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**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
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SEPTEMBER 12, 1995**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice-President Jeff Yan.

**ROLL CALL**

Absences included David Apple, Stephanie Cosby, Lori Doolin, Jennifer St. Peter, Terra Swanson, and Eric Wilson.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**

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

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Tara Higdon, President--President Higdon reported that the BSBP Conference she attended this past weekend was very well-planned and had excellent speakers, although it was poorly attended. In mid-October, SGA is tentatively planning a rally to be held here at Western on Higher Education Funding, along with other universities in the state. President Higdon also announced that in the Commencement Committee meeting held on Sept. 6, it was approved by President Meredith that there will be a December graduation. At the Board of Regents Retreat this past Sept. 10-12, there were a lot of great ideas generated and many things were accomplished. President Higdon also noted that the Code of Ethics has not yet been approved and is available to whomever wants a copy. It will be discussed Sept. 22, at the Board of Regents Meeting.

Jeff Yan, Vice-President--Vice-President Yan passed around a sign-up sheet for Congress members to work the Voter Registration Drive. Members must sign up for at least two one-hour shifts. Vice-President Yan also needed the newly elected Freshman Council and the new Residence Hall representatives to stay after to be sworn in.

Kristen Miller, Public Relations Director--Public Relations Director Miller announced that she sent the letter to the Advertising Dept. requesting assistance for a possible new SGA ad campaign. She also sent a letter to the Government Dept. to see if visiting classrooms to talk about SGA would be feasible. SGA is also planning to visit all social organizations and fraternities and sororities to speak on SGA's behalf and also to talk about the Pep Rally which will be Sept. 22. Miller asked to see Cindy Chiapetta, Shawna Whartenby, and Jason Loehr after

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the Congress meeting.

Erin Schepman, Secretary--Secretary Schepman announced the open positions. There is 1 Graduate School position, 1 Junior Off-Campus position and there is 1 position open in the following Residence Halls: Bemis-Lawrence, Bates-Runner, Florence-Schnieder, Gilbert, New Co-Ed, McLean, PFT, Rodes-Harlin, South, West, and North. There are 2 positions open in Central and Barnes-Campbell. Secretary Schepman passed around the sign-up sheet for the Congress Retreat to Rough River on Sept. 16-17 to those who did not sign up before. She asked those who are not going to please turn in a written excuse to her by Thursday. Secretary Schepman told those who have still not yet received their Congress notebooks to meet her downstairs after the meeting.

Brandon Rucker, Treasurer--Total expenditures for the week were \$222.54. The account balance is now \$35,409.38. Total expenditures thus far have been \$6,344.62. Organizational Aid applications will be available in the SGA office on Monday, Sept. 18, 1995. We will be giving the entire budgeted \$4,500.00 this fall instead of half in the fall and half in the spring. The applications will be due Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1995. Interviews will be scheduled after the applications are turned in. Treasurer Rucker announced that the retreat is this weekend and that Committee Heads and Executive Council will be going to Rough River on Friday night. Everyone will be leaving at 4p.m. from the SGA office. Transportation will be provided. The rest of Congress who are to be there on Saturday, will be leaving at noon from the SGA office. Again, transportation will be provided. If a member of Congress who signed up doesn't show, they will be charged for the amount of the room that is reserved. Treasurer Rucker asked that everyone please check the sign-up sheet one more time to make sure if they were signed up or if their name needs to be taken off the list. He also asked that Congress members bring their Congress notebooks, pen or pencil, and paper to the retreat.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS--No report.

STUDENT AFFAIRS--Student Affairs Chair Darlene Lodmell announced that the first meeting of the committee will be on the SGA Congress retreat this weekend and she hopes to see everyone there.

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH--Committee Chair Carlene Lodmell announced that LRC was basically in charge of clearing all bills that went through SGA and to clear up any conflict there was with legislation that was written. The weekly meetings will be at 4:00 on Wednesdays, and the first meeting will be at the SGA Congress retreat this weekend.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS--Committee Chair Steve Roadcap announced that the weekly meetings will be at 3:15 on Tuesdays, and the first meeting will be at the SGA Congress retreat and that the committee has already started formulating ideas on how to improve.

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Western's campus.

PUBLIC RELATIONS--Committee Co-Chair Shawna Whartenby asked everyone to bring paper and pencils to the retreat this weekend because PR has a lot of things planned. Also, the weekly meetings will be on Tuesdays at 4:00 and she is looking forward to meeting everyone at the retreat.

PROGRAMMING--Committee Chair Jason Loehr announced that the weekly meetings will be on Mondays at 3:30, and the first meeting will be at the SGA Congress retreat.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY--No report.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL--Potter College-No Report  
Ogden College-No Report  
Business College-No Report  
Education College-No Report

COUNCIL ON ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS--No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS--Evansville Junior Jason Gerst was accepted by acclamation as Junior Off-Campus Representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS--Coordinator of committees Stephanie McCarty needs to see all the committee heads after the meeting. Darlene Lodmell invited everyone to come to the SAA meeting at 5:00 on Monday. Public Relations Director Kristen Miller reminded the Programming and PR committees to stay after the meeting. Vice President Jeff Yan told everyone to sign up for Voter Registration Drive. President Tara Higdon told everyone about Phone in Registration and to come to the SGA office if they need further information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Erin A. Schepman*

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