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MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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Call to Order: Vice President Leigh Ann Sears called the regular meeting of the Student Government Association to Order at 5:00 p.m in the Regents Room in Wetherby Administration Building.

Roll Call: Secretary Fite called Roll. Those members absent included Jason Nemes, Martha Bonds, Michael Hardin, Brian Raisor, Jay Sharkey, John Tebault, Gabriel Fancher, Kevin West, Sarah Leonard, Julie Beth Gray, Robert Lightning, Lindsey Sullivan, J Thomas, Sean McAlister, Jason Brown, Jeff Baynham, Neal Riddle, Amber Lee Mason, Mike Armstrong, and Will Warren. Guests present: President Gary Ransdell, Judicial Council members Ryan Boyer, David Apple, and Darlene Lodmell

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

Guest Speaker: President Ransdell thanked SGA for inviting him to speak and talked about many different issues. He reported that DUC will be opened next week according to Mark Struss, Director of Facilities Management. The fourth floor, the recreation floor, is a total loss and total repairs have been estimated to cost approximately $2 million. He noted that he places a high priority on student leadership and thanked us for our hard work. He also congratulated the candidates for the office of President and noted that both would be excellent representatives. So far during the term of his Presidency he has met with all academic departments and residence halls. During the upcoming Board of Regents meeting on May 15, he will be offering for approval a list of the top ten Universities that WKU will be benchmarked with. He opened the floor for questions.

Officer Reports: President, Keith Coffman - President Coffman thanked Dr. Ransdell for coming to speak at tonight's meeting. He then reported that primary elections went well and the Big Red Card scanners were a nice addition to elections. We will be using those during the general elections next Tuesday and for the first time they will be held in three different locations: DUC, Preston, and the Library. Over 300 people came to vote today. He asked for more volunteers for next week's voting sites. Due to the flood in DUC, next week's SGA meeting will also be held in the Regent's Room. He reported that Coach Felton from the Men's Basketball team will be speaking at next week's meeting. President Coffman asked to speak with Presidential Candidates Stephanie Cosby and Josh Detre immediately following the meeting.

Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Sears announced that the Presidential Debate originally scheduled for today has been rescheduled for Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in Garrett Conference Center.

Director of Public Relations, Heather Rogers - PR Director Rogers reminded Congress of the SGA Banquet which is May 5 in Garrett Conference Center Ballroom at 7 p.m. She reminded all organization representatives to give all announcements for the May calendar to her as soon as possible. She asked all congress members to be wearing their SGA t-shirts around campus to promote the elections. Also if anyone sees any signs promoting the primary, please take them down.

Secretary, Jamie Fite - Secretary Fite reported that there were several people signed up to attend the banquet on May 5. If anyone needs to make changes to the list, please see her after the meeting. Open Positions are same as last week. She asked the Academic Council members to pick up their packets in their mailboxes in the office. Those nominated for an end of the year award need to turn in their applications by Friday.

Treasurer, Chad Lewis - Treasurer Lewis reported that due to there being a flood in DUC he was unable to pull this week's expenditures off of the computer in Student Activities. He will have a report next week.

Committee Reports: Academic Affairs - Chairperson Matt Bastin reported that his committee will be having a pizza party during next week's meeting. He also announced that he needs volunteers to help work the Faculty Appreciation Day reception in the Faculty House on Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Student Affairs - Chairperson Jason Cole announced that the Neighborhood Watch signs are in. He also reported that they are working on legislation regarding cable on campus.

LRC - Chairperson Anne Guillory announced that they passed all legislation brought before them on Monday.

Public Relations - Chairperson Jenny Stith reported that they prepared for elections this week by hanging flyers and she thanked Amanda Cole for all her hard work in designing them. She reminded Congress to write on chalkboards next week promoting the elections.

Campus Improvements - Chairperson Christoph Miller reported that they committee stuffed envelopes announcing the campus clean-up this Thursday. There are a couple of pieces of legislation up for second reading tonight and he asked for Congress's support. He also talked with Brian Kuster of Residence Life and had the suggestion boxes approved by him and Kit Tolbert, Housing Director.

Hillraisers - Sally Eilerman reported that support has died off this year and there will be no more Hillraiser activities until next semester. There will still be a Hillraisers committee meeting on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in Niteclass.

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

COA: President Coffman reported that the Council on Organizational Affairs will meet in the Regent's Room May 5, 1998 at 3:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business: Resolution 98-13-S "On Campus Phones in Grise Hall" was up for second reading. Author Christoph Miller spoke in favor of the resolution. There was no discussion. A motion was made to approve 98-13-S. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Resolution 98-16-S "Student Mentor Program" was spoken in favor of by Author Anne Guillory. She noted that it is easier to talk to peers and also noted that the Journalism department already has this program implemented. There was no discussion. It was moved and seconded to approve 98-16-S. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Resolution 98-18-S "Maintaining Lights on the sidewalk between

DUC and Preston" was spoken in favor of by author Christoph Miller. He noted that the resolution was self-explanatory. There was no discussion. A motion was made to accept resolution 98-18-S. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Bill 98-4-S, "Electronic Display Board" came up for vote. Author Keith Coffman presented a draft to Congress with the board costing approximately $15,000. He spoke in favor of the bill noting that it would be an excellent way to communicate to the students. There was no discussion. A motion was made to pass Bill 98-4-S. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

New Business: Secretary Fite read several pieces of legislation. Resolution 98-20-S "Advisor Checklist," Bill 98-4-S "Neighborhood Watch Signs," and Bill 98-5-S "Excellence in Teaching Award." Judicial Council member David Apple announced the winners of the Primary Election. Brad Sweatt received 140 votes, Amy France received 95 votes, and Christoph Miller received 72 votes. Brad Sweatt and Amy France will be candidates for Public Relations Director in next week's general elections.

Announcements: Vice President Sears reminded Congress that general elections were next week, April 23 is Faculty appreciation Day, Campus Cleanup is April 23 at 1:00 p.m., the Student Affairs Forum is May 4 and the SGA Presidential Debate sponsored by the Herald is Wednesday, April 22 in Garrett Auditorium.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Fite

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