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MINUTES

The twentieth meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02pm on February 25th, 2003 with the Executive Vice President in the chair and the Vice President of Administration being present.

After the first call of the roll, the body lacked a quorum by one member. Quorum was later achieved with the arrival of Brooke Marshall.
A motion to approve the minutes was made. Seconded. *Motion approved unanimously.*

President Jamie Sears

- Please help distribute ribbons for the rally this Thursday morning. The buses leave at 600am. The rally will be from 1130am until 1200pm.
- All Al Sharpton events were cancelled due to 'scheduling' conflicts today.
- Jamie has a meeting with Dr. Tice tomorrow.
- There will be a series of forums on Diddle seating in the coming weeks, please see Jamie for more details.

Executive Vice President John Bradley

- John reported that he had a piece of legislation concerning the WWHR-FM referendum proposal for first reading this week.

Vice President of Finance Ross Pruitt

- Ross reviewed some funding priorities from the Budget Council:
  - Salary increases for full time faculty and staff
  - Increase in University's health insurance contribution
  - Salary increases for part time employees
  - Additional full time faculty positions
  - Obligations from the 2002-2003 budget
  - Enrollment growth pressures

Vice President of Public Relations Anna Coats

- This is Coming Home week; there are 7 (possibly 8) candidates.
- Coming Home is scheduled for March 1st.
- The Coming Home king will be announced at this Saturday's Men's Basketball game (300pm).

Vice President of Administration Brandon Copeland

- There is no one to be sworn in tonight.
- There are currently 17 vacancies in Congress.
- The roll should be cleared of those on the roll who are not coming to SGA meetings anymore with Judicial Council attendance hearing this Thursday.

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Coordinator of Committees

- -All committee heads please email the coordinator.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

-Meets Thursdays at 500pm.
-Affirmative Action discussion with an administrator this week.
-The committee is looking for an alternative to the "Excellence in Teaching" awards.

Campus Improvements

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

Legislative Research—Report given by Vice Chair Dana Lockhart

-Passed some legislation onto Congress

Public Relations

-2 Pieces of legislation in the draft stage.
-Encourages everyone to go to the Frankfort rally.

Senior Recognition

-No report

Student Affairs

-The committee has a piece of legislation up for 1st reading tonight.
-Meetings are Mondays at 500pm in the SGA office.

Ad hoc Internal Affairs

-Discussed Organizational Aid this week. Reforms and Special Aid.
-Meets Wednesdays at 300pm in SGA office.

Information Technology Director

-No report

Special Orders

Judicial Council report—Dana Lockhart

-Dana notified Congress of his recent resignation from Judicial Council. He is considering a run for Executive Office. "...wants to prevent the appearance of impropriety...was honored to serve." Judicial Council will meet this Thursday.

University Senate report

No report

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Announced Appointments

Judicial Council justice—Diana Carag

Parliamentarian—Dana Lockhart

Eddie Schwab moved that the Congress suspend with the Bylaws to vote on appointments. Seconded.

Motion approved with a couple in opposition.

John Law gave a report from the University Technology Acceptance Committee:

-The committee wants to solve the problem of low campus residential bandwidth by running a new line underground. It would be paid for by implementing a $15/student/year fee. *(John believes that this outlet needs to be secure from outside use and use only by those who are paying for it. Also he would like to see the current internet 'unthrottled and 'unblocked'. Which is a necessity for his vote in the affirmative.)*

Other issues discussed:

Smart classrooms, which has been redirected to a subcommittee.

ITV and Web courses, the teachers are dismayed at the equipment status. *(John was not sure how much these classrooms are used. Therefore he is not sure how much this would benefit students)*

Open computer labs for classes.

The committee reviewed the plan for a laptop university plan. A tuition increase at $500/semester. *(John plans on voting against this as is.)*

Nominations for Committee and Congress member of the month (January) will be announced next week.

Special Orders from the floor

NONE

Unfinished Business

2003 Election Codes

Debate. Questions.

Dana Lockhart reviewed changes:

No primaries

3 business days for election appeals after results announcement.

University Information Technology will track IP addresses.

Election dates were changed.

Motion to approve by Eddie Schwab with the amendment of WKU Student Handbook. Seconded.

Amended measure passed unanimously.

B03-03-S, Campus Clean Up

Authors' Statements. Questions.

Debate. Motion to approve by Eddie Schwab. Seconded.

Measure approved unanimously.

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Due to an oversight in LRC, the one stop accounting legislation will be voted on next week.

New Business

First reading of the following pieces of legislation:

B03-02-S, Bylaws Amendment
B03-05-S, WWHR-FM Student Referendum
R03-05-S, Support for HR 184

Announcements

Anna: SGA trivia answer: Sarah Boling. Winners of the Committee/Congress member of the month will be announced next week.

Jamie: Reminder—Frankfort Rally is February 27th. Most professors are willing to make it an excused absence. SGA can transport 100 students. Thanks to Barry Wells for the cookies.

Barry Wells: Please feel free to fill out a customer survey the next time you are eating in DUC.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 5:56pm

Brandon Copeland

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