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MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
October 21, 1997

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Leigh Ann Sears at 5:20 p.m.

Roll Call Special Guest Ray Mendell. Those absent included: Andy Gailor, Josh Detre, Gail Guilling, Laura Hancock, Bryan Raisor, Darla Johnson, Jarrod Magan, Eric Wilson, Sarah Leonard, Michael Hardin, Corletta Keys, Cory Dryden, William Jones, Tara Beard, Julie Gray, Brandon McCloud, Tiffany Wilson, Heather Hardesty, Drew Harrell and Will Warren.

Minutes It was moved by Stephanie Cosby to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded and passed.

Officer Reports Keith Coffman, President President Coffman thanked everyone that attended the cookout at the President's House. Next President Coffman stressed the importance of attendance at Congress and committee meetings. He announced that Academic Council will meet Thursday October 23, 1997 in the Regents Room at Wetherby Administration Building at 3:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend the meeting. A very important discussion regarding dead week will be coming up for vote. Dead week will mean that the professors will not be allowed to give tests during the week before finals, unless it is a take-home exam or a make-up exam. Academic Council members need to attend. There will be much faculty opposition and the students need to let their voices be heard.

Leigh Ann Sears, Vice President Vice President Sears encouraged everyone to keep the legislation flowing. She announced that Provide-A-Ride banners are in and will be placed in DUC and Garrett Conference Center every Wednesday and Thursday to promote the program. Vice President Sears asked Freshman Council to meet with her after the meeting.

Heather Rogers, Director of Public Relations PR Director Rogers announced that those Congress members that have not picked their shirts up yet from her to come to the office following the meeting. Homecoming is November 1, 1997. Student Government will be having a tent for tailgating and encouraged everyone to attend. She asked that all members wear their Student Government Shirts next Tuesday. Next, PR Director Rogers acknowledged all October Birthdays and handed out PR awards to Sally Eilerman, Matt Bastin and Jason Heflin. She closed by reading a quote.

Jamie Fite, Secretary Secretary Fite read the list of Open Positions. They included: Graduate College, Education College, Non-Traditional, Sophomore Off-Campus, Senior Off-Campus, Pearce Ford Tower and South Hall. She reminded everyone that if they are going to be absent to please contact the secretaries or her.

Chad Lewis, Treasurer Weekly expenditures totaled $120.00 with outstanding payments totaling $105.91. An adjustment was made to our account for an oversight in a discount with Cardinal Office Supplies totaling $98.49. This leaves the account balance at $31,746.99 which is 76% of this year's budget. Organizational Aid applications are turned in and interviews will begin October 22-23, 1997. The committee needs to meet from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Chairperson Matt Bastin reported that the committee was working on some good ideas. He contacted the registrar's office regarding posting of the syllabi. He encouraged everyone to attend the Academic Council Meeting October 23 at 3:30 p.m in the Regent's room of Wetherby Administration Building.

Student Affairs Chairperson Jason Cole and the committee is researching previous legislation regarding lighting between DUC and Tate Page Hall. By "flexing his SGA muscle" at Mark Struss, there may be a different course of action taken regarding the lighting there. Mr. Struss was concerned that nothing had become of that as of yet. Bill 97-1-F will be coming up for first reading in New Business, he encouraged everyone to support this.

LRC Vice Chairperson Anne Guillory spoke in the absence of Chairperson Andy Gailor. Two pieces of legislation were reviewed during LRC. Bill 97-1-F and Resolution 97-7-F both passed unanimously.

Constitutional Review Chairperson Anne Guillory announced that more attendance was needed at the meetings. After the meeting, please stay if anyone is interested.

Public Relations Vice Chairperson Christoph Miller spoke in the absence of Jenny Stith from last week's meeting. He announced that the committee made a banner for Dr. Ransdell for Midnight Madness. Chairperson Jenny Stith announced that any ideas/suggestions for the Homecoming banner are welcomed. She also encouraged everyone to attend Campus Clean-up and to distribute flyers with the date and time printed on them.

Campus Improvements Chairperson Callie Varner announced that the committee is waiting on printing estimates for the Designated Driver Cards. The committee is also working on legislation to have the students' e-mail addresses in the student phone books. She encouraged everyone to put flyers up regarding Campus Clean-Up.

Hillraisers Chairperson Jason Heflin announced that at this weeks meeting the committee will be preparing for Homecoming by making noise makers and confetti, etc. There is quite a bit to get accomplished between now and then. He encouraged everyone to attend Big Red's Roar and Homecoming.

COA No Report

Unfinished Business Bill 97-1-F "Summer Job/Internship Career Fair" was up for second reading. Discussion of the Bill was carried on by Jason Cole. There was a motion to accept Bill 97-1-F.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Resolution 97-7-F "Support for the Passing of URLTA" was up for second reading. President Coffman spoke in favor of the Resolution saying that it will benefit all students living in apartments. A motion was made to accept Resolution 97-7-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business No New Business

Announcements Secretary Fite reminded all committee heads to get their reports in on time. Paul Dixon, a visitor to Congress, talked about the idea of "a people's park." He asked Student Government members to support the idea of turning the lot previously occupied by married housing on 15th Street into a park for and by the people of Western Kentucky University. NAACP will be hosting a "Stop the violence" rally on October 29, 1997 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Disney will be interviewing for internships October 23, 1997 in DUC 305 at 4:00 p.m. Freshman Council needs to meet following the conclusion of the meeting. Stephanie Cosby announced that Executive Council and Committee Heads will meet at 4:00 p.m. next Tuesday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Fite

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