



## **West Virginia University SGA Meeting**

**8/5/2020, 2020-2021 Administration**

### **I. Call to Order at 7:30PM**

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

“We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University and the Student Government Association, an atmosphere that helps to foster and 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 to promote the principles of diversity and responsible self-governance.”

### **III. Roll Call**

President Pro Tempore Jones - present

College Senator Backus -

Senator Brooks -

Senator Colbert - present

Senator Cunningham - present

Senator Daniel - present

Senator Donnelly - present

Senator Eby -

College Senator Eyler -

College Senator Hanson - present

Senator Harman - present

Senator Ihlenfeld - present

Senator Jernigan - present

Senator Knotts - present

Senator Kumar - present

College Senator McKnight - present

**Senator Miller**

College Senator Moore - present

Senator Nadeau - present

Senator Nichols - present

College Senator Rawson - present

Senator Rosello - present

**College Senator Seidel**

**College Senator Stackpole**

Senator Zanabli - present

#### **IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes**

*VP Bragg:* The agenda for today's meeting is before you. I will now entertain a motion to approve the agenda with a show of hands.

Senator Donnelly: So moved.

Senator Daniel: Second.

(Moments pass)

VP Bragg: Motion passes

#### **V. Open Student Forum I**

VP Bragg: Does anyone have anything for Open Student Forum I?

[moments pass]

Seeing none, moving onto the President's report.

#### **VI. President's Report**

President Riggs: Already so everyone. I hope you all have had a wonderful the most importantly safe summer so far. Um, it's hard to believe that it's almost over. But anyways, I wanted to give you all just a brief update on what I've been doing Over the past couple of months, I've met in corresponded with several different departments over the past couple of months while the BU di Office of Sustainability Carruth facilities and web US government relations department. We've been able to really discuss platform ideas and as well as how our organization can partner and further collaborate with each of those departments this upcoming year.

So that's exciting. In the coming weeks. I'll be reaching out to some of you individually to discuss

Certain courses of action that we can take, whether that be through programming or through legislation.

I've also met with the President's office and Dean Ferris quite frequently this summer to discuss students needs in light of the pandemic and I've also really just been doing some planning for this year I've designated each month for our administration to a specific issue. Similar to how we functioned last year. So you all will learn more about that at retreat, which is a perfect segue into the next topic summer retreat. Which is scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11 and 12th, we will begin at 9am I know that might be early for some it is for me and we will wrap up around one every day at noon we will give you all a 30 minute lunch break. Stretch break and then, we will most likely finished at one each day. It could, you know, go a little bit over a little bit short but we'll play that by ear. Retreat is a mandatory event, we will be covering a lot of important information. But, you know, as I have mentioned before in our group meeting. I understand things come up, so if you can't make it. Be sure to message me or Jaron prior to the start of retreat. We have several great activities and speakers planned so be looking forward to it. On Monday evening. There will be a retreat tab that will be created in the drive, where all the materials that you all need, will be additionally on the second day we will be forming our standing committees, so that is something to be thinking about as well. Our health safety student experience inclusion and committee or community engagement committee. So be thinking about you know where your interests are your platforms where they align and and what committee, you're, you're wanting to be a part of this year assembly members will be expected to serve on at least one of those finally, really just some announcements. And in case you haven't seen them. The university is going to be hosting a campus conversation tomorrow at 10am and the revised fall 2020 course schedules were released today. The mandatory coven module is now live so so be sure to take that before the deadline and also if you haven't scheduled your student code test. Be sure to do that as well. They are they are encouraging everyone who will be in Morgantown, even if you don't have in person classes to get tested. I think that's everything that I have. If there's ever anything that I can do for you all please be sure to reach out and

the next time, I'll see you is that retreat. So with that, have a great meeting my quote today is pretty simple. It's just wear a mask. So I'll be myself now.

VP Bragg: Thank you President Riggs. Were there any questions President Riggs? Seeing none, we will move on to the Assembly Reports

## **VII. Assembly Reports**

Do any assembly members have reports?

Senator Daniel: You guys have been brag. Hello everyone. I hope you all are having a great summer, I just want to quickly talk about what college seminary with night. Senator Nichols with myself are working on. After our legislative brainstorming session. We've been working with human conduct on some stuff. We're currently waiting on President D to make an announcement about an action plan.

But after that, we hope to continue our work and we'll keep you updated on what we're doing. If you have any questions, reach out to any of us and enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

VP Bragg: Thank you Seantor Daniel. Do any other assembly members have any reports?

Senator Harman: I've been working with President Verizon treasure catatonia to work on a bill that will sort of changed the way we handle the external budget. I'm my goal is that we're trying to get our more marks or buddy to go to more on campus events, rather than just giving money out for people to travel, our current ideas to sort of just put a cap on the on the percentage of the budget that goes towards travel. We haven't set a lot of hard number yet. But I have a bill written up. We just haven't finalized, some of the details yet so I'll be getting that team, probably for first reading, whenever we have our first regular meeting of the semester. But if anybody wants to look at it. I will be putting in the drive and remember to do that.

VP Bragg: I will look for sponsors and such.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Senator Kumar.

Senator Kumar: Very recently I've been working on creating a programmable messaging system like text notifications for the university. So I just want to put that on people's radars, because I know I was at a meeting with like a couple other senators and assembly members. So I just wanted to let them know what's going on, we're making good headway on it and will probably be ready by like mid term this the semester. So like it would be like for clubs to send out events to students who sign up for the notification thing service.

VP Bragg: Thank you Senator Kumar. Do any other assembly members have a report?  
Seeing none, we will move on to executive reports.

### **VIII. Executive Reports**

Do any executives have a report?

It will actions chair Pressley.

*Election Chair Pressley:* Hi you guys can't see me because I'm in the car, but I just wanted to say thank you all for those who looked at the elections code. I won't be able to make it to the in person virtual retreat. So hopefully I will coordinate with President Riggss and Vice President Bragg to see if you all can go over it. The elections code has to be done this fall and I have some ideas that I need all assembly members input and opinions on and I have also been in meetings with UPD and I've talked to Caruth and I've talked to DDEI. If you guys need any help with anything I'm there for you. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you.

*Student Experience Coordinator Bowers:* Hey all hope you're doing well. Just wanted to put on your radar something that I am working on. So we were thinking about. I was actually talking to Mr President, rigs and also chief of staff can Bry about this a few weeks ago.

Talking about the possibility of doing programming for students that are going to be staying in all departments as it is something that is going to be a very scary and really could be something I'm uncomfortable for them to be experiencing being taken away and away from their family and away from their friends. So if anybody's interested in joining me and talking more about that. You got my mics. I'd love to hear ya. And let's do it. Thank you.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you.

VP Bragg: Do any other executives have a report? Seeing none, we will now move on to New Business.

### **IX. New Business**

Legislation

**AR-2020-09**

Senator Donnelly: So moved

College Senator Moore: Second

VP Bragg: The floor is now open for discussion. Presentation.

President Pro Tempore Jones: So I will be going through it. If you have any questions please wait until the end.

This is an assembly resolution to rename the Robert seabird Health Sciences Center to the Patrice a Harris health centers Health Sciences Center. Authored by myself and Senator Harmon. Whereas the mission statement of West Virginia University committed to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity. Whereas the vision statement of West Virginia University advocates partnering with our communities, both near and far to bring needed and valued solutions to real life problems within the pillars of education, health care and prosperity and whereas ranked as one of the few institutions nationwide that support medical, dental nursing and pharmacy care as well as advanced medical research and education. The WVU Robert C. Byrd's Health Sciences Center at Jesse is committed to furthering medical practices, while supporting cutting edge research and whereas, Robert C Byrd was a founder and a recruiter for the Ku Klux Klan of crab orchard, West Virginia and opponent. To the integration of the United States military and world war two and opponent to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and whereas Robert C. Byrd's namesake, because not embody the goals values or mission.

Of HSBC or of its students due to his involvement in support of racist organizations white opposition to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and is not involvement with the health sciences and whereas Patrice A. Harris and the a psychiatrist from Atlanta, Georgia was elected as the new president elect of the American Medical Association in 2019 Dr. Harris received her medical degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine and completed I psychiatry registered residency and child psychiatry fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine. She also earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the web us really College of Arts and Sciences

and a master's degree in counseling psychology from wus, College of Education Services. She was inducted into in 2007 to the West Virginia University Academy of distinguished alumni and whereas Harris has a diverse experience.

As a private practicing physician public health administrator patient advocate and physician spokesperson during her entire career. Dr. Harris has been a leader in organized medicine to ensure the voice of physicians and patients is represented in healthcare transformation. Harris is the first African American woman to hold the office and whereas Bethany college a private college in northern West Virginia.

Recently removed Robert seabirds name from their health center because we recognize as a campus but the name of our Robert seabird health center creative device divisiveness and pain for members of ethics of the Bethany community both path, past and present.

Whereas the act of renaming something is a very small victory and the pursuit of racial justice and the words of the proposed namesake Dr Patrice Harris. Our diversity is our source of strength as we face medicines most daunting challenges from geography to specialty to age and gender. Are uniquely lived experiences shape, who we are as people. And as physicians and, therefore, be it resolved by the student assembly, West Virginia University recommends that the robber seabird Health Sciences Center and Cancer Research Laboratory be renamed to the purchase a Harris Health Sciences Center and Cancer Research Laboratory. Upon passage and approval on this resolution shall be forwarded to the names that's listed, but not on slide.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, President port improve the president pro tem poor Jones. Are there any questions for Amelia or Josh. Seeing them will now move on to discussion, is there any discussion on AR-2020-09?

Senator Cunningham: Hello, hope you all are doing well.

So I just wanted to say that I do not necessarily disagree with the resolution. So in the where it says men talking about Robert C. Byrd's namesake is on the body, the goals values or mission of

I just wanted to put out there that like a while I know like Robert C. Byrd and his past had inexcusable, and even from his, you know him saying this, you know, unexcusable past, you

know, like that's not the entire legacy and I wouldn't make a statement like that on my own, but I just wanted to read a statement from Benjamin Todd which upon, Robert C. Byrd's death was the president of the NAACP, and he wrote, he said that Robert C. Byrd reflects the transformative power of this nation. Senator Byrd went from being an active member of the KKK to being a stalwart supporter of civil rights in the Voting Rights Act and many other pieces of seminal legislation and that advanced civil rights and liberty of our country. Senator Byrd came to consistently support the NAACP civil rights agenda doing well on the NAACP annual civil rights report card. Use it with as many issues of crucial importance to our members from the reauthorization the Voting Rights Act historic health care legislation of 2010 in the support of the hate crimes Prevention Act. So I just wanted to say that, like, I don't think well of course there's an inexcusable past and I completely agree with that. I think everyone does. I don't think like a statement as like the entire legacy of Robert C. Byrd is that of simply a racist KKK member because, like, and I mean I wouldn't take that just for me but you know people like Representative Lewis who just recently passed away, President Obama the NAACP as a whole have made statements like that. Speaking about bird seeing birds views changing throughout the years. I think stating that his legacy was that alone, might be a bit, just perhaps not capturing a transformation that did very much occur that can be seen through voting records and his own speaking and how his you know colleagues in the Senate and House both saw how he changed throughout the years, condemning has passed condemning gracious praises organizations like the KKK and then supporting civil rights legislation. That's all, thank you all.

VP Bragg: Thank you. College Senator Hanson.

College Senator Hanson: Yes. So this is a this is a very difficult subject to discuss for a lot of people, I'm going to oppose the resolution on the sole ground that I think that there should be more of a universal campus conversation and discussion with Administration about this proposed move Mr. Cunningham's song this points are well taken. At the same time, I don't think society is quite established where to draw the line in terms of canceling somebody's legacy or not. I think there are a lot of factors that could to consider that. And frankly, I'm not sure if we are the people who should be making that final choice and on a personal note, I kind of learned a lesson last month where you know I was one of the people who absolutely supported



closing down the university for coronavirus but when I tried to go to the College of Law and I was so

adamant about this that I supported you know the petition to try to close it 00:21:01 down. I got really shouted down by my classmates at College of Law and I realized that people don't didn't agree with me, you know, even though I thought the my courses absolutely right and I realized that sometimes you really need to build a consensus, you can't just go off of what you individually think is right so like I said, I'm going to oppose this on the soul ground that I think that there needs to be more discussion by historians by the administration by the student body at large about Mr. Birds contributions and demerits. Around this issue. Thank you.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Senator Nichols.

*Senator Nichols:* Yeah, thank you. Um, I just want to say that first of all I really love this. This resolution props to both President protein for James and Senator Harmon for writing it. I just want to say, you know, I think this is really important because, you know, although like Senator coming Cunningham said you know he didn't make statements that you know he had changed. And, you know, that doesn't erase the hurt that he gave people in the past. And I think that that is still part of, you know, his legacy and you know what what he did. And so I think that's really important, and I, I, you know, I, when we first discuss this, I was kind of wary because you know growing up. Robert C. Byrd was always this guy that was hyped up and he was this, you know, amazing person that you know I didn't understand the bad parts about and, you know, and so, you know, as I started to learn some of the parts. Of his history that weren't as great you know there's there's a part of me that as I, you know, thought about this. I was like, why, why am I so in support of, you know, Kim staying there. And then I realized, you know. Well, this isn't this is about students feeling safe. And why should we value somebody's name being on a building or somebody near us even somebody statue or whatever being there when it doesn't make people feel comfortable. And so, you know, this is all about students feel uncomfortable feeling like they're welcome and a campus. And if his name being on a building on campus or being the name of, you know, their college or whatever. That doesn't make them feel comfortable, then I don't think that should be left there. And so I you know I really commend

you all for writing this, and I hope that you know our recommendation to change the name will be heavily taken and so that we can get that change. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Outreach Coordinator D: Hello everyone, being this is my first time at an SGA meeting so forgive me for not having the proper words, But at the end of the day, as a person, as a black student on campus and just seeing the past that, he has had. I really appreciate this. Weather or not many people agree with what the name should be changed to on this call can ultimately decide on what they want to change it to and that can be up to them, but I I do appreciate this. That's all.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Kumar.

Senator Kumar: I see like the arguments against it and saying that like it's taking away from his legacy, but to be honest, it wouldn't really do much to like I don't even understand why his name's on a health sciences building in the first place. Like it would make so much more sense to put Patrice A. Harris's name. So I just am in full support of this bill. I think it's great. I think it'll make the university. Just look a lot better and just feel more inclusive.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Kumar.

Senator Donnelly: Thank you. Yes. In our bond, a took the words right out of my mouth is Senator. And again, I appreciate you bringing up the points about how our CB changed throughout his career, and ultimately, that's the end goal of any motions promote inclusion and celebrate diversity is for those attitudes to change towards openness and so it's great to hear the ICB did that throughout his career. I am a sponsor on this resolution, not so much because I see it as a way to degrade RSPB in his career. I just think Patrice Harris is a better representation for HSBC and more of an better aligns with our goals of promoting inclusion prospering inclusion and celebrating diversity and the achievements of those that actually went through WVU that's another aspect of this that trees Harris is someone who was successful, not only as someone from a diverse background. But as someone who went through WVU. So I do think that we shouldn't look at this, just as an effort to degrade our CB but to actually represent and align on each se with somebody who was successful through that program.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Student Org. Liaison Cunningham.

Student Org. Liaison Cunningham: There we go. Thank you. Um, so, yes, I do appreciate this. I think it's a great idea to change the name. In response to Senator cutting hands excerpt from the President of the NAACP. I just want to make note that like the president of the NAACP while being a part of that organization isn't the voice for all black people, nor was the president of the NAACP. Able to really excuse the damage that bird has done. With his involvement in the KKK or You know, everything else that he's done. Because the thing about racism is that you really can't. You really can't undo the damage that you've done, regardless of whether or not he decided to start humanizing black people. So like, it's cool that he became an ally. Later on I think he was like, what 70 so or maybe a I don't know 870 81 of those like he was almost gone by the time he even decided to care. But also want to note that like allies. Don't get cookies. Just because you decide to start humanizing and caring about black people just because you start like you stopped doing the damage and you start like you know really being this supportive person or whatever, like it's great and all, this is honestly the work that everyone is supposed to be working to dismantle white supremacy and to really be anti racist and I don't know if I've hit my point or not, but I don't want to ramble. I don't know if I didn't have my appointment to talk to me after. I'll just leave it at that. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Zanabli.

Senator Zanabli: Hello everyone. I wanted to first applaud the authors of this resolution, it's very well written and I love the intention behind it. I wanted to just offer like a suggestion to editing this resolution to keep in mind what everyone has been saying there's been a lot of great ideas floating around for and against it. So maybe a suggestion could be that like the goal is to rename the building because I agree, like he has, you know, like no link to like Health Sciences or anything like that. And there's so many people, other people who are. I feel like more qualified could represent the university and represent the health sciences field and everything like that a lot better and could promote diversity and inclusion and stuff. So instead of deciding on one person's and someone brought up that like we shouldn't really decide ourselves and kind of like maybe say we can suggest this person, but the main goal is to just rename it and It could be this person or other people maybe like give a few other names of people and stuff, but just kind of like make it more open so that the goal. And the point is to like rename it but like in a way that

in whose is like inclusive diversity and like keeps in mind the mission of health sciences and all that stuff. So thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Cunningham.

Senator Cunningham: I just wanted to come back because I figured, to be better, easier to do this and speak to the people who spoke just like and responsible. I said, I don't disagree with, like, renaming it for a person to increase diversity and like I don't, I don't, that's not saying but also, like I said before, I completely understand, you know, like Robert seabird has a extremely troubled inexcusable past I do wholeheartedly believe that. And I understand that like that past even though there was change. And the reason I brought up the NAACP, as well as other colleagues that work with Robert Siebert in the Senate for decades. Was not to try to speak for all black people or show support for all people of color in general. And understanding that change happened or like a forgiveness type of thing or something that's not what I was trying to say because I completely understand, like, just because the leader of the NAACP, you know, or even congress people. You know, are like, okay, like if they didn't say they forgive him or anything like that, of course, but like you know saying like they understood that like there was a transformation. I was just thinking on the transformation, because I do believe there is a clear transformation and Robert Burns voting records. And like trying to right wrongs and that's all I was saying, I'm just pointing out like there is a change in legacy. I wasn't even trying to argue necessarily against this. I'm just stating that like It's not the whole story that you know i think that doesn't mean something it's I think it's important to know that like people can actually change. And, you know, like, a member of Congress who have who puts them on paper and has to vote and like you know they choose what they support and what they do. And I think it's good that they're examples like bird that like show that even the worst sides of our country can change. And, you know, like there, there can be a brighter, more, you know, equal future with with the powerful forces that have come with the civil rights movements that have went on throughout the country. And so I just wanted to say that, like, you know, more of just speaking to this that yes, I understand, like, I really, I get what several of you said, and I, I completely understand, I wasn't trying to prop up bird and like say that it probably excuse them or anything like that just stating that you know what I get. It is not the complete story of his time in Congress. And that's all. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you Senator Cunningham. Senator Harman.

Senator Harman: Everybody. So thank you so much for all of your really just like well thought out. And they're just really, really good feedback on to address center Cunningham be before. So our intention was not to pass this tonight. This is just the first read and we're going to do it again for whatever we get to our first regularly scheduled session session. But definitely, I agree that it's important that we tell the most complete version of the truth as possible. So definitely in that section we will add a little bit more information just for how you know transferring just about how he did sort of changes the voting patterns because I think it is important that we tell them that the more complete version of the truth. Um, but still the same time, we still feel that Patrice Harris is a better representative of health sciences of medicine. I'm of, you know, going to WVU receiver didn't do that. Because it's just a stronger sort of representation, because we feel that it's really important that we name our buildings after. Not that I think you Said, we're not going to Change our mind on that part. But we are open to like other name is if anybody has any suggestions. To sort of create a more complete dialogue about possibly changing the name. You know where to reach us.

VP Bragg: Thank you Senator Harman. President Pro Tempore Jones.

President Pro Tempore Jones: Just to echo what Senator Harmon said we do appreciate all the feedback that we receive. We do take it. Seriously, and if any of you have any thoughts like after the meeting as well, like I am more than happy to like, share the document with you. Also, we also have a conversation about it as well. Like I said, it's, it's not the complete final draft of this. So there are revisions to be made and then I know that we will be more than happy to work with you all to come up with something that we are proud to pass, but yes. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact either of us We're here to hear your feedback and opinions. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you, Amelia. Does anyone else have any discussion on AR-2020-09

Alrighty. Seeing none, I will now entertain a motion to table AR 2020 dash 09 for a second reading and our next week meeting which will be September 2.

Senator Donnelly: still move

Senator Nichols: Second

[moments pass]

Motion passes.

VP Bragg: I will now entertain a motion to consider AR dash 10

Senator Daniel: Moved

College Senator Moore: Second.

### **AR-2020-10**

VP Bragg: Senator Jernigan.

Senator Jernigan: So it's like my first time reading a piece of legislation, but here we go. So this is an assembly resolution emphasizing the need for more diverse staff within the guru center to improve black mental health. Whereas what you're doing university can master creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity by leading transformation in West Virginia. And the world through local, state and global engagement and whereas the crew center for psychological in psychiatry surfaces is dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all members of the WVU community acknowledging the differences of everyone helps us to recognize the uniqueness of the human experiences. Whereas Kaylee explains the black college experience at a pw as black college students regularly encounter several and explicit forms of racism on campus. These daily experiences of insight of prejudice and discriminatory behaviors can have an adverse impact on their mental health and whereas in a survey where participants from a PWI and HBCU use black students at the pw I reported that their major stressors were the result of school related events, while participants at the HBCU reporting stressors that would not school related and we're as weather in the cumulative effects of living in a society characterized by white dominance and privilege produces a kind of physical and mental wear and tear that contributes to a host of psychological and physical alignments. And whereas there is a correlation between black students who attend predominately white colleges and negative effects on their mental health. Due to numerous discriminatory encounters with the university professors students police school administrators and staff. And whereas understanding and addressing the mental health needs a racially diverse

students is essential to supporting their success in creating equity and other dimensions, including persistence and pretend to, Overall 42% of students experienced a mental health problem with prevalence ranging from 40% among black students and we're as a student led conversation between students and crew center staff rebuild a need for more black therapists and psychologists after student stated, they're longing. To talk to someone who would understand what they are currently going through, especially during the recent uprisings with the Black Lives Matter movement. And we're asked, Stephanie here soon, a psychologist at the cruise center openly stated that she understands the need and the power and talking to a psychologist or therapist that looks like the student and whereas in a survey conducted at WVU and 2019 that consisted of 15 black students that attended WVU either an undergraduate or graduate school 93% of the participants said that they would be more comfortable at the crew center if there were more black therapists and psychologists and whereas adding diverse staff. To the crew center will increase the number of students that go to the crew center and utilize his resources which in turn, will make strides in improving black mental health at leveraging University. And we're as we take full responsibility for ways in which our center has not risen to the occasion to meet the needs of Black and Brown students, therefore it be resolved by the Student Government Association assembly of US University. That the West Virginia University Student Government Association demands the Washington University officials hire additional black therapists and psychologists for the crew center to improve the overall mental health of black students at Washington University. A composite and approval. This limitation shall be forwarded to the following mandates. I don't know if they're on the screen or not. Probably not, but there it is.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Jernigan. Are there any questions.

All right, seeing none, will move on to the discussion. Is there any discussion on AR-2020-10

Senator Zanabli: Hello. I wanted to that this resolution is really well written. There's a lot of statistics and a lot of like really well written in really just like just a really good resolution. It's kind of like common sense also that, like, you know, whenever you want to talk to someone about your problems. You need someone who understands and who has you know, like who looks like us to feel comfortable, especially when you're a marginalized. Um, so I am in full

support of this resolution, I wanted to thank the author senator jernigan for writing it, and I hope everyone's support as well.

VP Bragg: Thank you Senator Zanabli. Senator Nichols.

Senator Nichols: Thank you. First of all, I want to give huge props to send a dream again. I know this has been a big thing for her. And this is she's been really passionate about. So I'm really glad that she gets to bring this to all of us, um, I love this. I think this is so important, especially for groups that aren't the majority, you know, they, they don't understand what it's like and it causes a lot of issues you know whether you look like you are, you know, you understand the issues that those students go through and I think it's really important to have somebody who understands those issues and can address them because if they don't understand those issues. You're going there for nothing. There's no point. And so I think this is super important, something that should have been done a long time ago. And I'm so glad that you know we can finally get this and make sure that all students have somewhere to go to, so that they can express their issues. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Nichols.

Election Chair Pressley.

Election Chair Pressley: So I am I got an email today from the Career Center. I'm a contributor on this resolution and they let me know that they're hiring a bi PFC specialist for the Career Center. They are they posted the position on a web websites. She sent me the link and I'm going to go look at it and I can share the link with you all. She asked me to provide her any questions that I have about the position. So you all can give me those questions, too, and I'll send them to her. Thank you.

VP Bragg: Thank you very much. Any further discussion on AR-2020-10. Seeing none. I will now entertain a motion to table this for a second reading on that september 2nd.

Senator Harman: Moved

Senator Backus: Second

[moments pass]



Motion passes.

VP Bragg: Seeing none will now move on to our next item of business. AR-2020-11.

Senator Harman: Moved.

College Senator Moore: Second

VP Bragg: Thank you. Senator Jernigan.

Senator Jernigan: Okay, this is an assembly resolution to implement a mentoring program similar to the past year program before I start reading, just to give you guys a little background. The past key name is how do you like you know when it's like branded i guess i don't know what to call it, but like, it's like you can't use the same name because the person who left the university. Took the name with them. So you have to change a name, so therefore it has to be a program similar device key. So let's just starting there, but an assembly resolution to implement a mentoring program. So yeah, copy Mark Yeah. Everything in the chat. That's what it is. Yep. I can think of the word. I'm sorry, I'm okay here we go again. And it's only my solution to implement a mentoring program similar to the past the program. Whereas Washington University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity by leading transformation in West Virginia, and the world through local, state and global engagement. And we're as the mission of pads key is to make the transition from high school to college easier by offering a comprehensive program that teaches minorities, how to manage their time money life skills, and most importantly, how to be good citizens and we're as pass key brings together both faculty and staff who volunteer as mentors and tutors. The program is vital. For first year students and whereas the past them mentoring program was a freshman orientation class that helped African American students successfully transition to college life. It also helped to attract and retain students of color, whereas the necessity of having Miss mentors assist in navigating this new setting is an essential factor in student success. The cat go wow on the word the connection between African American facility mentoring African American college students needs to be addressed in an effort for universities to recognize best practices for retention and student satisfaction, whereas research revealed that students perceived mentoring to be beneficial in their growth in the race of the mentor was a contributing factor and in the development of the

relationship. It was determined that students who received mentoring had a higher grade point average compared to students who did not. Whereas a survey conducted in July of 2020 that was distributed to Washington University's black alumni shows at the program, possibly close relationships. Among peers and staff while having positive impact on their overall experience at Washington University and we're as a survey conducted in December of 2019 at Washington University show that 38% of the participants, which were all black often felt alone and felt and felt as if the community, the community at Washington University does not feel like home. And whereas in the same survey all participants said the implication of a mentoring programs such as past key. Would make their West Virginia University experience better and we're as Eric Murphy IKEA Carter Bozeman and cure core fears are all willing to investigate the structure and details that are required to implement a program such as pass key and whereas in the demands that the black community requested it, there was a statement about the need for mentoring Washington University must prioritize a budget for initiatives that promote the development of black students to lead make a positive impact and build academic community. And whereas what you're doing. Universities black community is divided in and pain and mentoring program that will foster new relationships. So, and serve as a way to connect the black community is imperative. Therefore be resolved by student assembly of Western University, West Virginia University Student Government Association demands that the proper actions to be taken to implement a program like path key Atlas using University. Upon passage and approval. This legislation.

VP Bragg: Thank you Senator Jernigan. Any questions.

College Senator Backus.

Senator Backus: Hello. Oh my, I had a question on if this program would be open to all students of colors and minorities or just African American students?

Senator Jernigan: Will be open to all students of color, but the research that I did most of the participants that were part of the past he program where black. So that's just how does the physics in the research was, you know, dealt with, but it is open to all people of color out what you do University.

VP Bragg: Senator Harman

Senator Harman: First of all, great bill amazing props to you for having to in one night. My question is, do you know why the university stopping this program in the first place.

Senator Jernigan: Yeah, so, um, I guess we could say that when the university loses staff and students and the programs aren't really backed by, you know, buildings that are going to stay here for a long time. Like I'm CVR and like programs tend to fall out with the students and the faculty that leave. So in this specific case, the person who started the program had left the university and no one picked it back up. No one contacted anybody to make, you know, to see, you know, what we're going to do about it, leaving no one really cared so no one did anything. So the program left and I think that it had a very impact a very bad impact on the black community I w. Because if you ask any black alumni, they'll tell you about the past. Key Program. And they're like, oh, it may my experience 1,000 times better. So yeah, just lack of funding lack of people supporting the program after the main person who ran it left.

College Senator Moore: Because in here, my medical everybody else. And so I love this. And I was really happy that you let me sponsor, but I just wanted to ask a question. Um, you had mentioned that Eric Murphy I caught her pause when the couple of the other members of, you know, administration. Had said that they're willing to look into kind of the next steps to implement this program. Um, do you know what those next steps might look like and how we as an assembly STA can kind of help that and still be involved.

Senator Jernigan: Yeah, so I'm I'm currently on a LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE, as we know, he made all of these little committees and A LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE is one of them. And so basically on this committee, we were talking and we were like, Well, you know what will really establish leadership on campus. And we're like, go. What happened to pass key. So this got brought up during the committee talk in. So the plan from from here on out is to we're trying to get if you guys are familiar with rise. We're trying to make rise in in filter it into becoming past key. Eventually, but really the next step for this is like, you know, figuring out what we, how we can make this a freshman orientation class what the freshman orientation class would you know, have within it also just, you know, figuring out funding things figuring out, you know, how do we get students involved in this little stuff like that but it is eventually going to be from rise.

VP Bragg: anymore questions for Senator Jernigans. Seeing none, we'll move on to discussion on AR-2020-11. Seeing none, I will now entertain a motion to table Assembly Resolution 2020-11 until our next meeting September 2nd, 2020.

Senator Nichols: Moved.

Senator Donnelly: Second.

VP Bragg: As motion passes and the bill will be tabled till our next meeting. I'll move on to our next item of business. How now consider a motion to consider Assembly Resolution 2020-12.

College Senator Moore: So Moved.

President Pro Tempore Jones: Second.

College Senator Moore: Great, thanks Jaron and I just want to preface, before I get into the reading of this on the first hand. I want to apologize brevity isn't my strong suit. So I hope you'll bear with me. Um, but I don't know if you guys remember a little bit of discussion we had a couple months ago. And our first Special Session right after the Department of Education had released some new title nine guidelines that they were going to be enforcing on specifically, After kind of, you know, going through and interpreting these, they can be construed by universities to actually Inhibit some of the rights of victims of sexual harassment and misconduct or just completed so on this dress something, I'm to kind of condemn those and I'll read that to you, terribly also want to preface that saying those changes do go into effect next week before our next regular session. So if we could instead of tabling for a second discussion if you could have our discussion and our amendments, following the reading and then hopefully move to a vote after that. But thank you guys and I want to thank everybody who gave me feedback and you sponsor. Really appreciate it. And now for the long team. Resolution condemning the adoption enforcement of the new federal Title nine policies. Whereas the US Department of Education is responsible for enacting Title nine. The Federal law prohibiting sex discrimination at federally funded institutions such as colleges and universities. And whereas on May 6 2020 education secretary Betsy divorces release new regulations within Title nine enforcement policies that present demonstrable threats to the safety of WVU students and preservation of their civil rights. And whereas these changes in policy no longer require schools to address sexual harassment or MISCONDUCT INVOLVING students committed and off

campus locations, not directly under the purview of the school, such as those having been committed during education programs abroad. Whereas these changes in policy mandate post secondary institutions permit each party's advisor to ask the other party all relevant questions and follow up questions, including those challenging credibility and effectively subjecting exams alleged sexual harassment or misconduct to cross examinations by any party except the respondent regardless of any bias or lack of experience in legal and or educational hearing. And whereas this increases the risk of the traumatization of complainants. And whereas return position has been defined as, quote, once reaction to a traumatic exposure that it's colored intensified amplified or shaped by once reactions or adaptations style to previous traumatic experiences and quote. Although the exposure may not be inherently dramatic, but may only carry reminders of the original traumatic event or relationship in quote. And whereas these changes in policy decentralize the processing investigating adjudicating issuing disciplinary measures within the title nine complaint process. Those arbitrarily complicating the complaint process and whereas these changes in policy do not require institutions to adhere to any specific time frame throughout timeline complaint processes. have removed the previous obligation to conduct a title nine investigation within 60 days. And whereas before the implementation of 60 day timeframe for Title nine processes to conclude quote schools frequently during this fusions out for months or even for a year and quote. And where as these changes in policy had been opposed by public institutions of higher learning across the country, including the University of California, the largest public university system, the US. And whereas these changes and policies have been announced by the American Council of education with AC President Ted Mitchell stating quote the Department of Education. It's not living in the real world, quote unquote, excuse me. And whereas these changes in policy have been announced and art to be implemented. On August 14 2020 during a time of national crisis as our sort of global pandemic, during which many institutions of higher learning, including WVU are not currently facilitating fiscal sessions. Therefore, be it resolved by the student assembly of West Virginia University. The West Virginia University Student Government Association condemns the US Department of Education recent changes to the policies guiding the enactment of Title nine and publicly funded institutions across the country, including W. The West Virginia University Student Government Association recommends that the US Department of Education and US education secretary Betsy DeVos revisit the establishment of irresponsible policies adapting them to better protect victims of sexual harassment misconduct. The West

Virginia University Student Government Association encourages the web administration to publicly condemned the changes to title and policies along the same vein of the administration, the University of California. Of West Virginia University Student Government Association encourages the West Virginia University division of diversity, equity, and inclusion. To independently re adopt the 60 day timeline investigation timeline independently require the investigation all Title nine complaints, not having occurred on university property. Really so thorough statement to all the videos students, faculty and employees outlining the division of diversity, equity, and inclusion implementation of these new title nine regulations. effectively utilize student and employee conduct policies to ensure that the Department of Education ambiguity and loosening of the title nine enforcement regulations do not additionally victimized Title nine complainant said

Passage and approval. This legislation shall be forwarded to the mandates listed below. Sorry also mouthful.

- VP Jaron Bragg
- 01:00:50 Thank you, honey. Are there any questions for college that are more Senator Harmon.
- Senator Harmon: Great bill. My God, um, my question is about the sort of last section right here section for, these is the university allowed to go against the Department of Education Policy.
- College Senator Moore: Speaking with the title nine coordinator on campus. Some things are, Requirements for The ability to cross examine complainants that is a requirement set forth by did do it. But, for instance, why they didn't set a new timeline, they just kind of eliminated the need for one so WVU can kind of create their own internal policies for things like that, or four, I'm Investigating off campus complaints. That's kind of and speaking with James going tuner. The title nine coordinator. That's where the education part and kind of set a floor in Devon, you can kind of go past that. Thanks.

- VP Jaron Bragg: Any more questions for College Senator Moore. Alrighty signal will move in the discussion. Is there any discussion on Assembly resolution.
- Senator Cunningham: I just wanted to say this is a very needed and good resolution very well written and I wholeheartedly support not only the resolution but moving forward and voting for tonight. I think that's needed. The sooner we get, get out a statement like this, the better. Because this horrible policy that's being brought forth upon the country is it's just terrible. It's just another piece of evidence that the Department of Education is completely detached from what I would say. Many, many of us many educators and many of our institutions across the country, believe in and support and I it's horrible. So we definitely need to get this out. Thank you.

Senator Hanson: Well, I said I were hardly support this bill as well. Just as a as a little bit of an anecdote Marshall university or I did my undergrad. Had a really big scandal several years ago. Or actually recently about an individual who got away with pretty much raping for women before he was finally expelled. It was kind of a really bad case at the time of Marshall and kind of a black mark in the university. So basically from observing that and re in the in the paper. That's pretty much why something like this is needed because obviously, you know, the university not investigating off campus complaints, where a lot of these incidents happen will lead to these people getting, second, third, and fourth chances before they finally do something enough to get thrown off campus. So that's my spill.

VP Jaron Bragg: Thank you, Senator. Nichols.

Senator Nichols: Thank you. I just wanted to first off, Come in, consider more for writing this. I'm so glad you did. It's I'm really important, I first of all, don't understand why. An organization shows just the Department of Education would take us back in our policies, when it comes to things like this. But you know, it's always something we could not to take the legislative liaison

or any of that. Make sure you vote because that's also important. That also can change things as well. But I really, I really support this. I think that this is at least getting us back to where it should be, in some aspects and not Continuing with this heinous policy that the Department of Education is decided. So I think this is really important that we get this done and get this done as soon as possible. Thank you.

VP Jaron Bragg: Thank you. Senator Ihlenfeld.

Senator Ihlenfeld: Yeah, I just wanted to say that I really, really, really strongly support this resolution, I think it's great. Thank you. Hunter for remembering to write this. I remember being Completely upset when these Title nine guidelines were passed by the Department of Education. So thank you for writing this, even though it's been a couple of months. I think this is absolutely something that we need to do. And I think it's a great idea, especially at WVU when so many of our students live off campus, it's really, really important. So thanks. I'll definitely be supporting this.

VP Jaron Bragg: Thank you, Senator Jernigan.

Senator Jernigan: Yeah, I just wanted to start by saying thank you hunter for writing this, and also thank you for letting me on sponsor. I really think this resolution is needed on campus and just in general because it's important just like for people to feel safe. You know, like this is this is what this is about, like, just making sure that people are comfortable with speaking. And, you know, speaking up about what happened and just feeling comfortable in general. So thanks hunter.



VP Jaron Bragg: Thank you. College Senator Backus.

College Senator Backus: Hello hunter. I really do. I really like this bill. But I think you should add a Kia Carter Bozeman from the giving you the office. She's the prevention specialist for Title nine and equity assurance and I feel like she should also get this as a copy as a mandate. So I think I had to. So in it, how to do this. Um, I would like to make a motion to amend the list of mandates to add Akeya Bozeman.

VP Bragg: Is there a second and you did that correctly.

VP Jaron Bragg: College Senator Moore.

College Senator Moore: Oh, thanks. I appreciate that. Um, yeah, I was going through that list and trying to find everybody involved. So second

VP Bragg: Alrighty. All we are now in discussion on the proposed amendment, which is College, Senator Backus, if you'd like, to say it one more time.

College Senator Backus: It would be to add a cure Akeya Carter Bozeman, oh Okay, I'm sorry, I would, I would like to make a motion to add to the list of mandates at Akeya Carter Bozeman as a she's the title nine prevention specialist for the Department of DDEI.

VP Bragg: Alrighty, is there any discussion on the proposed amendment. Senator Harman.

Senator Harman: Sorry, I had something to say about the general discussion so you can come back.

VP Jaron Bragg: Gotcha. Alright. Seeing no discussion. Is there a motion to vote. College Senator Moore.

College Senator Moore: So Moved

VP Bragg: Senator Nichols.

Senator Nichols: Second

VP Bragg: The amendment passes, we are now in discussion of the bill as a whole.Senator Harman.

Senator Harman: If you will permit me, I would like to ask another question. I'm calling senator more

VP Bragg: Go Ahead.

Senator Harman: I'm in your conversation with the DI staff how willing are they to implement these changes that you've proposed.

College Senator Moore: Um, so they definitely seemed um, again, I really just spoke with them. Mr. Collins, Jr. Who was listed as a title nine coordinator and in equity assurance officer, I believe. He definitely seemed willing to go above and beyond the regulations. Um, he did acquiesce that they are locked into certain provisions, but he was the one who gave me the quote these new regulations are the floor, not the ceiling so well. There wasn't anything specific that he mentioned the tonight office was going to do. There was certainly a willingness to try to best applied his new regulations.

- VP Jaron Bragg: Thank you both. Is there any more discussion on the Resolution in HAMP. Alright. Seeing none, and how the author has elected to attempt to fast track this piece of legislation. I will now entertain a motion to vote via show a hands on Assembly Resolution-2020-12

College Senator Moore: Thank you so much.

VP Jaron Bragg: Thank you. Is there a second. President Pro Tempore Jones. Thank you. All those in favor of Assembly Resolution 2020-12. All those opposed. Alright, if I had the gavel I'd hit it, the bill passes. Moving on to our next item of business. I will now entertain a motion to consider Madison White for safety coordinator.

Senator Nichols: So Moved.

VP Bragg: Senator Knotts.

Senator Knotts: Second.

VP Bragg: Thank you. Madison, you now have the floor.

*Madison White* : Hi everyone I'm Madison um I and hoping you will vote me in. And thank you for that matter, if you see me looking down, looking at my notes. So don't forget any my point. Just to tell you a little bit about myself. I'm, I'm about to start my first year of grad school here at WVU I'm going to be working towards my master's in political science. I will also be working as a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Success. I'm very excited about.

Um, and then I recently graduated from WVU with my BS in economics and my BA in political science and I transferred WVU in 2016 and when I transferred here as a student. I threw myself into everything that I was even remotely interested in and those experiences really provided me some perspective about how I want to serve other people and figuring out like what my niche was in were in town and in life. And those led me to opportunities. I'm in a few leadership roles. I worked as an RA in line tower for two years and it was my favorite experience and undergrad, by far, um, and then also I worked in as on the resident assistant council. And that was really transformative for me just to be able to have a say in the actual job itself, um, I also worked as president for two years of our universities UNICEF campus initiative and I work as a tutor for w athletics and those experiences really wanted me to Um, but to segue into the safety coordinator position. Um, I think that we've probably all learned about like the Maslow's hierarchy of needs, where you have like you start with your most basic physiological needs you have met and you can't move up in the ranking. Until you have the proceeding level met and you can work your way up all the way to your most like deepest emotional needs to be fulfilled. Um, and among amongst one of those most basic needs is the sense of safety. And I think that for people to come to that review. They can't move up in their upward trajectory that they, the whole reason that they come here in the first place unless they feel a sense of safety. And so I think that safety is something that is an imperative that we have and not just to give a select few. But to get every single student to make them feel safe and to give them uncompromised safety. And so, and that includes our students of color and I want to emphasize that. Um, and so I safety coordinator. I have a

few priorities. And I think number one that we need to provide equitable and inclusive safety initiatives for all number two pedestrian safety. Number three, sexual sexual assault prevention and awareness and number four building maintaining and strengthening relationships with university police and morning, Tom, please. And so then just to give you a few ideas that I've had that I've been thinking about I'm number one, creating dialogue with our university police and students of color. And I know that she works on a lot of the task forces and I would really be interested in opening that discussion to have students of color articulate their concerns and their needs. Um, secondly, um, I discussed with President Bragg about a safety walk because I know that with coconut teamwork fairly limited on what kinds of programming. We can do but we discussed having a socially distance safety walk where we can break off into groups within each campus. So for example, if we were to have instead of a group just doing Evansville campus, we would have a smaller group doing like Oakland area and then again another small group doing engineering area. And I think that that would actually be very beneficial for us to really focused on specific pedestrian safety needs. And also increasing pedestrian visibility after dark. Um, I know the WVU worked on an initiative last year to put patches on people's backpacks to give them more visibility after dark. Um, and I really support programs like that. And I think that that's really great and I would like to continue with that. I also think that we can work to explore options for better lighting on campus, um, I wasn't aware that you are going to be covering a bill about the most recent Title nine regulations and so I had things about that in my notes today. And so very happy with that. And then lastly, I think that right now. The state lower in with the with coven 18 that a lot of students feel that their safety is at risk, like going out in public, if someone's not wearing a mask. Or on their exposure to spread is a safety threat to them. And so I would like to work with the health committee to collaborate on initiatives to help students feel more secure and being on this campus during these really difficult times and that's all. If you all have any questions please let me know.

*VP Bragg:* Any questions for Madison? Senator Daniel.

*Senator Daniel:* Madison, How are you doing today?

*Madison White:* I am good, how are you?

*Senator Daniel:* Doing well. That was my question.

*Madison White:* I am sorry. I didn't mean to cackle. That was a lot.

*VP Bragg:* Any other questions for Madison? Alrighty, We also have, we have three appointments in case you were unaware. College Senator Hanson coming in with that last minute question.

*Senator Hanson:* Yeah, well, just for the sake of fairness. Um, I know that our previous nominee for the position was not accepted. So I want to ask you the same question that asked her about two or three months ago, did you have any thoughts about the marijuana situation where the Morgantown adopted resolution. Basically saying that Morgantown officers can't, you know, throw people in jail for marijuana but WVU PD can and state police can. Did you have thoughts on it one way or another whether you would advocate loving the university to decrease penalties for marijuana or not. I just wanted to get a sense of, if you had any sort of any sort of researcher stance on that because I think that that's a big issue.

*Madison White:* I agree that's a big issue. Um, I do support Morgan towns motion to do that. And I do think that for the sake of continuity, especially that our university police should adopt a similar policy, reducing penalties for marijuana.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. College Senator Hanson. Anymore Questions for Madison. Alrighty. Seeing none, and we have three appointments. Today we're going to go questioning period for

all three and then discussion on all three. That way, Madison here isn't sitting in a waiting room for the next 30 minutes if that's all right with you guys. With that being said, I will now. Consider a motion. For Jamie, so I for health coordinator I pronounce that completely incorrectly. I apologize. Senator Nichols.

*Senator Nichols:* Moved.

*Senator Horman:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Jamie you have the floor.

*Jamie Salai:* It's pronounced a lie. I am up for the student health coordinator. And thank you guys for listening to me and hearing my ideas and stuff tonight. I am a junior here at WVU and I'm majoring in biology and I want to get a medical school. I currently work at money. Ms. And I'm getting my paramedic on the empty. Now, I also am a sexual assault survivor. And I do a lot of work through. I'm I do title. Right, It's been a long days. But I am a pageant title holder for Morgantown, and I do a lot of work, advocating and working towards a safer community and Education prevention and resources for sexual assault survivors. So as student health coordinator. I think that obviously one big concern is coded and Things that they need that students need concerns met I guess would be mentioned earlier the Arnold Hall and how to make students feel more comfortable in that And also how to properly put on and take off your pee pee like your gloves and your masks because students are taking them off and exposing themselves to what is on the mask. Also mental health on campus. Anything. Russian bipolar anxiety and like substance abuse, I think that we need more available for students with a history of substance abuse, we have a reputation as a party school And I think that it's important to promote a sober environment to those students who want a server environment so offering events on campus when, acceptable yeah and like Narcan trainings, so that we can administer that nor can I quicker time, I'm also working with the cruise center and different organizations

on campus. Um, I also with the title have a promoting and developing healthy relationships webinar that I work on and I think that that along with assault prevention classes that I've worked with a local facility to have are important to expand to the campuses. Right now they're not I guess like accessible, they're farther away and for students who don't have cars like the freshman, I think that is important that they have access to that. So, That's all I have.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Are there any questions? This portion is more for Assembly Members, but just because that also just a quick like housekeeping. The reason that executives are now speaking during those bills is because executives can now contribute towards legislation so I feel as if they deserve a stand and they can say that, and in you understand, but are there any questions. Alrighty, thank you sing none will now move on. I will now entertain a motion for Saul Harlow as Attorney General. Sorry, I'm looking at 14 screens. President pro tempore Jones.

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* Moved.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, Senator Nichols.

*Senator Nichols:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Saul, you have the floor.

*Saul Harlow:* Perfect, thank you all so much for taking the time to share together this evening. Over the past month I've been talking with Chase now lay about some of the things that you all are interested in joining, So I thought I'd talk a little bit about some of my past experience. I actually studied political science at Concord university I received my BA. From there, I did a year with AmeriCorps and worked with the West Virginia center a budget of policy on some initiatives around the state. So I returned to West Virginia, three years ago and I decided that I



wanted to have a little bit of a career change. And so I'm here selling environment so microbiology. Has been a lot of fun, but I'm interested in getting back together with an assembly of diverse people where we can really exchange ideas and try to make the student body better. I feel like I've been little bit out of touch, if I'm going to be honest with, The world, the student body around me, and sometimes I I feel guilty for that. And so the opportunities come before me to be the Attorney General with you all. I've read up on some of my duties for that and I will be doing the best that I can to serve to serve you all in that capacity and to be as unbiased as possible. At this time I'd like to yield the floor.

*VP Bragg:* Yes, sir. Any questions for Saul. President Pro Tempore Jones.

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* Hi Saul. Thank you for joining us tonight. And so I just want to ask about your previous experience at your previous institution. Serving on their Student Government Association and what you learn from it and how you could implement your experiences to our organization.

*Saul Harlow:* Protect our dreams. Thank you so much. I really appreciate that question my time with the Student Government Association at Concord was an amazing experience. It was a very, it's a very small University. We had 4000 students. So it's a very intimate atmosphere in that sense I initially served as a student, Senator. Working pretty closely with the, the administration as a chairperson for our Board of Governors, Excuse me, as the Board of Governors representative for the student body. From there, I decided that I really liked what was going on there I entered our pre law program that was at Concord, which is fantastic. I thought I was going to be doing the law school. And so I took an interest in serving Attorney General there at Concord. It's a little bit different than your organization. It's almost entirely judicial whereas the Attorney General here needs to be at the meetings. Each week, which I'm happy to do again looking forward to being a part of an assembly of people again. The attorney general position that I conquered it was almost entirely judicial overseeing disciplinary actions that kind of thing. I'm looking forward to this where I can sort of be a little bit more involved with you all,

maybe help keep things kind of clear with parliamentary procedure. I know that's kind of I know it's a it's a hassle. But sometimes it can be a little bit confusing, trying to read through that I'm very familiar with Robert's Rules, so we can smooth things over and get things going. I appreciate a Mr. Zack badasses mentioned earlier, as well as well put a good job on that one. I like the fluidity. So getting I guess getting to hear you all speak. It's, it's an honor to be here, so thank you for the question. And thank you for letting me speak to some of my prior experience.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Any more questions? College Senator Moore.

*College Senator Moore:*

Hey, so, um, thanks for coming and talking to us and for elaborating on your previous question or on this question. I was actually about to ask that, before she rudely took my question, but I digress. Either way, you kind of elaborate on what you've done. And even though you Attorney General's role isn't really to be an activist, or to be active really in a lot of ways, do you have anything that you want to see. From your role that might be a little different than hitting should conform to Robert's Rules, or if you have anything you want to see from, you know, our assembly from the student government as perspective Attorney General as a candidate.

*Saul Harlow:* You for that question. Senator more I absolutely believe that something is frivolous is Robert's Rules is not what we're here for. Right. My only point really, I suppose, and bringing it up is that we can try and minimize I guess the time, effort we put into that in terms of activities or ideas, I would like to see the assembly take forward. I want to answer that question fairly as though I am the Attorney General and I think my responsibility there is again to be unbiased in the sense, maybe to emulate Lady Justice herself and to be blinds and to be balanced. That ends. I don't really want to inflict my will on this assembly as much as I

want to just bring cohesion make things smoother and do that, and I want to help you all and support you in that.

*College Senator Moore:* Perfect, Thanks.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Senator Hanson.

*Senator Hanson:* Thanks. So I apologize I'm extremely tired from my legal internship today. Did you say that you were a law student actually?

*Saul Harlow:* I actually received a minor in pre law from concord University with a major in political science. I had taken the outset. And intended to attend to review law, but I decided that wasn't the career path. I wanted to take, but I have some very good friends who have attended WVU law and they love it. And that's great, but I've decided for some little bit differently. Yeah.

*Senator Hanson:* That's good. You might have dodged a bullet. I'm just, you're just coming from the three L.M., Basically what I would like to say, is I actually had a similar position in a business fraternity. I was the Chancellor and our fraternity and what happened a lot would be is that I would have to you know preside over trials of brothers who had disagreements or broke the rules or there's some sort of dispute that we had to discipline people And the real important part of being Chancellor was that you had to be impartial. No matter if you thought these people were your friends or not. I mean, there were all your friends. If you might have had allegiances. But everybody dependent on you being completely impartial to try to solve this. And my question for you is, have you been in any in a role similar to mine or have you been in any situations where you've had two good friends or coworkers disagree, and you had to mediate the dispute and find a solution, so looking forward to hearing your answer.

*Saul Harlow:* Senator and simply just so much for very good question.

*Senator Hanson:* Peace.

*Saul Harlow:* As an important process to build on I whenever I'm talking to people in a conflict. I often like to bring out the idea that empathy isn't about who's right or who's wrong. It's about understanding other person's side. as matter of fact. And I like to take this moment to say that the names. Shall we will actually means he asked. And I try to employ that I guess methodology of my name to my life, you know, and everything we question it not to purely have Tao for doubt sake, but to know the truth of it in a study the truth as a mechanism. For me to grow closer to the ultimate truth. So whenever I'm disputing excuse me whenever I'm not just feeding. But if I'm handling a dispute between people. I find ways to build bridges and I, if I could give you a specific example. It's matter of fact, I've done this as my own parents, many times. And I think if I can handle something that's very personal, like my family, which is also the most important thing to me. Like to think that I can see equally unbiased never comes to my friends and other people outside of my most inner circle, to be frank. I might seem a bit. That doesn't seem a bit jaded, as though, like my family's inner circle. No one else is allowed in. But I'm sure you all understand what I mean like whenever it's your family. It's something very close to you and I feel very blessed that I've had a family that always wants to connect and find those bridges between each other. And so I think that's where I'm coming from. That's a sort of experience in my life that I could maybe lend.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Any more questions? Alrighty. Sing none, we will move the three candidates to a breakout room you'll be entered back shortly after discussion and voting. So if we want to get on that.

*Chief of Staff - Allie Satterfield:* Give me one second. I'm doing it right now. Okay we're almost there. Okay. go ahead and accept those friends. I think they got them. Stay tuned. Also love you too judge.

*President Riggs:* Alrighty, they got them.

*VP Bragg:* Well now moving to discussion on all three appointees. Does anybody have any discussion. Senator Harman.

*Senator Harman:* Wow okay, That was a lot. I think that we are looking at three incredibly qualified candidates. They all have I, in my opinion, they all had a lot of great things to say a lot of lessons to teach us all, um, I was particularly impressed by the psychology lesson the Madison gave us about Maslow's hierarchy of needs, um, I don't think that I would be going out.

*VP Bragg:* Of balance to say that these are some of the strongest candidates ever seen, and I will be supporting. Thank you Josh. Senator Nichols.

*Senator Nichols:* Thank you. Um, so, I mean, I just want to, you know, echo what Sandra Hartman said, you know, these are extremely qualified people, you know, all three of them really blew me away with them out of their experience and, you know, I think these would just be great people. You know, I think that all of them came with some really great ideas they seem really willing to put in the work. And I'm super excited to get to have all of them here and finally have our full executive Tabitha, and I know that's been a while I'm sure some of the people such as Ali who's been being acting attorney general would love to have that taken

off of her. So I just think, you know, they're all three great people. And so they are super qualified and I hope you all, but yes.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you Colton. Dieonte and all other executives. Again, this is a thing in which the assembly only has input in and can vote so We're going to keep discussion and quiet discussion to just them. President Pro Tempore Jones.

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* I am going to echo what Senator Herman and centered and schools have said, I am very impressed by all three nominees. I think they all bring an awareness to our current situation and have, Undoubtedly shifted probably what their original goals and vision were for this these positions to what the student body is really struggling with, especially with this pandemic and all are completely aware of the current climate of our student body. Especially with Madison. I think that her her experience and her willingness to work around these obstacles speak volumes about not only the kind of work that she will bring a safety coordinator, but also to just like the kind of person that she is and I think that's wonderful, and especially to Jamie and and i'm so incredibly humble, but she shared with us her story and I know that she will do amazing work for every student on campus. In addition, Saul's experience in a at a previous institution in a role similar to this. I think will bring great work from him. Sorry, I lost my train of thought. As he fills the Attorney General role and I'm very confident that all three of them will not will only enhance our organization.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Senator Jernigan.

*Senator Jernigan:* Hey, so our viewpoints. But I'll start. I'll start with the positive things so I really interviewing these candidates, I really felt like they had good platforms all of them. I mean, I feel like everyone in the application process that at least I interviewed in set on the interviewed with had good ideas. Good passions good platforms. I'm especially impressed with Jamie, I just really liked her platform. I like how great she is and how she speaks out

about her experiences at WVU Some very impressed by Madison. She came out the gate swinging with ideas already having, you know, planned and implement it, but she wants to see done on campus, originally saw wasn't really my first one is ready to you but you know I feel as if he had does have experience for the AD Position. I also think that, you know, he could be a good, fresh set of eyes to, you know, a CA Now moving on to other things. I know that. I haven't been a senator before and probably don't understand this works, but I'm confused why I'm executives can't speak on discussion about the appointees, I felt as if they are going to eventually work with them. And I feel like this is all a team initiative and to where we all should have a say and discussion in on the appointees. I don't really understand why they can't say anything. If anybody could answer that or

*VP Bragg:* Well, the basis is executives originally never even had speaking power. With when legislation was written. But now that executives can be contributors on these pieces of legislation, I feel as if They should have a voice during that. However, this is just executives being appointed by you be elected assembly member. You're the only one who has you guys are the only people who have voting power and really get a say. Whereas, they have somewhat of a say in legislation now with this new with contributors. So executives don't get voting power nor really discussion during this time.

*Senator Jernigan:* Okay, I get. I get them that having, you know, voting power, but I don't. I still don't understand why they don't have a place to voice their opinions are their thoughts on the appointees, but okay thanks.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, Senator Jernigan. College Senator Hanson.

*College Senator Hanson:* There we go. Um, I support all the nominees. They all seem to know what they were talking about which I think is the most important thing, for nominees to be able to have, the basic thing is that Madison seems to be more qualified. I asked her, my

questions. She seemed to have a position on the topic. Again, just so happens that happens to be the position I agree upon you know that's irrelevant. The fact that she actually knew what I was talking about with something encouraging. I'm going to vote to approve all the nominees on the one condition that I think that. I'm a little worried that solve couldn't name as a particular situation where he he had either a family or friend conflict and he had to really go to bat and try to mediate that dispute. I think one of the hallmarks of that position is that he's going to be in a situation where inconvenient facts and situations are going to stare him in the face. And he's gonna have to be prepared for that. So I think he's the right guy to do it. I just hope that um he realizes that he's going to have to be prepared to sometimes make some very difficult decisions. So I'm like I said, I support all the nominees.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Any further discussion. Already, seeing none I'll now consider motion to vote via secret ballot. Senator Daniel.

*Senator Daniel:* So move.

*VP Bragg:* President Pro Tempore Jones.

*President Pro Tempore Jones:* Second.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. All those in favor of voting via secret ballot on these three nominees.

[moments pass]



Motion passes.

*VP Bragg:* We will now vote via secret ballot. Please let us know if you have any problems with the pole. Chase had about a 30 minute aneurism before this meeting, trying to figure it out. Let's leave this open for one more minute Allie. Make sure you guys get your votes in you got 14 seconds. Thank you all for voting. We can let them in from the breakout room all of them passed so Congratualtions Allie, you 're no longer acting attorney general.

*Chief of Staff Satterfield:* I'm just kidding, I love AG position, but I'm so excited to have one they all should be entering very soon, though.

*VP Bragg:* They're all back. Thank you.

*President Riggs:* I believe, yeah. I believe we're all back.

*VP Bragg:* Congratulations to all the nominees you passed confirmation and that wraps up our new business. We will now be moving on to open student forum to. Does anybody have anything for open student forum to Intern coordinator Randy McFarland.

*Intern Coordinator McFarland:* You really blew that. Oh wow, okay I was muted, the whole time. You guys hear me. Yeah, ah, wait you did or didn't. I'm seeing a lot.

*VP Bragg:* We can hear you now.

*Intern Coordinator McFarland:* You can hear me now. Okay, let's just start from the beginning. Hey, I'm Randy, uh, just giving you guys some updates on the intern program we've been working fairly extensively this summer in order to try and manage a comfortable position going

into the semester, just some dates were throwing around looking at maybe the 15th for the application to be sent out that way. It's a week before a lot of the freshmen will get here. So we thought, that's pretty good time and also that day will be releasing on kind of like a separate application, but just for STA members that will give me a clear idea as to if you do want an intern not just a like in a group me but more of a formal setting to where I can get your specific topics, your specific interest and better pair you with an intern that you will kind of thrive with we have done a lot of thinking as to what we can do for a virtual experience. We thought as to if we have less than 20 we can have it in person or splitting the day up to where I would be there for a couple hours and then groups would come in and out all this is up in the air. Right now, there's a lot of different things. I have to look through I'm going to work with tain in upcoming weeks to just get you guys like what's going to happen, but we are having an intern program and I'm super excited for it. We I have all of the curriculum outlined, I have most of the application finished, we just have to do some little tweaking and editing. But I plan to have that done either called lead before retreat. So if anyone has any advice to give me anything that they would like to add or any knowledge that they think I could help me in this role or could just help the intern program in general, please feel free to add that because I'm more than welcome to help. And if you have any questions please just let me know. But that is everything we go ahead myself.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, Randy. Senator Daniel.

*Senator Daniel :* I just wanted a kind of like put out again that there was an informal chat that we're going to be having SJ Fantasy Football League. Please join tennis playing. So you guys should play to you. It'll be fun. So, yeah.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, Senator Daniel. Anybody else for open student forum does. Seeing none, will now move on to Snaps.

## **X. Snaps**

*VP Bragg:* Does anyone have anything for snaps. I don't even have to look to see if his hands raised. Chase Riggs. He's been texting me non stop during this meeting.

*President Riggs:* I can never find the the hand raise features I just physically raise my hand. I'm hoping that Jeremy will see. Um, but I just wanted to say snaps to our new executives, we are you know snaps. This is something that we do. At the end of every meeting, we just acknowledge something or someone that's that's great that's happened. We're so happy to have you, though this year working with us. Also a second snaps to the senators that had legislation that was introduced tonight. Extremely incisive extremely well drafted snaps to you all, to have four pieces of legislation. You know, read before I returned to campus. That's, that's absolutely wonderful. So keep up the great work. And so you all retreat.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, President Riggs. Senator Harmon.

*Senator Harmon:* Chase Moses stole my snaps. But again, steps are some amazing legislation.snaps to Ali for finally being able to retire from being Attorney General. She did a very good job for like a year and a half. I'm snaps to all the artists who are moving in. Hopefully we don't die.I think that's the end of my list.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you. Randy.

*Intern Coordinator Randy:* Okay. Um, I have two snaps one goes to Amelia. She is a Community system called spark. And that's where I moved into recently. So I would physically not only send her groupie messages, but anything I would send to College Park,

she would respond so like all that. She's just been helping me out a lot with over the summer. I've had a lot of questions coming to where I'm living so just want to give her snaps to that for just taking the time to explain some things to me because I basically never left her alone over summer just with questions as to where I was going to live at so also only good big snaps to ALLEY BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TEXTING and calling her 24 seven, just to make sure that we're on the same page that I have the right information everything. So it's nice to Ali for putting up with me again. So that's it for me. See you guys.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, Randy. Senator Daniel.

*Senator Daniel:* Oh give us snaps to intern coordinator McFarlane, and for working on making this an amazing or hopefully an amazing intern program for interns because it's going to be strange with code, but I know we chase are working for with everything they have to make this amazing and I want to give snaps the assembly, because I feel like we've been doing a lot this summer. So sounds all you guys. Thank you.

*College Senator Moore:* Oh, I've got to snaps. I want to also give snaps to the assembly because as soon as we announced a special session. I like 14 group messages and like three texts about possible pieces of legislation so the collaboration here is insane. I love it snap to that and only snaps to the executive members, even though we have a little bit of room. It's got even though we had a little bit of confusion about proper orders and making motions and talking from I guess the quote unquote gallery. I want to appreciate just have to them for the input from active and hope they continue to do so moving forward. Thanks.

*VP Bragg:* Thank you, Hunter and thank your roommates for us later. And last but not least the Johnathon Hanson.

*Senator Hanson:* Um, so I rarely give snaps. But I do think that snaps are deserved. In this situation, Mr. Kumar has been really outspoken about the whole coven thing and trying to do some concerted action so that we all don't go back to campus and die, of course, that did not happen, but I still really want to commend him for that. I signed his petition as a college signer. And honestly, the law school gave me a lot of flack for that, um, you know, the President and You know the SBA President were not pleased that I signed in my official capacity, but at the end of the day you know situations arise in life that you have to make very difficult choices. And I feel that at the end of the day, I made the right choice by co-signing that petition and sharing it. With my law school class. And even though, you know, things don't always happen as you may wish they would I do think that the end of the day, you need to be true, nice to yourself and you need to be able to look yourself in the mirror and pat yourself on the back and say I did what I could. So I really applaud Mr. Kumar for that and for his attention to the whole coven situation over the last month.

*VP Bragg:* Karen, you're muted, you're muted. Allie you're the one I am calling on, by the way.

*Chief of Staff Satterfield:* Yay. Thank you so much. Okay, I know all of you just so fabulous. I could say a million things about you. I could write a book about each and every one of you. First I want to start by giving snaps to the executives first time with cabinet. You all are just amazing. You're working so much you are doing inspiring things. All the executives and total communications team all the coordinators, everyone, everyone doing everything. We literally couldn't function without you. You have been working so extremely hard this year I know those who I oversee I just we've been on calls constantly and I'm just so empowered and I'm so excited about what we're going to see this year it's literally the summer, like I'm so blown away by what's going on with our organization. On to the assembly. Same. Same goes for you all. I think the pieces of legislation that you all are just providing is amazing. Like, I know I'm only a junior this year. So I haven't been an SG too long, but just seeing the growth from when I was an intern to now is phenomenal. And I think four pieces of legislation. And a special session haven't even had our first meeting of the year. Yet that is just that is just great. And

I know you all are doing fabulous work. I just, again, thank you all are fabulous naps, everyone. Welcome to our new executives again we literally couldn't be here without you. You, you all know what I think about you. So I'll stop now. But you all a great never forget that seriously and be safe get tested for coronavirus let me know if you need anything, I'm always in Morgantown and I'm snaps you all part to just again because you guys are great. So let me know if anything.

*VP Bragg:* Yeah. muted again. Thank you Queen. President Riggs.

*President Riggs:* One last snaps and this is too and I don't believe she was able to make it tonight but Chief Information Officer Devon Osborne And she's been working hard to update our website and right now it is completely updated everyone's BIOS should be there. If not, let me or her know Also, she's added a lot of a lot of new tabs and one is our Student Assistance form where students will be able to get on our website. Fill out this Google Form and if they have an issue or concern, an idea for programming, they can get directly in touch with that so Um, but yes Snapster Devon.

*VP Bragg:* Alrighty anymore snaps. Seeing none, we will now move on to our last word of business which is adjournment is there. I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

*President Riggs:* Advisors Report.

## **XI. Advisor's Report**

VP Bragg: Thanh is on here?

Chief of Staff- Satterfield: Yes he is.

VP Bragg: Usually he is up at the top.

Chief of Staff Satterfield: He is on.

President Riggs: I think he's on an iPhone tonight.

*Dr. Thanh:* I am president. All right don't have the floor.

*VP Bragg:* Been recommending yes.

*Dr. Thanh:* All right. Thank you, sir. I appreciate the floor and I won't take up too much of your time, but I am truly inspired by the work that you all are doing. It's, amazing to see, you know, the student government really hard at work over the summer time during this time, you know, it's pretty quiet. But because of the circumstances. It's just amazing to see you all turn to action and so it's also amazing when I log on to a different meeting all across campus and I see your faces and it's just amazing that you've made those connections and are using your voice. To, you know, make sure that the student experience is what it is. And so I think the student body is very lucky to have all you, all you, all represent them and just very proud to be able to serve as your advisor. You know, I really want to send kudos to everybody, the executive branch. Another been working with them a lot over the summer time getting everybody settled. But I do also want to make sure that the senators and the assembly know that I'm here to support you as well. And so if you ever need to chat about you know ideas or people that you need to connect with, feel free to reach out to me would love to just jump on a quick zoom call or Microsoft Teams call or whatever it may be. Just the chat. And so just not here to support you as

well, not just here to support the executive branches. This we have to make sure that the operations of HGTV are running. And so that's kind of why I am communicating with them a lot over the summer time, but um so yeah so but kudos to you. Also, I just wanted to make a couple quick announcements about my staff, I have finally hired a new comparison is young lady comes from Temple University. Her name is Kara Snyder, she will meet her. Hopefully really soon. Chase was a part of the Search Committee that actually helped me hire Hara from Temple University and she's amazing. I'm going to be trying to figure out another way for her to kind of be a part of the SG advising team. She will begin to work with you on some capacity. And then I'm also going to be bringing in my one of my G, as you all probably know Abby very well. So he's going to be a little bit more integral in some of the elf. Proceedings and kind of organizational thing. So, you know, look out, I would want to make sure we're finding more support for you all, and just making sure that the work that you're doing. Is elevated in and heard by the people that need to hear and so like I tell chase and Jaron and alley all the time. You know, my job is to make sure your vision becomes reality. I am not a barrier for anybody. I'm just making sure to make sure that you know. You get done what you need to get done and what you want to get. So I appreciate you all, and have a great time for the rest of the summer that you do have, and please continue to be safe and wear a mask. Thank you.

*VP Bragg:* Sorry again for jumping over you, but now it is that time I will now consider a motion to adjourn. College Senator Moore.

*College Senator Moore:* So Moved.

*Senator Daniel:* Second.



*VP Bragg:* All those in favor, The best part of the meeting is watching all the blue hands. All those opposed. The motion passes. You'll have a great rest of your summer, and we'll see at retreat.