

## SGA passes four resolutions in final meeting of semester

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The Student Government Association (SGA) passed four resolutions about replacing National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) flags at Unity Park, a “Press the Button” campaign, a student-led sexual assault awareness program and a SGA mentorship program on March 14, the final meeting of the spring semester.

ER 22/23-06 sectioned off part of the SGA budget to annually purchase the NPHC flags displayed in Unity Park. President Carlee Bird, who has been in contact with NPHC president T’Nia Washington about the resolution, said per the last invoice, that amount would be \$1586.19.

After the bill’s introduction, Senator Garrett Partain proposed an amendment to include a budget estimate clause.

“For transparency’s sake, people can look at (the SGA archive),” Partain said. “I know if I was a student, I would think it’s a little weird that we have the price but we didn’t put it in there.”

The senators debated, with some saying the clause needed to be added to be fully transparent with constituents, while others argued that adding a specific cost clause would not be accurate if future organizations were added.

“As part of a multicultural Greek organization, having the amendment in there kind of eliminates the ability to add an amendment to support multicultural

organizations in the future,” said Senator Ellie Foote.

The amendment did not pass; however, the resolution did.

ER 22/23-05 implements a “Press the Button” campaign, where once a year SGA senators would go across campus and make sure accessibility buttons are still functioning. The campaign would be in collaboration with Access and Accommodation Services and would allow senators to document any functionality issues with the buttons through the SGA website and social media. The resolution passed.

ER 22/23-07 implements a student-led sexual assault awareness and prevention program in collaboration with the Office of Title IX. The resolution would allow

Arkansas State University to invite keynote speakers to discuss sexual assault, as well as set the event up to become its own student-run organization sponsored by A-State.

The resolution passed. ER 22/23-08 establishes a mentorship program within SGA. The resolution would pair up a new senator with a returning one and would teach new senators how to create and format new resolutions. The returning senator would also be responsible to check in monthly with their assigned senator or senators. ER 22/23-08 passed.

Before the resolutions were discussed, chief of staff Colten Sedman invited representatives from Arkansas Children’s Hospital to discuss Wednesday’s Watch for Red

Wolves event, as well as to educate the senators about motorist and pedestrian law.

“(We will be at) crosswalks across campus promoting not only the safety initiative event, but also safety for student pedestrians,” Sedman said. “(We will be) giving information out to drivers on campus just a reminder of safety for everyone.”

With this being the last meeting of the semester, Bird and her vice president Maddyson Lamb gave their final thanks to the senators.

“I’m so proud of you guys,” Bird said. “I really have had the best time getting to work on SGA and I can’t wait to see all the things you do.”

Katey Provence, SGA faculty adviser, announced this was also her last meeting,



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The Student Government Association logo.

as new staff has been hired to work in the Leadership Center office. The new staff has not been made public yet. The transition to the new staff will happen in early April.

## Red Wolves for St. Jude announces \$77,155.50 raised in 2022-23 fundraising effort

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At the end of the Red Wolves for St. Jude formal, Red Wolves for St. Jude executives announced the total amount of money raised in the 2022-23 fundraising effort: \$76,865.50, well surpassing their goal of \$60,000. Before the formal ended, that number increased to \$77,115.50.

From 6:30 to 9 p.m. on March 9, Red Wolves for St. Jude hosted their second annual Scarlet Formal at the Woodard McAlister Family Club to celebrate the end of the fundraising year with dinner, dancing and giveaways.

Around 175 people were in attendance, clad in formal dresses, heels and suits singing along to everything from popular Disney music soundtracks to Taylor Swift.

To get an invitation to the Scarlet Formal, students had to raise at least \$100 and to bring a date raise \$250.

Red Wolves for St. Jude is an on-campus organization dedicated to raising money for St. Jude. St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is a nonprofit pediatric research and treatment facility based in Memphis.

The Scarlet Formal recognized major student contributions.

Cindy Campos, a junior strategic communications major from Batesville received “The Most Spirited Individual Award.”

“You just have to go and do it. You just have to ask,” Campos said. “The worst thing someone can do is say no and it’s better than a ‘what if?’ Going out to raise money is nothing compared to what the families of these cancer patients are having to go through.”

Isabelle Rollins, a senior marketing major from Jonesboro, raised the most money for St. Jude this fundraising season. She raised \$6,550, most of it coming from her great uncle.

“He was a huge activist for children welfare and since not having kids of his own

he donated a lot to children’s organizations. I joined Red Wolves for St. Jude and unfortunately, he passed away pretty soon after I joined. To honor his wish, we donated some to the organization,” Rollins said.

The executive director Riley Swafford, a senior biology major from Beebe, Arkansas, said it takes a whole community to fundraise as much as they did.

“I’m so proud of everyone who’s gotten involved and I hope that they realize the impact they’re making,” Swafford said. “All this money, every single cent that we get goes to St. Jude and this is going to impact the kids at St. Jude a lot longer than I’ll be a student here.”

Students could get the chance to fundraise at events hosted by Red Wolves for St. Jude.

The Masked Singer was one of the biggest fundraising events hosted this year. It was like the TV show “The Masked Singer” but with Arkansas State University celebrities like Marybeth Byrd, contestant on



Photo by Shailey Wooldridge | Staff Writer

Students attending the Scarlet Formal. At the formal, Red Wolves for St. Jude announced the total amount of money raised in the 2022-23 fundraising efforts to be \$76,865.50. That number increased to \$77,115.50 at the end of the evening.

the TV show “American Idol.”

Another big event Red Wolves for St. Jude hosted was a Cancer Cell event on the first floor of the Student Union. Students participating in fundraising were locked in a

cancer “cell” and could be bailed out once they raised \$100.

For any students looking to get involved, applications for the executive board are out now.

“If that’s not a commitment they want to step into, they can

also apply to be an ambassador. If they’d rather ease into it more, they can just fundraise starting next year,” said Abbi McBroom, an exercise science senior from Hebrew Springs.

## Overview of the women and gender studies minor

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Women and Gender Studies (WGS) is a fairly new interdisciplinary development for higher level education, with the courses under the curriculum empowering cultural, social and political contexts for discussions such as race, gender and sexuality.

Dr. Sarah Mayberry Scott, an assistant professor of communication studies and director for the WGS minor, shared how students may explore gender, sex or sexuality from a historical, biological, philosophical or the social/critical perspective, depending on which WGS course they choose. Additionally, she discussed learning how social and cultural constructs of gender impact on art, literature, politics and communication.

“They may contemplate and analyze sex/gender in cultural, social and political spheres or how gender is constructed,

maintained or challenged in our institutions of work, education, family and religion,” Scott said.

The WGS program is a committee of faculty and staff that are committed to women and gender causes and education. The committee has been instrumental in providing Safe Zone training, recognizing important dates such World AIDS Day, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Pay Equity Day and Women’s History Month.

“Women’s History Month means celebrating the achievements and victories of women’s rights. It means amplifying women’s place in the historical narrative that has traditionally been erased or minimized. It also means contending with a history that did not always include all women and imagining a more inclusive future. It means thinking contemporarily about how to use our voices to celebrate, uphold and provide space for voices often marginalized



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Dr. Sarah Mayberry Scott

or silenced,” Scott said.

Dr. Heather McNamee, the bachelor of science in education social science program director and assistant professor of history will be teaching two WGS courses in the upcoming year.

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## CAMPUS CRIME



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March 12 | 11:20 p.m.

Officer Chad Hall was dispatched to 113 Dean St. in reference to a disturbing call made to the on duty RA phone.

Upon arrival, Hall was met by victim one, who said she had received a call where a male voice stated he had killed his roommate.

Officer Dustin Mitchell then called the number back and began speaking with suspect one, who could not tell the officers what school he was attending or where he was located.

Suspect one then said the officers would have to come find him and began playing a Burger King jingle continuously. Suspect one continued this exact pattern for several minutes.

Officer Keith Gilliam spoke briefly with suspect one and said the University Police Department would

trace his number and hung up.

Suspect one then called back and after several seconds of silence, hung up.

March 10 | 11:32 p.m.

Officer Demetris Noles responded to 2410 Aggie Road in reference to a fire alarm.

Upon arrival, he made contact with suspect one and other sorority girls outside the back of the house.

Noles spoke with them briefly and then entered the house and located the fire panel which indicated room 118. This is the kitchen area of the house.

Officer Jeremy Oswald noticed the smell of burnt popcorn, with the microwave having a strong odor of burnt popcorn. The Jonesboro Fire Department arrived on scene and spoke with the officers about silencing the alarm and stated it was more than likely set off by the burnt popcorn.

Noles and Oswald silenced the alarm and spoke with suspect

one who cooked the popcorn.

She stated she cooked and went to her room to eat the popcorn, when shortly after the fire alarm went off and everyone exited the house.

March 10 | 10:36 a.m.

Officer Caleb Lawson was dispatched to 125 Dean St. for a report of a vandalized vehicle.

Lawson made contact with victim one, who stated he had parked his vehicle around 9 p.m. the night before. When he walked outside around 9 a.m., he found his vehicle vandalized.

The vehicle appeared to have been spray painted with green spray paint on the back of the driver and passenger sides, along with the rear of the vehicle. The only word that can be readily made out is “YOU” on the back driver side of the vehicle. The back of the vehicle possibly says “Sigma.”

The cameras for the area will be reviewed to see if there is any footage of the incident.