MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:29 PM on November 8, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 21 of 29 Senators present.

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

President - Katie Dawson

- Good afternoon everyone. I have a pleasant surprise, which is that I don't have much to talk about today.
- I am leaving at 6:00 AM on Thursday morning to go to the American Democracy Project in Atlanta. I will have a report for you guys next week about that.
- Centennial Announcements are coming up soon such as Centennial events, times, and free items you will receive.
- This is just a reminder and we will announce this again. There will be no senate meeting on November 22 because Thanksgiving Break begins the following day, Wednesday, November 23, so we are not making anyone stay on Tuesday afternoon any longer than they have to.

Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson

- Good evening.
- I will be heading off to Eastern Kentucky University to a Board of Student Body President's Meeting this weekend and will report on that next week.
- The Transfer Student Forum, that you have heard me talk about quite a few times, will take place on November 17, which is a Thursday, from 7-9 PM in DUC 340.
- Please read the Constitution and Bylaws. This will inform you of the responsibilities and duties as a senator, etc. It will tell you what you can and cannot do in office.
- Also, as Executive Vice-President in the Constitution, I am an ex-officio non-voting member of all Senate committees except for the PR committee. I am going to start attending one or two meetings of each committee per month, just hanging out and being groovy with the committees.

Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris

- I need a head count on how many people never got SGA binders. Count: 9 Senators plus Judicial.

Director of Public Relations - Jed Conrad for Lizzy White

- Please read your seconds.
- Sign up for the Jump Table for this Thursday. At the last jump table, the attendance was very poor. In order to be successful, we need lots of SGA members there to help.
- SGA T-shirts will be at the next meeting.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs - Katie Pettit

- I went to a University Curriculum Committee and Academic Affairs Meeting with the chair and registrar.

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- Hello everybody!
- If you want to sign up for Up Til Dawn, Please come see me.
- Josh Collins and I will be attending the Athletics Committee meeting on Thursday.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- Keep going to committee meetings.
- If you came in late, come see me.

Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad

- Just a reminder, committee meetings are very important and so is your attendance at the meetings.
- There are two pieces up for second reading tonight and two pieces up for first reading. The two authors of the pieces up for first reading need to contact Josh and attend LRC.
- If you know anybody interested in joining SGA, there are two senate leadership positions available.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen

- Hello everyone.
- We are looking at bookmarks again because we think handing out bookmarks with vital information on them for students will be effective.
- We are also discussing Professor of the Semester.
- If you want to join a cool and exciting committee, come to the meeting right after this meeting in the senate office.

Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson

- We looked at donations going towards mountain bikes and uniforms for the Explorers.
- I am meeting with Mike Wallace this week.
- Thursday at 11:00, the Campus Improvements Committee is going to have a second meeting, where there will be lots of information given out and I strongly encourage everyone on this committee to come, especially if you weren't able to make it tonight.
- I have a meeting about Adopt-A-Sidewalk with Carl Kell on Monday at 10:00.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- Obviously we passed Bill 05 and Resolution 02 at the last meeting. Those are up for second reading tonight.
- Representatives of Bill 06 and Resolution 03 should come to the meetings tonight to defend the pieces of legislation.
- Soon, we would like to meet with the Executive Board as well as Judicial to present our suggested bylaw amendments.

Public Relations: Seth Norman

- We have 571 people signed up for the iPod Raffle so far. We actually purchased the iPods last week for $537.00, which is about $100 cheaper than what we had originally planned and written legislation for.
- I have talked to Richard Brook from Apple. He is going to give us free t-shirts, lunchboxes, and other items that we can give away along with the iPods. ☺

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen

- I was pleased with the questions and answers during the guest speaker's presentation. If anyone has any questions relating to IT specifically dealing with SGA, come ask me.
- If you want anything specific posted on the website, please email or come talk to me.
- Profile pictures for the website will be taken tonight after the meeting, after the next meeting, or anytime in the SGA office this week.

Special Orders

University Senate
No report.

Judicial Council
Jacqueline Adams has recently received a job that requires her to work 40 hours, therefore she is taking herself out of the nomination as a Justice.
If anyone is interested in attending our meetings, we have them every other Wednesday at 5:30 in the SGA office downstairs.

Seth Norman appointed Aaron Sutherland for Public Relations Committee Vice-Chair. There was no discussion or debate. *Sutherland was approved with a unanimous vote.*

Unfinished Business

Bill 05-05-F Amendment to Bill 03-05-F

Melissa Paris was recognized as the author, explaining that "Men's Rugby" should be changed to "Medical Technology Club" because Men's Rugby was added to Organizational Aid legislation twice, and the Medical Technology Club was omitted. They both received the same amount of money; it was just a typographical error. During questions, Jenna Haugen asked how Bill 03-05-F was included. Paris said that Bill 03-05-

F was legislation dealing with Organizational Aid and Bill 05-05-F was simply an amendment to it. *Previous question was called and seconded. Previous question passed unanimously. Legislation passed unanimously.*

Resolution 02-05-F Repair of the Kissing Bridge

Jeanne Johnson was recognized as the author, explaining that it was first noticed on the campus safety walk that the bridge itself was made out of concrete but the railing was wood, and that the wood was aged and no longer safe, and that this legislation would allow this issue to be addressed quickly. During questions, Scott Broadbent asked if it was just assumed that the railing was no longer safe or had the University agreed upon this. Johnson said both, that it was noticed when the railing shook, but the University agreed immediately that it needed to be fixed. During debate, Josh Collins said that in the LRC meeting, it was noted "university" in the THEREFORE clause should be capitalized so it would read "University". Johnson accepted this as a friendly amendment. *Legislation passed unanimously.*

New Business

Bill 06-05-F Transfer Student Forum Refreshments

Resolution 03-05-F Relocating the Smoking Apparatii

There was a reminder made by Jed Conrad for one of the authors of both of these pieces to see Josh Collins and to attend LRC in order to defend their piece so each can come up for second reading.

Announcements

Jeanne Johnson: I need to speak to Johnathon after this meeting. The second meeting for the Campus Improvements Committee on Thursday will be held in DUC Food Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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