

Call to Order – 6:02 pm, EVP Madison Lipscomb
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call (at quorum)

Special Orders of the Day

Appointments-

a. Jet Nuestro- Director of Graphic Design

- 1) Graphic design student for 5 years, has assisted and gained experience through the Wiggins/Lipscomb Campaign, through his frat, and other freelance organizations on campus. Wants the position for more experience
- 2) Chair Tillman- Will you have projects submitted in a timely manner?
- 3) Jet Nuestro- Absolutely
- 4) Senator Davis- Do you have a portfolio? (JET pulls out phone and shows previous works/Portfolio)
- 5) Open Discussion:
Committee on Committees Chair Minix- Overall, I think he's very good, he does some fantastic work and he always does it in a timely manner. He's very professional and I think he'd be great for the job

Motion to close open discussion-seconded-passed

Motion to approve-seconded by Minix-passed through a period of online voting with 100% approval no abstentions

Jet Nuestro- Thanks again guys, I appreciate it and I'll do good!

Joshua Dunn is moved up to be approved and sworn into senate

b. Joshua Dunn- Senate

- 1) Hello everyone, I'm gonna keep this brief I've been in senate all four years and I'm hoping to return back for one more year.
- 2) Open discussion- Ted Herr- Josh has served on the constitution and bylaws chair for two years and presidential affairs. I think he would be great to come back and continue serving
- 3) VP Lipscomb- I agree I think that was very well said
- 4) Motion to close- seconded-approved
- 5) Motion to approve-seconded-approved through a period of online voting with no abstentions
VP Lipscomb swears in remaining senators (Senator Davis and Senator Dunn) to ensure quorum and get things done in a timely manner

c. Chair Mark Dvornak- Director of Marketing

- 1) Howdy y'all my names mark, and I was on senate most of last year, I'm going for the social media and accounts chair. I have a lot of experience running social media accounts, last year I ran south hall governments social chair. I'm the social media ambassador for the school so I have extensive training when it comes to things like this and how to effectively make posts. I was recommended to this post and I'm really passionate and love our school so I'm excited to give us a stronger presence on campus through social media.
- 2) Senator Dunn- What the most amount of social media accounts you've run at one time?
- 3) Dvornak- Two, I had twitter, Instagram and a Facebook page for south hall and my own social media
- 4) Chair Hopper- Are you going to be a tour guide again for ECU this year

- 5) Dvornak- I am, I love it and I do have a big presence here so I want to stay involved and be able to come to as many of your events as well to take pictures and post around.
- 6) Period of Open Discussion-
- 7) Senator Hopper- Like he said he's got a big presence here on campus and I think especially as a tour guide he can promote and get SGA's name out there more while representing us well
- 8) Senator Keonig- He apparently has already been running the account, so I think that's a pretty good testimate as to how he's okay with doing the job
- 9) Motion to close open discussion COC Minix- seconded by Senator Dunn-passed
- 10) Chair Moore- motion to approve- seconded by Minix-passed

d. Eyouel Mekonnen- Director of Diversity

- 1) Hi guys, most of you know me I served on senate last year and I'm a sophomore and my major is computer science, which is different from most here. My strength is I can talk to anyone about anything and my weakness is I have a personal bias. I realized that over the summer and I'm in the process of my second antibias class and that's something I'm working toward so whenever I heard about getting appointed to this thing I basically made a book. Here's this plan that I had that I ended up completely changing because it was concentration on a diversity plan of attack, which I decided is a horrible attack so I've changed my focus to a yearly plan where SGA collaborates with different RSOs to represent the campus better as a whole and I really want to educate EVERYONE(Appalachian students, students of color, LGBTQ+, etc) to make ECU a more diverse campus that is represented well.
- 2) Clerk Fish- One I think its really awesome you addressed your personal bias and are working towards that actively, but how are you going to make sure that that doesn't affect the other RSO's that you work with? I know you're a very passionate person. How're you gonna keep it separate?
- 3) Eyouel Mekonnen- An example of that would be the pistol club here at ECU, I do not like firearms and Im opposed to them but I realize that they are an RSO here and they are protected though bylaws and SGA that I will make sure I'm actively not bias and respecting their perspective, because that's the most important thing to understand others.
- 4) Chair Tillman- Would you be willing to collaborate with me to bring more diverse RSO's into RSO funding and diversity grant funding to get a bigger reach and maybe even put on an event together to reach those RSOs
- 5) Eyouel Mekonnen- Of course
- 6) Period of Open Discussion- Senator Richie- I think Mekonnen is one of the most passionate people I know and when it comes to this I think hed be perfect for this
- 7) Lipscomb- I can personally say I've seen Eyouel grow a lot as a person over the last year and I think he's gonnna use those passions in a whole nother way than he was before.
- 8) Chair Moore- Mekonnen actually had a self published magazine published this year and its excellent and has a lot to do with diversity and I have a copy myself if you wanted to look at it I think he has a few more copies. He's a passionate guy and I think he'd be a good fit
- 9) Wiggins- I actually got to work a lot with Mekonnen this summer and when he wasn't traveling a lot he was looking for ways to incorporate more diversity into SGA and I think his amazing work ethic and drive, and for anyone in senate last year they know how passionate he is, clearly because I put him up for this position I think he'd do a great job as well.
- 10) Senator Dunn motion to close open discussion- seconded by chair Moore- passed
- 11) Senator Dunn motion to approve-seconded by chair Richie- approved

e. Grant Minix-Constitution and Bylaw Revision

- 1) So as you guys know we went through a substantial amount of change this last semester and this semester is really gonna have to be the semester we crank down and realize whats gonna work for us as an organization and what hasn't worked in the past. I see it as were basically creating a new organization and to run efficiently it cant just be me or my

committee. We all need to pitch in to reform these bylaws so we can actually help our students and if I'm appointed this chair I'll make sure I've got a good group of senators that have experience and some that don't so we can get opinions from all of student government. I fully attend to get something passed by this semester.

- 2) Herr- you ready for this Grant?
- 3) Minix- Yeah I'm ready for this
- 4) Period of open discussion- Herr- anyone brave enough or stupid enough to take this on has got more than my vote and I don't know which one grant is, but he's got my vote.
- 5) Chair Tillman- motion to close open discussion, chair hopper seconded-passed
- 6) Chair Richie- motion to approve- Seconded by chair Moore- passed

Special Guest Speakers-

a. Ethan Witt and Justina Keathley- Department of Government Relations

- 1) Hey guys I'm Ethan Witt and I'm going to try and keep this short since you're all here at this first meeting I'm sure you're aware with the transition SGA has been going through and with that change we step in with more of an oversight role less involved than the advisors are but nevertheless to assist in whatever way you guys need. I think VP McFadden and I have a unique perspective and since what we do on a daily basis is similar to what Student government does feel free to use us as a resource whenever you need.
- 2) Justina Keathly- I'm Justina and I'm basically you're money person, any bills or anything like that come to me. If you need any help come to me with any questions and any contracts you guys have also need to come to me as soon as possible and ECU really doesn't like last minute walk in the door I need this and since our processes have changed make sure you're getting things to me as quickly as you can so I can help in whatever ways I can.
- 3) Wiggins- I've worked closely with both Ethan and Justina, they've been extremely resourceful and timely in helping me with whatever I need so these are two very great people for you guys to use if you need. I encourage going to their offices if you ever need help or have questions.
- 4) Justina- if you guys need to find me my office is in BTC 147
- 5) Chair Tillman- Okay so I know there have been some changes with the PROCARD policy in regard to RSO funding when it comes to paying for hotel room (etc). Will they still have that or?
- 6) Justina Keathly- Yes but only with the RSOs of SGA, other organizations policies have changed.

b. Ryan Wiggins- Student Body President

- 1) Hello everyone, it's nice to see you all back, and like how Grant said earlier I've been putting in a lot of work because it's almost like we were creating a new organization here. We've had a lot of changes, I think it gives us a clean slate and I'm excited to work with you all. Something I'm also really excited to get the colonel pride budget, last year total we only did seven events. That wasn't exactly the goal for us there was some miscommunications with different offices about exactly what we were doing and how we were gonna do that. A lot has been clarified since then though and through working with other offices we now have fifteen colonel pride events planned for this semester alone. I've also worked with the athletic department and they've agreed to help us pay for some of the prizes we'll be handing out and announcing it over the loud speaker as it happens at these events. Also fall elections are next Tuesday, they're gonna be online so make sure you're encouraging those to run and vote! We also created a chief justice search committee and were working actively towards doing this.
- 2) Herr- Who's your executive member?
- 3) Ryan Wiggins- The bylaws don't specify you need an executive member but Kaisee has already agreed to chair it.
- 4) Senator Davis- So just to repeat this, whose chair this?
- 5) Ryan Wiggins- It's Will Prince the former attorney general. You all remember Luke Prince? It's his brother. He's more than glad to do it

- 6) Senator Davis- How're you going to keep track of attendance at these colonel pride events?
 - 7) Ryan Wiggins- We're working with the rec they've agreed to let us use their card swapping system
 - 8) Herr- That wasn't working during BIG E welcome, I hope it's working now.
 - 9) Ryan Wiggins- They have told me that it is working and that we'll be able to use it this semester. Next semester they have a new card swiping system; the fusion system and that's already been implemented a couple times, but the rec doesn't have it yet. We'll be using what the rec does have and that keeps track of students 901's so we can randomly pick two winners from the pools of people who had swiped their cards. Were doing it that way does that make sense?
 - 10) Senator Davis- Yeah thank you. I'll ask more questions later
 - 11) Ryan Wiggins- I've also got the join branch meeting and SGA orientation booked and scheduled, you can get that information from your wonderful Vice President she has it up on our google drive calendar.
- c. Kaisee Riddell- Chief of Staff**
- 1) Hi everyone I'm so glad to be back in senate and ill probably be seeing you around because whenever Ryan cant give his report I will be doing that (Ryan has class from 5-6:15 and is going to try to show up here on time to give his report but if not Kaisee will) If you guys need anything I'm more than happy to help you, I'm around and if you want one of my cards you can email or call me. But I'm really here to get you to sign up for colonel pride events. Also we will have four tailgates this semester.
 - 2) Chair Tillman- I'm going to go ahead and make this announcement now: if you're going to the tailgate do NOT show up drunk. For the love of all things holy don't do it
 - 3) Kaisee Riddel- Make sure you're promoting elections as well (hands out another sign up sheet to work tables and encourages senators to sign up)
 - 4) Clerk Fish- Can we just show up without signing up between classes if we have time?
 - 5) Kaisee Riddel- Of course any help would be appreciated!
- d. Sami Josselyn- VP of SAC**
- 1) Okay so we have a lot going on this semester, tomorrow we have a movie night at 9pm we encourage everyone to go to if they can well be handing out rally towels. Rain location is in Whitlock. This first tailgate is all SGA and then next one will be SAC, and then senate I believe? And then the last one is exec. WE have a cultural dinner planned next week that were cancelling to pay for a geust speaker on October 11th. Were also trying to go all paperless so my meeting sna dagendas and the budget are going to be online. Make sure you favor or retweet anything to do with SAC because were trying to get promotional help, if you have any questions let me know! (SAC meetings now Tuesday at 5pm, please come!)

Open Discussion

Standing Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs Chair – Nicholas Keonig

- 1) No council on academic affairs this month so that a pass and next wednesday EVP Lipscomb and I are discussing a mental health day added to the student syllabi and I'm meeting with the dean of students and someone from student affairs/counseling to further plan that with their professional perspectives.
- 2) Senator Dunn- Really quick I just want to point out on that on EKUDirect the student syllabus index has disappeared and I'd like to see that come back
- 3) VP Limbsomb- I looked at that actually when I was on the academics chair and brought it up in a CAA meeting and a lot of them there weren't a fan and that's why we wont see if coming back

B. Registered Student Organizations Chair – Victoria Tillmann

- 1) Welcome back! RSO funding is October 2nd, put it in your calendars and be prepared for a LONG day. Start getting the word out I don't care who they are or their rank at the college

send them my way (victoriatillman@eku.edu) were gonna try to have two mandatory RSO funding meetings just make sure while talking to these groups they know it doesn't have to be an exec member attending the meetings. It can be anyone they don't need a position.

- 2) VP Lipscomb- Also plan on having a vice president forum that night, invitations are being sent out now and a lot of people have things of concern they want to bring up, and that's gonna take place after RSO funding so just be ready for a really really really long night!