

**\*I WAS ABSENT FROM THIS MEETING  
I NEED THE SECONDS, EXPEDITURE REPORT, AND LEGISLATION**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:05 PM on November 29, 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 am looking forward to having 5 weeks off for Christmas break after these next few weeks.
- I would like to thank everyone who participated in any of the Centennial kick-off events. If you haven't gotten the chance yet, I encourage everyone to check out the fountain in front of Van Meter, the new flags, and the statue of Diddle.
- Tonight, we have two new senators here, who I will hopefully be approved tonight during special orders.
- There will be no documentary tomorrow – please read the minutes.
- I would like to thank Seth Norman for a very successful iPod raffle; we had over 1000 people put their name in the drawing.

**Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson**

- I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Break.
- I had several meeting this week, including two Student Life Foundation meetings, a meeting with Dr. Tice and Lindsey Lilly, and a meeting with Dean Bailey and Josh Collins.
- Also, we had the Transfer Student Forum a couple of weeks ago.
- Have a good one.

**Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris**

- No report.

**Director of Public Relations - Lizzy White**

- Read your seconds. There are a few typos; it says that sweatshirts are in, that's not true, it's supposed to say t-shirts.
- We will be drawing for the iPods during Seth's committee report, not at the end of the meeting.
- I have a birthday card for Jenna Haugen; her birthday was yesterday.

- If you participated in any of the Centennial events, please sign the sheet going around. That counts as an event for a sweatshirt.
- Thirteen people have already earned their SGA sweatshirt.
- There will be lots more opportunities including the winter banquet on Dec. 6 and Up til Dawn letter writing tomorrow in DUC from 10:30 AM – 10:30 PM.
- I have the winter banquet invitations up here, if you haven't gotten one yet, come up and get yours after the meeting. It is December 6 at 6:30 in Garrett Ballroom. At the banquet, we will congratulate the members of senate, exec, and judicial. Please RSVP either tonight after the meeting, email me, or call me by Friday. If I haven't heard from you by then, I am not going to include you because I have to give the caterers a number. Thanks!

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

- I am still working on the attendance policy for the University Curriculum committee. If you want to know more about that, please see me.

**Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff**

- Up til Dawn letter writing is tomorrow from 10:30 AM – 10:30 PM in Red Zone. If you signed up for the team, make sure you go down there and send your letters.
- There will be no documentary series tomorrow.
- I have a Parking and Transportation Meeting coming up.

**Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan**

- Please come to the senate and committee meetings. I can't stress enough how important attendance is.

**Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad**

- This is my second to last meeting. I will be resigning at the end of this semester.
- Tonight during special orders we will have Speaker of the Senate nominations, as well as, nominations for senate and committee awards.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen

- We had a meeting with Dr. Burch. She had some questions about the indifference wall but she loved the idea of the "Academic Affairs Fair". She also wanted to know about recognizing professors. She was very excited about the J-term, apparently it's a huge success.
- Please come to our committee meeting after this meeting. Instead of having it downstairs, we are going to steal Jeanne's idea of having it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of DUC out at the tables.

Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson

- On this Thursday, December 1, in DUC at 2:00 we are having a discussion between us and the guys from Lexington. I encourage everyone to come.
- We have a piece of legislation up for first reading tonight and there was a miscommunication so part of it is missing, if you would like that part to look over, let me know and I will get you a copy.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- No meeting tonight because I am not sure I have time due to school work, so we are moving it to Thursday at 4:00 instead.
- The Bylaws will not be amended this semester because from the consultation with the administration, they have some concerns. Out of courtesy for the administration, we are going to wait.

Public Relations: Seth Norman

- We are now going to draw the winners of the iPod raffle (one drawn by Jed Conrad, Speaker of the Senate; one drawn by Lizzy White, Director of PR; and one drawn by Katie Dawson, President.) –
  - Matt Hunter
  - Angel Campbell
  - Rachel Droste
- I would like to say thanks to Kathleen Hennessey and Jamie Fogg for typing a list of everyone (over 1000 people) who applied.
- Our last committee meeting of the semester will be Thursday at 5:30 in the main office.

Student Affairs: Scott Broadbent

- We met briefly and discussed ideas, mainly for next semester. One idea was better times for meal plan hours.

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

None. (absent)

**Special Orders**

*University Senate Report*

We have a meeting during finals week.

*Judicial Council Report*

No report.

Speaker of the Senate nominations – There was a nomination and second for Jeanne Johnson. There was a nomination and second for Josh Collins. There was a motion for

the floor to be closed for nominations and it was seconded. The motion for a closed floor passed unanimously. This will be voted on during the next meeting.

Committee Member of the Semester nominations – There was a nomination for J.P. Roy, Ben Redmon, and Johnathon Boles. There was a motion for the floor to be closed for nominations and it was seconded. The motion for a closed floor passed unanimously. This will be voted on during the next meeting.

Senator of the Semester – There was a nomination for Jeanne Johnson, Lindsey Lilly, Seth Norman, and Jenna Haugen. There was a motion for the floor to be closed for nominations and it was seconded. The motion for a closed floor passed unanimously. This will be voted on during the next meeting.

Katie Dawson appointed Alex Wimsatt and David Padron as senators. There was no discussion or debate. *Wimsatt and Padron were approved with a unanimous vote.* President Katie Dawson swore Wimsatt and Padron into office.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

Bill 07-05-F

#### **Announcements**

Kara Ratliff: Don't forget about Up til Dawn letter writing, tomorrow in DUC and no documentary.

Lizzy White: Come get your t-shirt and winter banquet invitation after the meeting.

Jenna Haugen: The committee meeting will be at the tables on the third floor of DUC not in the senate office right after this meeting.

Katie Dawson: Who would be interested in doing a Secret Santa for the banquet? Let me see a show of hands (not enough).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

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Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate  
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