# WKU Student Government Association Agenda
## October 25th, 2005

I. **Call to order**
II. **Roll Call**
III. **Approval of the Minutes**
IV. **Officer Reports**
- President- Katie Dawson
- Executive Vice-President- Mason Stevenson
- Administrative Vice-President- Melissa Paris
- Director of Public Relations- Lizzy White
- Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Katie Pettit
- Chief of Staff- Kara Ratliff
- Secretary of the Senate- Emily Lovan
- Speaker of the Senate- Jedediah Conrad

V. **Committee Reports**
- Academic Affairs
- Campus Improvements
- LRC
- Public Relations
- Student Affairs

VI. **Director of Information Technology Report**-Amanda Allen

VII. **Special orders**
- University Senate Report
- Judicial Council Report

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

IX. **New Business**
- Resolution 02-05-F

X. **Announcements**
- There are two open senate leadership positions and Senate seats if you know any one interested in joining SGA.

XI. **Adjournment**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02 on October 25, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 25 of 28 Senators present.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes.

**President - Katie Dawson**

- Good afternoon everyone.
- Halloween is less than a week away! We thought about dressing up for today's meeting, but then we decided since Halloween wasn't until next Monday, that we would just look silly. Sorry if anyone was looking forward to Melissa dressing up like Charley Pride again.
- Congratulations on Dialogue Day. I would like to say awesome job to the Student Affairs Committee and Lindsey Lilly. All the senators who came get "Social A's" because it looked like the conversations were going well. Again, thanks to everyone who came out. The food was awesome and it was a lot of fun.
- The Documentary Series starts tonight. Because it is so cold outside, it has been moved to Tate Page Auditorium. It starts at 7:00 PM, so come out and support this. After the documentary, there will be three break out sessions led by Potter, Ogden, and Health and Human Services.
- "Listen Up Legislators" starts tomorrow. That's where we email our legislators asking them to continue supporting funding for higher education.
- I am going to a Board of Regents meeting on Friday.
- If anyone has any questions, please let me know.
- I have some appointments coming up in Special Orders.

**Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson**

- I see a lot of new faces out there, so, welcome.
- Jamie Fogg is a new office associate in the SGA office. I've already met her and she's very personable so go by and meet her if you get a chance.
- The letter for "Listen Up Legislators" is done. I encourage everyone to participate in this program, and it starts tomorrow.
- Kara and I had a meeting with Dr. Bonaguro about the "Transfer Student Forum". Hopefully, it will make transfer students' transition to WKU a little easier. It is scheduled for November 16, at 7:00 PM.
- I went to a University Senate meeting, good times, good times. I'll tell you more about that in the University Senate Report.
- Jenna Haugen, can I please see you after this meeting?

**Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris**

- Everyone should have gotten a new expenditure report. Please look over that.

- I encourage everyone to go to the committee meetings, because that's where all the fun is.
- I'd like to say great job to Lindsey Lilly on what was, in my opinion, the best Dialogue Day we've ever had.

**Director of Public Relations – Lizzy White**

- I am sending around a couple of sign up sheets. First, we are going to have a Jump Table on Thursday from 10 – 2 with the iPod raffle tickets and other promotional items, as well as, the laptop with wireless internet set up for "Listen up Legislators", so sign up to work that if you can. The second sheet is for Dialogue Day because this was the first sweatshirt incentive event. So if you went please sign your name but if you didn't go, don't cheat because that's no fun.
- At the Documentary Series tonight, information booths will be set up by Up Til Dawn, Relay for Life, and the local Survivor Society, so please come.
- Also, we were supposed to have a Cancer survivor speak tonight at the documentary, but she is stuck on a cruise and will not be able to make it. We looked for a replacement, but couldn't get anybody.
- I got a press release from someone at Morehead University for "Listen Up Legislators" so I sent that out to the local media. Hopefully this will get more people from the community to participate.
- I put a newspaper ad in the Herald for the iPod Raffle to get people excited so they will come sign up.
- I made an award for Lindsey Lilly's Committee for an awesome Dialogue Day. I forgot it in my office, so I'll have to get it to you later.
- Please make sure I have your t-shirt size before you leave this meeting. I am ordering the t-shirts soon; they will be free, so please wear them to promote SGA. They will have "I (heart) SGA" on the front and "1965-2005 Forty Years and Counting" on the back.

**Director of Academic and Student Affairs - Katie Pettit**

- No report.

**Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff**

- I'd like to welcome all the new senators.
- Mason and I met with Dr. Bonaguro today about the plans for the Transfer Student Forum.
- The Documentary Series is tonight, please attend.
- I have a Parking and Transportation meeting tomorrow and Friday.
- Just so everyone knows, I'm going to the Fat Joe Concert at EKU since no one else claimed the tickets. ☺

**Secretary *of the Senate* - Emily Lovan**

- Sorry that the senators who were sworn in last week were not on the roll call today. The updated list is in my room. I will have that fixed for next week.
- Just a reminder, continue going to committee meetings.

**Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad**

- Congratulations on Dialogue Day, it went well.
- Because these senate meetings are so fast, the majority of the work is done in the committee meetings. Each committee is always looking for new ideas for legislation. Ask your friends if they have any ideas as well.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs:

- No report.

Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson

- My name is Jeanne Johnson, for all the new senators. Campus Improvement meetings are Tuesdays at 4:30. It's a great committee and I am really excited about everything we are going to do and have already done this year.
- There is a rumor that SGA has bought benches and bike racks and that they have been made, and are just sitting in storage. This is not true, although we have set money back to purchase these, they are working on a main theme, of black iron, to carry out all over campus. We are not going to set back any more money until we find out exactly how much they are going to cost.
- We have a piece of legislation up for first reading tonight, Resolution 02-05-F "Repair of the Kissing Bridge".

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- I would like to acknowledge the grace that Lindsey Lilly showed in order to put together a wonderful Dialogue Day. Great job.
- There is a sign up sheet going around where senators who are interested in serving on LRC can put down times that are good for you on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays. We have only had one person attend each of the LRC meetings, and it was a different person each time.
- LRC looks at issues with the bylaws and pieces of legislation. We would really like some different input at these meetings.

Public Relations: Seth Norman

- Our meetings are at 5:30 on Thursdays.
- Because of common concerns regarding the last question on the iPod Raffle, it now reads "By signing up, I give SGA consent to email me."
- If you are interested in being on the PR committee, please come see me after the meeting tonight.

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

- The Student Affairs Committee meets at 4:30 on Mondays.
- Thanks to everyone who came to Dialogue Day. Everything that could have gone wrong did, but I feel like everything ended up turning out fine.

- I'd like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped, especially Lizzy, Josh, and Seth.
- Anyone interested in joining the Student Affairs committee, please come to our meeting.

**Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen**

- If anyone has legislation or events that they would like to be posted on the website, please email them to me so I can make sure to get them.

**Special Orders**

*University Senate Report*
Like I said before, good times. The majority of the meeting was about the retirement plan, which out of respect, the students do not vote on. They discussed ORP and KAPS retirement plans and the good and bad of both. They are going to look at which is better for everyone at the University and will go to great lengths to get that, even if it means a lawsuit.
University Senate is like our counterpart made up of faculty and professors. They pretty much do the same stuff that we do and have meetings similar to ours, they just last a lot longer. They also deal with specific issues such as the curriculum and Gen Ed. Feel free to ask questions if you have any.

*Judicial Council Report*
No report.

Katie Dawson appointed Angie Ellison and Brent Richardson as senators. During questions they were asked which committee(s) they were interested in. Ellison responded that she was interested in Campus Improvements and that she had attended the meeting today. Richardson said Campus Improvements as well. There was no discussion or debate. *Ellison and Richardson were approved with a unanimous vote.*

Katie Dawson appointed Jenna Haugen to Academic Affairs chair. During questions, Johnathon Boles asked they would have a meeting tonight if she was elected. Haugen responded yes, and informed Collins that she had read the Constitution. There was no discussion or debate. *Haugen was approved with a unanimous vote.* Katie Dawson swore Ellison, Richardson, and Haugen into office.

**Unfinished Business**
None.

**New Business**
Resolution 02-05-F Repair of the Kissing Bridge

There was a reminder for one of the authors of this piece of legislation to see Josh Collins and to attend LRC in order to defend this piece so it can come up for second reading.

**Announcements**

Jed Conrad: There are two open senate leadership positions and Senate seats if you know anyone interested in joining SGA.

Mason Stevenson: Jenna Haugen, don't forget I need to see you after this meeting.

Kara Ratliff: Sorry, I forgot to mention this in my report. SGA is going to have an Up Til Dawn team this year. We are going to raise money for St. Jude by writing letters to businesses and personal contacts asking them to donate money. The actual event is not until February 3, however, registration is due November 11. If you want to participate, come see me.

Jed Conrad: New senators, please come give your email address to the secretary.

Jed Conrad: Just a reminder that if you have an announcement to come see me before the meeting starts so I can give you the floor when it comes time for announcements. This just cuts down on time and also cuts out random announcements that have been a problem in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

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Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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