

## MINUTES

The nineteenth meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:01pm on February 18, 2003 with the Executive Vice President in the chair and the Vice President of Administration being present.

A motion to approve the minutes was made. Seconded. *Motion approved unanimously.*

### **President Jamie Sears**

- Reminder: February 27, 2003 Higher Education rally in Frankfort.
- Took a hand count of those that could confirm that they were attending the rally.

### **Executive Vice President John Bradley**

- Reminded all authors of legislation that they need to defend their legislation at LRC for its passage to second reading.

### **Vice President of Finance Ross Pruitt**

- No report

### **Vice President of Public Relations Anna Coats**

- Advertise for the next forum.
- Coming Home is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Nominations for Coming Home are due into the SGA office by this Friday.

### **Vice President of Administration Brandon Copeland**

- 2 people to be sworn in.
- There are currently 14 absences in Congress.
- The establishment of an online legislation archive is beginning with the year 1997 and 1998.
- Attended the Social Security Elimination Committee on Monday; the committee submitted a short report to Dr. Kirschmeyer recommending that the SSN be eliminated from: disbursement notices, financial aid residual checks, payroll recap sheets. The final report of recommendations will be submitted to Dr. Kirschmeyer by April 30 and then reviewed by the Administrative Council.
- Attended the University Diversity Advisory Committee on last Friday, Brandon asked for support for a new scholarship in honor of Laquetta Shepard. Brandon has also suggested that SGA look into the possible effects of Affirmative Action being ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court on Western students.

### **Coordinator of Committees**

- -All committee heads please email the coordinator.



Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

-Meets Thursdays at 500pm.

Campus Improvements

-Several pieces of legislation up for reading next week.  
-March 12, Campus Clean Up.

Legislative Research

-Passed 2 pieces of legislation on to second reading.  
-Sponsored the election codes, will be voted on next week.

Public Relations

-2 pieces of legislation up for reading tonight.

Senior Recognition

-No report

Student Affairs

-Work continues on draft legislation.  
-Meetings are Mondays at 500pm.

Ad hoc Internal Affairs

-Will be discussing the Organizational Aid this week. Reforms and Special Aid.  
-Meets Wednesdays at 300pm in SGA office.

**Information Technology Director**

-No report

**Special Orders**

Jessica Martin moved that all matters on the agenda be limited to 35 minutes. *Motion approved unanimously.*

*Judicial Council report—Dana Lockhart*

-At its latest meeting, Judicial Council set election dates. Justice Lockhart reviewed the minimum requirements for Executive Office candidates.

*University Senate report—Ross Pruitt*

-The University Senate meets Thursdays at 330pm in Garrett Ballroom.

Enrollment Task Force nominees were on the table again after two weeks postponement.  
Motion to approve by Scott Wolfe. Seconded.



Debate. Several speakers in favor the nominees as is and for a compromise measure.

Natalie Croney made a motion to end debate. Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Earlier motion to approve nominees as is approved by large majority via hand count by the chair.

**University Athletics Committee report—Ross Pruitt**

-At the last two meetings of the committee, there has been an ongoing discussion of priority registration privileges extension to student athletes.

-The NCAA academic stipulations for student athletes have been re-issued and are considerably more stringent. Ross reviewed those for Congress.

Ross took a hand count of those in Congress who were in support or opposition to the expansion of priority registration to athletes. There was debate. The committee will consider this feedback at its next meeting.

2 people were sworn in as At-Large congress-members:

*Emily St. Clair and Whitney Simpson*

*They briefly spoke about themselves.*

*Nominations for Committee and Congress member of the month (January) were closed by unanimous consent. Voting was by secret ballot. Results will be announced next week.*

**Special Orders from the floor**

Mr. Green (aka Robert Welsh) of the Campus Green party questioned Congress concerning its official position on the possibility of war against Iraq and the possibility of internet traffic monitoring by the Office of Information Technology. John and Jamie stated that Congress officially has no position on war with Iraq and that an official from the Information Technology office will speak to Congress soon.

**Unfinished Business**

**03-04-S, Plastic Holders**

Authors' Statements. Questions.

Debate. Motion to end debate by Nick Todd. Seconded. Approved unanimously

Motion to approve by Eddie Schwab. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

**03-02-S, Garrett Space**

Authors' Statements, Questions.

Debate. Motion to end debate by Scott Wolfe. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve by Eddie Schwab. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

**New Business**

First reading of the following pieces of legislation:

**03-03-S, One stop Accounting at WKU**



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#### 2003 Election Codes

There was a question and answer session concerning the election codes.

#### Announcements

Anna: Advertise flyers. SGA trivia answer: Shawn Peavie.

Brandon: There will be a Black History Celebration called "Remembering our History" at 730pm on February 24<sup>th</sup> at DUC theatre. Also, Cry Havoc, a play written by Tom Coash is in its last night at Gordon Wilson Hall on campus. Tickets are \$6.00. Furthermore, the World AIDS Day planning committee will meet this Thursday at the Bowling Green Public Library at 200pm.

Bob Bell: Commended Ross Pruitt for his work on the University Athletics Committee. Stacey Adkisson: Kappa Delta is having a "Shamrock Shoot-Out" 5-on-5 basketball contest. All proceeds benefit the national philanthropic organization—Prevent Child Abuse in America. For more information contact Stacey at 2132.

Jamie: Reminder—Frankfort Rally is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Most professors are willing to make it an excused absence. SGA can transport 100 students.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 6:24pm

*Brandon Copeland*

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