senator, whatever, if you're interested in getting trained in terms of grant processes and stuff, just let me know, my phone number's in the internal drive, or you can email me. And then, I wanted to update you all on a change to the catering policy, which is hopefully our final change. We'll be allowing two caterings per year with no dollar amount cap. After reviewing the applications we've had this year and in the past, I think this is the best move for our student org, so I just wanted to give you all that update on what the plan will be moving forward. Thank you.

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*Ethan Enterline, Local Governance Liaison:* Hello everybody. Just a reminder again, the fall campus safety walk is going to be tomorrow from 6 to 8pm. If you signed up already, you should have gotten an email from me telling you which groups that you have been put in, and some other important information. We also had our final tabling for this questionnaire on Monday, and I want to thank everybody who has volunteered on any of the three tabling events that I've scheduled for this. Because of your help, we've had about 70 responses on this questionnaire, and these responses are going to be super useful for when we report the safety walk in a presentation to the city. And then I also wanted to personally thank Mayor Trumble for coming to this meeting on such short notice. When I stepped into the role of Local Governance Liaison, I never actually expected to have such a strong connection with her and the rest of the City Council. I think what makes the city of Morgantown really special is that they genuinely do love hearing the voices of the people that live in this city, as well as WVU students. And that's kind of something you don't always see in every local government around the world here, or country. I'm just going to promote their council meetings. If you're ever interested in attending a city council meeting, they happen on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7pm. I try to make it to every one of them. If you ever have any concerns about stuff that's happening in the city, or you want to bring something up to them, we've got a public portion every single meeting. And they're really good at listening to you during that. And sometimes they even bring it up in their own reports and talk about what you just talked about. So that's something that's pretty good. And then lastly, I just want to promote the fact that Mayor Trumble is going to be at the Woodburn Circle on Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm for a candlelight vigil for domestic violence victims. I mentioned that last week, but she's going to be giving a proclamation for that. So if you're interested in coming and supporting that, just feel free to attend.

*Logan Pierce, External Chief of Staff:* This is just to serve as a friendly reminder that our unofficial, unsponsored, formal is happening this Saturday. I know you guys have had some questions about that, but all the information is pinned in the informal group chat. So if you go to the top, everything is pinned. It tells you location, date, cost of entry. I think it'll be a good time.

*Katelyn Merlin, University Relations Liaison:* Okay, so as far as tabling goes, we have a lot of surveys and stuff out right now. And it would be great if you guys would table for those. We need more tabling opportunities generally just to get out there. So if you have any projects you're working on or, you know, the surveys or anything else, please just text me or, well, text me but also fill out the form to schedule tabling. So I'm going to go through the submissions and I'll email everyone that isn't up to their tabling hours this weekend, you know, give you that Sunday 11:59 deadline. Other than that, I'm the rep for the Advisory Council for Undergraduate

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Research and they asked that I share two flyers. So one is the Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol, which is Thursday, February 19th. But the submission deadline is Friday, November 21st, which is coming up. And then the Fall Symposium, the abstract submissions are closing on November 7th, which is only in a couple short weeks. So I'll put those in the chat if you're interested, but if you guys ever have anything for that Advisory Council, please let me know.

*Garrett Oursler, Intern Coordinator:* Hello everybody, I just wanted to hope, I just wanted to ask, did we enjoy the interns at committee meetings this week? I heard that you all helped them a lot, so thank you. Hopefully they had some good ideas that you all can help them with eventually. I just wanted to make sure everybody understands, interns can either work on a personal project, so they don't have to work in a group, or there are seven groups so far that were formed at the last intern meeting that are working on this one, like one project per group. Before any of those groups or any intern meets with an administrator, they should set up a meeting with me so I know what they're working on, so if you're a mentor, and the interns are asking for help with this, you can absolutely help them figure out what they're working on and who to reach out to, but before they reach out, I would like to know what they're working on. I would want them to set up a meeting with me so I can also coach them like, oh, that's a good person to meet with, you're doing the right thing, this is what you do, just so we don't have seven groups doing different things on different time scales, and it's not organized, so that's the only thing I wanted to say. I just want to applaud the intern for all the work that they've already done in the roles that they're doing, I've only ever heard good things, either you're doing a great job, or I love my intern, or this is a perfect match, so I'm just happy that all of you are doing as much as you are doing, so thank you very much.

## XII. Old Business

### A. AB-2025-10-01

#### 1. Legislative Vacancy Amendments, Senator Cole

*Senator Cole:* Whereas, according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Committee is to, “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

Whereas, upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee, collectively voted on the following proposed

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amendment; and, Whereas, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the following proposed amendments will allow for the accountability of the Executive Branch regarding Legislative Vacancies, as well as allowing for checks and balances within the Student Government,

Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The following changes concerning legislative vacancies laid forth throughout the SGA Constitution and set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take effect upon approval by the student body during the General Election:

Article V, Section 5.4, Subsection 5.4.1, Clause A shall be amended as:

a. Approve or deny all SGA Presidential executive appointments of Officers and Directors. Vacancy appointments not submitted within thirty (30) days of said vacancy may be filled by the Assembly upon two-thirds (2/3) majority approval;

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Article X, Section 10.1, Clause A shall be amended as:

a. Any appointed position within the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association, which becomes vacant shall be filled by presidential appointment with two-thirds (2/3) approval

of the Student Assembly, as previously described in this Constitution;

Article X, Section 10.1, Clause C, Subsections 7 through 9 shall be amended as

7. The thirty (30) academic day period for filling a vacancy shall begin upon the official declaration of the vacancy by the member. The Select Committee on Legislative Vacancies and Appointments must, within this thirty (30) academic day period, select a nominee, ensure the nominee testifies in an open session before the Student Assembly—including a period for questions and answers—and ensure the Student Assembly votes on the nomination.

a. Academic days are defined as days during which the University is open and on-campus classes are officially in session. If classes are canceled for the entire campus, for any portion of a day, the day will not be deemed an academic day.

8. If no appointment is made within the thirty (30) academic day period, the Student Assembly may appoint a qualified student to the vacant position

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by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Any such appointment must follow the application, testimony, and interview procedures outlined in subsections 2 through 5 of this clause.

9. If the Select Committee fails to convene or take action within twenty (20) academic days of the official declaration of vacancy, the Student Assembly shall assume responsibility for the nomination and appointment process as outlined above.
10. If a vacancy arises after February 1, the above clauses shall be voided and a Select Committee on Legislative Vacancies shall not have to convene and the Student Assembly shall not have the right to appoint a qualified student to the vacancy position by a two-third (2/3) vote.

Senator Cole moved to the pervious question and motioned to vote by voice, seconded by Senator Silva.

All ayes. The bill was passed unanimously.

### XIII. New Business

#### A. New Student Organization Approval

##### 1. The 23 Society

Bryan Cole: This is a great organization. It's such an honor to be here in front of SGA. I'm just going to go through the slides here. So our motto here is there are 23 reasons but no explanations. Only those who taste what we stand for will understand. Contrary to popular belief, we are not a club or an organization, like your agenda says. This is a society of trusted individuals meeting good faith and good standing and with good combination. Yeah, we have a very simple purpose here on campus. That's to celebrate the art of balance, sweetness, spice, and perfection, create events and traditions on campus that spark curiosity and leave a mark on our campus without leaving a trace. We've got five core tenets here. So respect all members in our organization. We'll stand equal. Secrecy. Not all things must be settled out other than, you know, here. Tradition. The first 23 of this organization shall be known, according to our constitution, as the founding flavors. The selection is imitation-based, so anybody may express interest. To close it out, 23 Society is more than just a name. It's a quiet presence, a gathering of thinkers, doers, and believers in balance.

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President Pro Tempore Robinson moved to vote by roll, seconded by College Senator Mehring. The club passed after receiving a majority vote.

B. AP-2025-10-01

1. Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, President Pro Tempore Robinson

*President Pro Tempore Robinson:* Whereas, the West Virginia University (WVU) mission statement reads, "[we] commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity;" and;

Whereas, The West Virginia University Student Government Association's (WVU SGA) the mission statement reads that "We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University...an atmosphere that helps to foster an open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected;" and;

Whereas, The WVU SGA's vision statement reads that we are "To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by; promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone," and;

Whereas, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and, Whereas, On September 23rd, 2025, The West Virginia University Police Department released the annual Clery Act Report, which included statistics for Domestic Violence and related offenses on campus, and;

Whereas, The Clery Act Report listed that in the past three years, there have been 77 domestic violence offenses, 1 dating violence incident, and 88 stalking offenses on the Morgantown Campus. There were 4 domestic violence offenses on the WVU Bridgeport Nursing School campus, and;

Whereas, Nationally, dating violence "is a serious issue impacting approximately 20%–30% of college students in the United States"

Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The West Virginia University Student Government Association sees and supports each and every student, faculty, or staff member at WVU who has ever been

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a victim of domestic violence, and;

Section 2: The West Virginia University Student Government Association continues to recognize and support the Division of Campus Engagement and Compliance, the Women's Resource Center, the Carruth Center, the University Police Department, the Monongalia County Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, and Campus and Community Life's Student Advocacy Center for the prevention and support work they do related to domestic violence on campus, and;

Section 3: The West Virginia University Student Government Association formally recognizes and observes October as National Domestic Violence Prevention Month.

Section 4: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to the mandates listed below.

Senator Silva moved to fast track the bill, seconded by Senator Cole.

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

All ayes. The bill passed unanimously.

C. AP-2025-10-02

1. MMMPO Infrastructure Recommendations, Senator Cole

Senator Cole moved to waive second reading of bill, seconded by Senator Silva.

*Senator Cole:* Whereas, the West Virginia University Mission Statement reads “As a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University [shall] commit to creating...healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity; by advancing high-impact research; and by leading transformation in West Virginia and the world through local...[and] state engagement.” ; and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) Vision Statement reads “To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by;...creating a campus that can accommodate everyone, actively engaging all 55 counties in West Virginia, supporting economic development...fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders.”; and,

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Whereas, the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO), in partnership with traffic engineering firm Kimley-Horn, has concluded a two-year regional traffic microsimulation study analyzing the efficiency of traffic, safety of citizens, and pedestrian accessibility of major intersections and travel corridors in downtown Morgantown and the Monongalia Metropolitan area; and,

Whereas, the \$500,000 study utilized traffic modeling software and relied on real-time pedestrian and vehicle data across dozens of sites to evaluate current and future traffic conditions, particularly in high-congestion, high-risk areas near the West Virginia University (WVU) campus; and,

Whereas, the findings of the study identify several intersections & travel corridors in need of urgent and long-term structural reconfiguration, specifically: University Avenue, Willey Street, Beechurst Avenue, Richwood Avenue, Snider Street, Falling Run Road, and Monongahela Boulevard; and,

Whereas, the implementation of roundabouts at the intersections of Beechurst Avenue & 8th Street, the 5-way intersection of Stewart Street, Protzman Street, Van Gilder Avenue, and Hoffman Avenue, and the University Avenue, Pleasant Street, and Westover Bridge is expected to reduce vehicle idling, lower crash frequency, improve overall pedestrian accessibility, and contribute to long-term emissions reductions; and,

Whereas, the study further recommends the critical pedestrian crossing infrastructure in front of the Mountainlair called “Grumbein’s Island” shall be closed through the closure of University Avenue to vehicular traffic between College Avenue and Beechurst Avenue, with realignment of Willey Street and new pedestrian corridors; and,

Whereas, the recommendation from Kimley-Horn to the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) is to include signal optimization, multimodal improvements, the closure of Grumbein’s island to vehicular traffic, the realignment of U.S. Route 119 to Snider Street, and multiple improvements to intersections; and,

Whereas, students, faculty, staff, and residents of the Morgantown area rely heavily on these corridors for daily commutes, access to essential services, and recreational activity, and therefore have a direct stake in the future configuration and safety of the transportation network; and,

Whereas, through direct engagement with students, the Student Government Association has received consistent feedback expressing concern about the potential impact of the proposed closure of University Avenue on vehicular access to the Mountainlair parking garage; and,

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Whereas, the closure would require vehicles to travel up to the Mileground (U.S. 119) and descend via College Avenue, which currently presents several safety and accessibility challenges including vegetation overgrowth from a retaining wall that narrows the northbound lane, making passage for larger vehicles difficult, and inconsistent speed enforcement that allows vehicles to take turns at unsafe speeds, occasionally clipping into the opposite lane; and,

Whereas, the only alternative access route to the Mountainlair would be through the back exit, via Prospect Street to North High Street, which is currently marked “Do Not Enter” and functions as a one-way exit only, with roadways not adequately designed to safely accommodate incoming traffic; and,

Whereas, these conditions raise legitimate concerns regarding student safety, accessibility, and traffic flow, particularly for students with disabilities, commuters, delivery vehicles, and others who rely on dependable vehicular access to central campus facilities; and,

Whereas, the potential closure of University Avenue and redirection of traffic to Falling Run Road would undermine the purpose of the pedestrian bridge, a \$1.6 million project opened in August 2007 advocated for by the Student Government Association, originally constructed to provide safe passage for students crossing between Oglebay Hall and the [Old] Business and Economics Building over a heavily trafficked corridor; and,

Whereas, students have emphasized that while the long-term pedestrianization of University Avenue aligns with WVU’s mission of sustainability, accessibility, and safety, the transition phase must include safe and practical vehicular options for those who still require access to the Mountainlair garage; and,

Whereas, one proposed solution to balance these goals would be to restrict traffic at the intersection of College Avenue and University Avenue, diverting all traffic traveling south on University Avenue toward the Mountainlair onto College Avenue by installing traffic signage and delineators to separate the existing left-turn lane from the through-lane, and adding a security gate similar to the gate in front of Towers on the Evansdale Campus to regulate authorized vehicle access; and,

Whereas, this proposed redirection would allow continued controlled access to the Mountainlair parking garage without full vehicular passage in front of the Mountainlair itself, maintaining pedestrian safety while preserving vehicle functionality for students, staff, and emergency services; and,

Whereas, maintaining the realignment of Willey Street with a two-way connection between Willey Street and University/Beechurst, as referenced in Kimley-Horn’s stud,

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where a portion of the parking lot adjacent to the West Virginia Junior College would be taken for redesign is an acceptable and complementary adjustment, as it prevents direct through-traffic in front of the Mountainlair while maintaining efficient traffic circulation in the downtown core; and,

Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: The Student Government Association formally endorses the recommendations set forth in the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) Microsimulation Study as presented by Kimley-Horn.

Section 2: The Student Government Association recognizes that the implementation of roundabouts, pedestrian corridors, realigned traffic flow, signal optimization, and more is essential to the long-term safety, sustainability, and efficiency of the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan transportation and infrastructure network.

Section 3: The Student Government Association calls on students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to actively participate in public comment during Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) meetings regarding the future of the infrastructure network of our community.

Section 4: The Student Government Association acknowledges and elevates the concerns of students regarding vehicular access to the Mountainlair and surrounding facilities. The Student Government Association urges that prior to the closure of University Avenue, the City of Morgantown and MMMPO should:

- Address existing hazards on College Avenue, including clearing overgrowth, widening lanes where feasible, and implementing speed control and enforcement mechanisms;
- Evaluate the structural feasibility and safety of rerouting vehicles through Prospect Street and North High Street;
- Consider the temporary redirection of traffic from University Avenue onto College Avenue using signage, delineators, and controlled gating mechanisms to allow continued access to the Mountainlair parking garage while maintaining pedestrian safety;
- Ensure that alternative access routes are available and safe for all users, including emergency, ADA, and delivery vehicles;
- Maintain regular communication and opportunities for student feedback throughout the planning and implementation phases.

Section 5: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

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

All ayes, the bill was unanimously passed.

#### D. Bureau of Finance

##### 1. FB-2025-12, Treasurer Leyden:

*Julia Leyden, Treasurer:* An exquisite bill, it's 12 grants for 10 student organizations. We're funding some travel, we're funding some events, and then we're also funding the Beekeeping club to get started. So they're going to be having their stuff for bees, so that's really cool. And then just an update on the budget, as you guys asked me to provide, we have spent \$42,178.32, so around \$57,000 is remaining. We're planning whenever we get to around 50% utilization, which is likely going to be around next week, to send an Instagram post out to remind people about this. And as always, I ask that you guys get, like if you're a college senator, tell people in your college or student organizations about using these funds and get them to apply so that we can get more people involved and it's a wide range of people using these funds.

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

All ayes, the bill was unanimously approved.

#### XIV. Open Student Forum II

*Senator O'Neal:* I'm just gonna plug the sustainability stuff in here, and I know we've already mentioned it, but tomorrow at six in Brooks 202, we have Mike Jones come to talk about advocacy for public lands and conservation. Really hope you guys can be there and support my committee and the work we've done.

*College Senator Poole:* So I spoke with Dean Showalter earlier, like Tris, or like Cheyenne said, she came to our meeting. Anyway, we discussed, like I said last week, I had a feeling that the Reynolds Mental Health Facility might fall out, so we discussed a backup plan with her, and I'll be discussing that further next week. Also, coordinating with Dean Josh Gahl on getting more funding for student organizations separate from SGA funding. And I'm working

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with Dr. Lee Wang and Dan Shahar on expanding student engagement opportunities to the B Corp 199 classes for business students, and also using it as an opportunity to promote SGA.

## XV. Advisors' Reports

*Dr. Thanh Le:* I just wanted to thank all those that participated in the Big XII Student Government Conference. The delegation that you all had represented you all very well during this conference. I really hope that they learned a lot. And the thing that I want to continue to push into you all is like, you all are doing very good work here, comparatively to the other student governments. So while they may flash big numbers, they may be flashy because this is one of the most braggadocious conferences that you'll ever be at. And a lot of you were flexing, you know, names of celebrities that went to their schools, things of that nature. Just know that West Virginia University is doing an amazing job. And everybody that came this weekend had an amazing time and learned a lot from us as well. So just remember that the grass is not always greener. It may look greener. And they have their own issues, just like we have our own issues here on campus. And so don't look at them as saying, oh, they're the gold standard. No, we, you know, WVU is doing a very good job, especially you all. And so be proud of what you have and be proud of what you are doing for this campus and for the students here at the university. And so we will continue to battle for more resources. I know resources are always a point of contention here at WVU. But just know behind closed doors, we're advocating for those resources every day. And so know that we're doing that. Also, I wanted to thank the logistics team that helped me out over the weekend. They made everything look so seamless. And everybody that attended really, really, really enjoyed it. Really, really had good compliments about not only the food but the decor and just the flow of the program in general. And so it would have been impossible to do without an amazing logistics team. And then for those at the delegation and logistics team, please sign this poster board. So that way we have an accurate count of, like, who all attended and who all helped. And we're actually going to frame this in one of the SGA spaces. And kind of commemorate that we hosted this conference. And so hopefully we don't have to host it for another 16 years. And so you all will be long gone, but the next delegation will be trying to plan it for 16 years from now.

And then, of course, next week, you've heard it already, next week is homecoming. And so we're really excited. My office is just feverishly working to ensure that homecoming is great for you all. Please vote in the elections. I believe the homecoming elections are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Engage. And so all you have to do is log on to Engage and just cast your vote, okay? And so please vote for your royalty. You'll see them campaigning essentially all Monday through Wednesday. And so you'll see people in the brick area. You might

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get a lot of free stuff, more than likely. So check them out as well. Also, there will be, for homecoming, there will be a scavenger hunt. If you want more information on that, check out the Student Life Instagram page. There is a small scavenger hunt that's going to be going on that week. Right now we already have 17 teams, and the grand prize is a \$300 gift card to Barnes & Noble. And so \$100 each, so we're looking for teams of three. And so be on the lookout for that. Also, we are also publicizing window painting for homecoming. So if you all are part of an organization that wants to do window painting for the mountain lair, sign up on Engage, and there will be a grand prize for the best design as well. And so be on the lookout for more information than that. Also, the parade. Parade registration, I believe, ends on Monday. So please get your organization signed up by Monday. We are looking for all the student organizations. You can be a walking unit. You can be a car unit. You can do all the things. And so please, we encourage you to do that. It's only \$25. It's really to help us curb the cost because we have to shut down all these streets so early, and so we just want to make sure that we're recouping some of those costs back. But otherwise, just remember also, because homecoming is a Coal Rush game, that is an evening game, that means a long time for tailgating. And so please be careful, stay safe, help out your fellow mountaineers, and look out for each other, especially during homecoming, and have a good time. Otherwise, and then come get some pizza at the student lot. The student lot will start at 3 o'clock, so come get pizza, free food. We're also giving away a PlayStation 5 and a Beats pill. And a free credit card. So come to the student lot from 3 to 5:30 that Saturday before the game. Thank you.

#### XVI. Snaps

*Vice President Jones:* I want to give snaps to Dr. Thanh Le and I want to give snaps to Mrs. Morgan Prunty as well as our entire logistics team. You guys really knocked it out of the park. It would not have been feasible for us to participate in the conference in any meaningful capacity were it not for you guys. You guys sacrificed your fall weekends. You guys drove around like maniacs setting things up so that things look pretty and that our facilities look nice. There was a lot of work that you all put in.

*College Senator Mugnano:* First I want to give snaps to all of those SGA members who came to the Lawn and Econ meeting, Dominic, Emily, Omar, and my intern Sean. I think those two are both left, but shout out snaps in spirit.

And snaps to Senator Evans who has given me and a couple other senators a few rides home.

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*College Senator Scott:* Snaps to WVU and the student government here in general. I had a lot of great conversations and networking with other schools, but I never found myself thinking their government was better. I was never really fully jealous of their campus or their government or even kind of the relationships they seem to have with their government. There was a lot of drama I heard and I just, one of my biggest takeaways was how little drama there seems to be in our own government. So snaps to us.

*College Senator Poole:* Yeah, I want to give snaps to Shelby. She couldn't be here today, but the logistics team has been getting a lot of love and she hasn't gotten to enjoy any of that, so snaps to her. And she is okay, she's alive and well, and she'll be back next week.

*Mimi Ferguson, Community Engagement Coordinator:* Snaps to Ethan and Will in the community engagement department. They're just both doing really good work and continue to also work on their own personal projects outside of their assigned job things.

*Senator O'Neal:* Thanks to everybody that's helped with outreach. I know I've been so annoying this month with all my events and texting probably like half of you to be like, hey, can you plug this or send these flyers out. You guys have been super helpful, so I just thank you for that.

*Laynie Miller, Communications Coordinator:* Snaps to my comms intern, Alexa. She has been doing amazing. She's come to every single comms meeting that we've invited her to, and she's really taken initiative. And it's the first time that I've seen someone so young be so interested in taking pictures for a government organization. So snaps to her.

*President Street:* First, I'm going to snaps to Emma for an amazing RA slime event that you told me about. You said your RLS doubted it, but you had more people than they expected, so snaps to you. And then I'm trying to go home, so snaps to Ro for an amazing two years. It's our two year anniversary today. Very fitting that it's on a Wednesday night.

## XVII. Adjournment

Senator Cole motioned to adjourn, seconded by College Senator Mugnano.  
Ayes have it, the meeting was adjourned.

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