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MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
April 7, 1998

Call to Order: Vice President Leigh Ann Sears called the regular meeting of the Student Government Association to order at 5:25 p.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Fite called roll. Those members absent included

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

Officer Reports: President, Keith Coffman - President Coffman announced that President Gary Ransdell will be speaking before next week's meeting. He also reminded Congress that elections were quickly approaching. He passed around a sign-up sheet that asked for volunteers to work on election day. He reported that at the last Judicial Council meeting they voted to not have three election sites. He is hoping that they will reconsider and allow there to be voting in the Library, Garrett and DUC. President Coffman reported that the SGA tent has been ordered and should be here May 1, 1998 just in time for the picnic with the president on May 5, 1998.

Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Sears also encouraged Congress to help with elections. The polls will open April 21 and 28 at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. She announced that the Herald will be sponsoring a Presidential debate on April 20. She closed by commending Congress on all their hard work; there is a lot of legislation in the works.

Director of Public Relations, Heather Rogers - PR Director Rogers thanked everyone who helped work the OAR information tables. She announced that there was to be an ad in today's Herald for the "Meet your Dean" Reception but the Herald claims that it did not receive the ad. She apologized for it not appearing in the paper. She reported that she is still looking for site to hold the end of the year banquet; if anyone has any suggestions, please see her. She asked Congress to really promote the elections especially the primary since many are unfamiliar with that one. She announced that she needed to meet with all committee heads following the meeting.

Secretary, Jamie Fite - Secretary Fite asked all members who were returning to a non-residence hall position on Congress next year to please fill out an application. In new business nominations will be taken for the end of the year awards. Descriptions of the awards are on the back of this week's seconds. Open positions included Graduate College, Potter College, Business College, Education College, Non-Traditional, Senior, Junior and Sophomore Off-Campus, Keen Hall, East Hall, Schneider Hall, North Hall, and South Hall.

Treasurer, Chad Lewis - Treasurer Lewis was absent due to illness; no report.

Committee Reports: Academic Affairs - Chairperson Matt Bastin reported that the "Meet Your Dean" Reception went well. While there weren't a lot of people in attendance, the quality was good. He thanked the committee for all their hard work. The committee sent thank you notes to all the deans

and sent letters to all faculty members regarding Faculty Appreciation Day. There will be a piece of legislation up for first reading next week regarding a student mentoring program.

Student Affairs - Vice-Chairperson Laura Hancock reported that the committee was still working on getting stickers and signs promoting public safety. She also reported that the new date of the forum will be May 4, 1998.

LRC - Chairperson Anne Guillory announced that they passed all resolutions that came to their committee this week. She reminded all authors to be present if they have a resolution to be approved.

Public Relations - Chairperson Jenny Stith thanked the committee for all their hard work. They are working on flyers promoting the Student Government elections.

Campus Improvements - Chairperson Christoph Miller reported that the committee was working on a few pieces of legislation including one that would request a campus phone be put in Grise Hall. Phone surveys will be taking place Wednesday and Thursday of this week 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; he is still in need of volunteers to help call students. Campus clean-up will be April 23, the day after earth day, at 1:00 p.m. in front of Cherry Hall. This will count as one community service hour. He reported that he will be meeting with Brian Kuster to set up permanent University suggestion boxes in all residence halls.

Hillraisers - Chairperson Jason Nemes encouraged everyone to come to the baseball games and to all meetings.

Academic Council: No report for all colleges.

COA: President Coffman reported that there was a COA meeting today and 15 people attended. The next meeting will be May 5 at 3:00 p.m. He has asked that each organization bring all their new officers and get involved in campus activities.

Unfinished Business: Secretary read several pieces of legislation which were up for second reading. Resolution 98-9-S "Suspending Afternoon Classes before Spring Break" came up for discussion. Jenny Stith, co-author, spoke in favor. There were several questions of the author and many had concerns that we were asking too much of the administration. Discussion ended and a motion was made to accept 98-9-S. Motion was seconded and Resolution 98-9-S passed by a slim margin. Next, Resolution 98-11-S "Evaluation of Teachers" came up for discussion. Author Brad Sweatt spoke in favor of the resolution and stated that every teacher should be evaluated every semester. A motion was made to pass 98-11-S. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Resolution 98-10-S "Mandating that Advisors and Advisees meet twice" came up for discussion. Co-author Brad Sweatt spoke in favor of the resolution and noted that the main author, John Tebault, was not present. After some discussion a motion was made to table 98-10-S. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Finally, Resolution 98-12-S "Elimination of Cap and Gown Fee" came up for second reading and discussion. Author Brad Sweatt explained that the fee was not fair to those not participating in commencement. A motion was made to approve 98-12-S. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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New Business: Secretary Fite read a first reading of Resolution 98-13-S "Upgrading WKU's e-mail system."

Nominations were taken for the annual SGA awards. A motion was made to open the floor for nominations. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. For the Dero Downing award is Keith Coffman. For the Charles Keown award is Keith Coffman and Anne Guillory. For the Kerrie Faye Stewart award is Jenny Stith and Laura Hancock. For the Mary Angela Norcia award is Leigh Ann Sears and Heather Rogers. For the Committee member of the year award is Sally Eillerman, Jason Nemes and Laura Hancock. For Congress member of the year is Matt Bastin and Anne Guillory. Voting and more nominations will take place next week.

John Crowe, current Gilbert Hall representative, ran for the position of Business College Representative. A motion was made to accept him as COB rep; motion was seconded and approved. With the Gilbert Hall position coming available, Larry Murphy ran for that representative. A motion was made to accept Larry as Gilbert Hall rep; motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Announcements: April 23 is Faculty Appreciation Day. Candidate Certification was April 2, 1998 at 5:30. The SGA picnic will be April 18 at 3 p.m. at Kiriakis park. Chi-Omega is sponsoring a golf tournament and asked for players/teams. FARMHOUSE Barnyard Olympics will be tomorrow at 4 p.m. at the Ag Farm. Vice-President Sears wished everyone a happy Easter.

Adjournment It was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary, 1997-1998