



Student Government Association

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MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
March 24, 1998

Call to Order: Vice President Sears called the regular meeting of the Student Government Association to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: In the absence of Secretary Fite, Vice President Sears called roll. Those members absent included President Keith Coffman, Secretary Jamie Fite, Josh Detre, Martha Bonds, Chris Williams, Robert Lightning, Sonya Robertson, Shawn McCalister, Amber Lee Mason, and Dwight Campbell.

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

Officer Reports: President, Keith Coffman - In the absence of President Coffman, Vice President Sears gave his report. She reported that the Board of Student Body Presidents' retreat at Murray State University for March 27-29 has been canceled. She then reported that Western Kentucky new men's basketball coach is Dennis Phelton from Clemson University. President Gary Ransdell will be coming to speak before a Congress meeting in the near future.

Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Sears announced that tomorrow, March 25, will be the first OAR of the year for incoming freshmen, she encouraged everyone to meet the new students, and reminded Congress that SGA will have a table at the information fair from 2:30-4:00 p.m. She also reminded all possible executive officer candidates that the deadline for applications is Thursday April 2, and that those running should turn those in as soon as possible. She also stated that Executive Council vetoed resolution 98-4-S "Repairing the Sidewalks on Normal Dr."

Director of Public Relations, Heather Rogers - PR Director Rogers reminded Congress of OAR tomorrow and the table that SGA is sponsoring for the information fair. She passed around a sheet asking for more volunteers to work the fair. She stated how important it is for freshmen to know about Western's SGA. PR Director Rogers also passed around a visitor sign-in sheet. There are 10 t-shirts left over from the fall, and new Congress members will draw to see who will receive them. She then announced that there will be an evening of storytelling in Van Meter Hall with Robert Blye on March 31st at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary, Jamie Fite - In the absence of Secretary Fite, Vice President Sears gave her report. She passed out certificates to the previous winners of Congress and Committee member of the month for February to Sally Eillerman and Steven Graham respectively. Open Positions are Potter College, Business College, Education College, Graduate College, Non-Traditional, Sophomore Off-Campus, Junior Off-Campus, Senior Off-Campus, Keen Hall, East Hall, Florence Schneider, North Hall and South Hall.

Treasurer, Chad Lewis - Treasurer Lewis reported that this week's expenditures total \$478.47 leaving the SGA account's balance at \$17,190.38 which is 41.17% of the budget.

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Committee Reports: Academic Affairs - Chairperson Matt Bastin stated that his committee's two resolutions on "Meet Your Dean" and Faculty Appreciation Day" would be coming up for second reading and the committee would appreciate Congress's approval. Chairperson Bastin also reported that the committee will soon have more legislation regarding a check list for advisors and having multiple college/majors listed on graduate's diplomas.

Student Affairs - Chairperson Jason Cole stated that his committee is looking into several different projects: placing more neighborhood watch signs on campus, having stickers for all residence hall rooms with the "topper copper" and the escort service numbers on them, updating the emergency phone system in major parking lots so that the student can call for an escort, and finally he said that Congress member Eddie Schwab will be presenting a resolution to his committee dealing with alcohol on campus next week.

LRC - Chairperson Anne Guillory reported that the committee passed three resolution during the meeting and recommended them for second reading. They are 98-6-S, 98-7-S, and 98-8-S.

Public Relations - Chairperson Jenny Stith started by thanking her committee for all their hard work. She said they were working on updating the SGA bulletin boards in DUC. Stith also passed out flyers for the elections and "Meet Your Dean" day. She also said that the Department of Residence Life Brian Kuster and Director of Housing Kit Tolbert will be speaking to Congress in the near future.

Campus Improvements - Chairperson Christoph Miller said that his committee's last meeting was short, and that they are looking into new ideas. He also gave an update on the proposed People's Park and that they were awaiting a decision by President Ransdell before they could move any further.

Hillraisers - Co-Chairperson Jason Nemes invited everyone out to the baseball game following the Congress meeting. He also said that the committee is still working on the tuition give-away for the Kentucky baseball game on April 28th. Hillraisers will have a membership drive during OAR to recruit new members.

Committee on Committees - Chairperson Stephanie Cosby stated that the first ever SGA Spring Picnic will be held April 18, 1998 at Keriokis Park at 3:00 p.m. Every Congress member is invited to attend and to bring recreation equipment.

Academic Council: Potter College - No Report
Ogden College - No Report
Business College - No Report
Education College - No Report
Graduate College - No Report

COA: Vice President Sears reported that COA will meet on April 7, 1998 at 3:00 in Congressional Chambers.

Unfinished Business: In unfinished business were Bills 98-3-S and 98-4-S and Resolution 98-6-S. The floor was opened for discussion on Resolution 98-6-S "Updating Lighting on Snell Hall." It was moved and seconded to pass 98-6-S. Motion passed unanimously. Bill 98-3-S "Meet Your Dean Day" was discussed by the author. A motion was made to approve Bill 98-3-S. Motion was seconded

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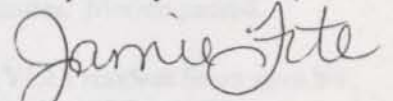
and approved unanimously. Bill 98-4-S "Faculty Appreciation Day" was discussed by the author. A motion was made to approve Bill 98-4-S. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements: The University Center Board will be sponsoring a Spring Fling on April 2nd, 1998; there will be a bathing suit contest, music and food from 2:30-6:30 p.m. The NAACP invites all Executive Council candidates to speak at their meeting on April 15th at 8:00 p.m. Residence Life is sponsoring a "bowl your brain out" night tonight from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Bowling is free and will be held on the fourth floor of DUC.

Adjournment: William Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie Fite, Secretary

Reported by Matt Bastin