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**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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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 Scott Sivley, Mark Warren, Rob Sherrill, Jason Hays, Rob Carothers, Aly Tomlinson, Chris Holland, Jason Whitsell, Shelley Reitmeyer, and Shawna Whartenby.

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Thomas Meredith

OFFICER REPORTS

Rob Evans, President--President Evans welcomed everyone to congress. He reported that this past week he met with Dr. Dave Parrot about the possible creed monument, and they will meet with Dr. Meredith on Wednesday to discuss the project.

Today there was a reception honoring Coach Jim Richards, this was his last day at Western.

Tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the DUC Theater, there will be a program entitled "Friendship in the Age of AIDS." This program is being co-sponsored by SGA. It will be very beneficial and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Yesterday, President Evans attended a commencement committee meeting and improvements for the May commencement services were discussed.

The COA will meet Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in DUC 349. They will review the proposed Constitution and take nominations for vice president and secretary/treasurer.

President Evans will be attending the Board of Student Body Presidents meeting this weekend in Lexington. They will be discussing a summer retreat, Student Government transitions, plans of the state coordinator, and a meeting with the governor.

Tara Higdon, Vice-President--Vice President Higdon announced that on February 1, the Lady Toppers play Tennessee Tech and Congress will be passing out red towels with numbers on the back. Numbers will be drawn for a three point shoot out, and the winner will get a food scholarship.

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The "Coach for a Game" is set for February 9, when the Toppers play Texas Pan American, and the winner will "coach" the game. Vice President Higdon will draw at the end of the meeting. Also, the "President for a Day" promotion has been set for February 23, 1995.

Child Care Grant applications are now being accepted. The deadline is February 10.

Campus Violence Task Force resumes its meetings next Monday.

Vice President Higdon closed her report by announcing that she attended the Chinese New Year's Celebration as a representative for SGA, and it was a very interesting experience!

Greg Edmonds, Public Relations Director--No report.

Jason Vincent, Secretary--Secretary Vincent announced open positions on Congress. They include the following: five senior off-campus representatives, one junior off-campus representative, four sophomore off-campus representative, four non-traditional representative, one freshman council representative, and openings in the following residence halls: East - one representative, Florence Schneider - one representative, McLean - one representative, South - one representative, West - one representative, New Co-Ed - one representative, Bemis - one representative, Keen - one representative, Central - one representative, and Barnes Campbell - two representatives.

Brandon Rucker, Treasurer--Treasurer Rucker reported that expenditures since the last meeting total \$81.19. This brings the account balance to \$27,758.87.

Treasurer Rucker and Donald Smith met with Claude Threkald concerning the monuments for the Memorial Tree Program. Anyone wanting more information about the program can meet with Brandon.

Organizational Aid applications can be picked up in the SGA office between February 8 and February 15. They will be due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17. The first meeting of the Organizational Aid Committee will be on February 20 at 4:00 p.m.

SGA is still working on having an overnight congressional retreat. Anyone with ideas needs to see the executive officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS--Chairperson Stephanie McCarty announced that President Evans met with Dr. McFarland and they will refer to Ball State's honor code in developing one for Western. They also discussed an idea for professors to have more than two exams during the semester.

STUDENT AFFAIRS--Chairperson Bonnie Newton announced that they discussed doing away with the \$3.00 charge for students with C permits parking in the structure during home games. They will be contacting the Athletic Department about this issue.

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH--No report.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS--No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS-- Chairperson Cindy Chiapetta announced that they will be passing out towels for the Lady Toppers game on Wednesday, February 1, and they have been promoting the chance to win a food scholarship at this game.

STUDENT ATHLETIC--No report.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The college representatives attended the Academic Council meeting on Thursday, January 26.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Congress members voted on the following people to fill open positions: Nick Church and Justin Mylor for Senior off campus representatives; Brian Woods for Junior off campus representative; John Yeric for Sophomore off campus representative. All were accepted as new members of SGA.

First readings for legislation were introduced. They included the following: Bill 95-1-S "WKU: Helping Us Help You," Resolution 95-1-S "I.D. Card Options," Resolution 95-2-S "Call Forwarding," Resolution 95-3-S "Dogwood Avenue Crosswalk," and Resolution 95-4-S "Big Red Way Trash Cans."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee chairs need to make an appointment to meet with Scott Taylor. Committee chairs also need to meet with Lena next Tuesday at 4:30.

Jennifer Raffaelli was selected as the participant for the Coach for a Game on February 9.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason L. Vincent

Jason L. Vincent, Secretary