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**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the SGA was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Administrative Vice-President Tara Higdon.

ROLL CALL

Absences included Eddie Myers, Heather Meenach, Jill Reading, Amanda Thurmond, Sharmon Mooney, Troy Nunn, David Vanderpool, Phillip Eleson, Jason Richardson, Jeffery Baker, Ernie Chen, Dennis Mitchell, Bill Vaovasa, Amy Alverson, Kerstin Kruse, Ron Morehead, Julie Martin, Frank Coursey, Bill Howard, Edward Hugener, Melani Fischer, Josh Ballinger.

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Motion failed. The minutes were approved as read.

Guest Speaker: Scott Taylor, SGA Advisor, addressed congress members.

OFFICER REPORTS

Rob Evans, President--President Evans announced that the Student Affairs Committee will be holding a voter registration drive. He encouraged all congress members to take part in campus clean up as well. President Evans had a meeting with Fred Hensly of University Relations about utilizing persons who owe community service hours. These individuals would work to clean up the campus. President Evans reported some concerns and ideas of the students that arose last week at the SGA table in Garrett Conference Center. Some suggestions include: new sections of class times, parking issues, the running of a shuttle stop to Greenwood Mall, and to Kroger, naming of the new residence halls, extended weekend eating hours, and more entertainment on campus.

In Regents business, Evans reported that a special budget committee meeting had been held, to identify the budget priorities, and to modify university needs. Evans announced that the air show is in town this weekend and encouraged congress members to go meet the Thunderbirds at TPH at 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

Tara Higdon, Vice-President--Vice-President Higdon announced that Marshall Hughes, who was scheduled to speak at the meeting, will not speak until next week's meeting. Higdon reported that she worked the SGA table at Parent's Weekend and Preview Day, and it was a success. She also encouraged congress members to write

legislation. She explained that all ideas should be researched to avoid confusion. She encouraged congress members to educate the student body on SGA, as well as asking congress to talk to students for ideas.

Greg Edmonds, Public Relations Director--Public Relations Director Edmonds announced that the newsletter, Word on Western, was in the process of being printed. He explained the design of the magnets that SGA will be distributing in conjunction with Rocco's Pizza. He reported that there will be a SGA tent at Homecoming, and all congress members are encouraged to attend and each may bring a guest. He welcomed any new ideas, and a guest list was passed around.

Jason Vincent, Secretary--Secretary Vincent announced open positions on Congress. They include the following: one non-traditional representative, and openings in the following residence halls: North - one representative, East - one representative, Florence Schneider - one representative, McLean - one representative, South - one representative, West - one representative, and Barnes Campbell - one representative. He reminded all congress members that they were required to serve on two committees. Vincent also announced that any new congress members could pick up a notebook in the SGA office if they had not already obtained one. Secretary Vincent suggested that congress members announce their name, major, and hometown, to make sure everyone had met. He reported that SGA had gotten off to a good start and hoped the year continued to get better and better.

Brandon Rucker, Treasurer--Treasurer Rucker reported that expenditures since September 13, 1994 totaled \$115.34. The account balance as of September 21, 1994 is \$37,075.34. He announced that Points of Light applications are due by September 26 at 4:00 p.m. Any applications received after that date will be considered for October. Treasurer Rucker also reported that the Organizational Aid Committee will meet on Thursday, September 29 at 3:00 p.m., and he announced that applications are due by Friday, September 30, no later than 4:00 p.m. Rucker also reported that Academic Council will meet Thursday, September 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Regents Room. He then requested that all College Representatives see him after the meeting. He announced to Freshman Council that next week they would be the guests of the Executive Council for dinner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS--Chairperson Stephanie McCarty announced that Academic Affairs discussed faculty/course evaluations, Peer Advising, and recognition of President's Scholars. The committee is planning to begin work on the President's Scholars bill. Members of the committee will be calling Western's benchmark institutions to discuss faculty/course evaluations this week, and a sign-up sheet was passed around so all congress members could provide their names, phone numbers, and majors for Peer Advising.

STUDENT AFFAIRS--Chairperson Bonnie Newton announced that the committee discussed Bill 94-1-F - Homecoming and Coming Home Nominations. The E-mail account has been checked, and messages were forwarded to the appropriate persons. Chairperson Newton also announced that they are investigating the possibility of formatting a questionnaire for first year students in order to help them find a roommate with common interests. She announced that the Voter Registration Drive will take place in the residence halls and will be the responsibility of residence hall representatives.

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH--Chairperson Jason Martin reported that Bill 94-1-F, SGA Homecoming and Coming Home Candidates, was discussed at the meeting. Corrections were made to finalize the legislation. The LRC recommends that the bill passes.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS--Chairperson Jennifer Raffaelli announced that the Campus Improvements Committee is investigating the possibility of repainting the crosswalk at the New Co-ed Residence Hall and Pearce-Ford Tower on University Boulevard. Also, plans are underway to begin the Adopt-a-Spot program

PUBLIC RELATIONS--No report.

STUDENT ATHLETIC--No report.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

There were no Academic Council reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was a second reading of Bill 94-1-F - SGA Homecoming and Coming Home Candidates. An amendment to the bill was suggested, and it passed. The bill was then passed as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

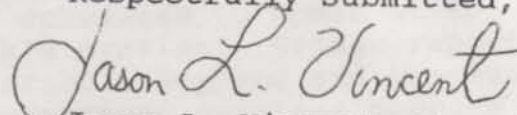
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone was encouraged to help with Phon-a-thon. The Thunderbirds will be at TPH on Friday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m. Committee Chairs were reminded to turn in committee reports by Thursday at 4:00. SGA recruitment in residence halls was encouraged.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason L. Vincent, Secretary