WKU Student Government Association Agenda
March 6th, 2006

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- Seth Norman
- Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Vacant
- Chief of Staff- Kara Ratliff
- Secretary of the Senate- Emily Lovan
- Speaker of the Senate- Jeanne Johnson

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
- Director of Academic and Student Affairs Appointment
- Judicial Council Appointment
- Senator Appointments

VIII. **Unfinished Business**
- Bill 04-06-S — Professor of the Year

IX. **New Business**
- Bill 05-06-S — Election Codes
- Bill 06-06-S — Camera Purchase
- Bill 07-06-S — Academic Bookmarks
- Resolution 01-06-S — SGA Portrait

X. **Announcements**

XI. **Adjournment**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:10 PM on March 7, 2006 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 19 of 25 Senators present.

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

President - Katie Dawson

- How is everyone?
- I'm looking forward to everyone going to Frankfort tomorrow.
- I am aware of the allegations I am facing. I am willing to address them personally if you email me or call me. There has been lots of good work done in SGA this year and I just want to continue that.
- I am leaving for Frankfort tonight for tomorrow's meeting. There is a CPE meeting with President Ransdell and the other university presidents. Tomorrow after those meetings is the rally. I will be speaking on "Why Kentucky Education is Important". If you attend, you have a raffled chance to win a $1000 scholarship.
- Thursday Kara and I are going to a Centennial meeting so we know what our part is in all that and how it affects our 40th year anniversary.
- I am so excited about campus cleanup. The campus improvements committee has done a great job organizing everything.
- I have a Board of Regents Committee meeting this Friday. So I won't be in my office the rest of the week, but I finished my 12 office hours as of today at 5:00.
- Have a great one.

Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson

- Johnathon Boles and I have been working this year to create an archivist position. The responsibilities are now outlined.

- I have been working with Chris Whitfield and judicial on elections. There will be a candidate interest meeting tonight in room 123 in Jeanne and Emily's office.

Administrative Vice- President – Melissa Paris

- Speech regarding recent happenings in SGA (attached)
- Yesterday, a senator had questions about the recent happenings and went into the SGA office to speak with the President about it. I encourage you to do this if you have questions: come talk to any of us.
- Have a great week.
- The budget council meeting has been postponed until next week.

Director of Public Relations – Seth Norman

- The forum with President Ransdell where he will talk about the new student fees added to tuition will be March 30 either in the FAC colonnade or Garrett Ballroom.
- We are going to try this whole Listen up Legislators again because last time only five people turned them in.
- More chapstick with the SGA logo on it is in, so everyone can get some.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs – VACANT

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- 2:30 on Wednesday Katie and I have a Centennial Celebration meeting.
- I have a parking and transportation meeting on Friday.
- Diversity Council is this upcoming Monday in Room 305 DUC. Please come, it will be my first time attending too.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- No report.

Speaker of the Senate – Jeanne Johnson

- We had a committee head meeting last Wednesday and it went so well that we are going to have another meeting soon – probably next Wednesday at 8:00, I will send an email to verify that time though.
- I really encourage each committee to send a representative to the LRC meeting each week. This can be a different person each week. This is a really important committee and we need people to be present from each committee.
- I encourage new senators to join the Public Relations, Academic Affairs, or Student Affairs committees. All of the committees need more participation.
- If all the committee heads would email me their meeting times that would be great.
- Next week all the committee heads can announce your committee member of the month.
- Come study for your mid-terms at Steak- N- Shake. It is a great atmosphere and you can tip me.

- Write down things that we tell you during the meetings so you can remember the information.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen
- There is an academic affairs meeting right after this one.
- Go to the informational meeting tonight.
- Leah Keys is our committee member of the month.
- Academic affairs is working on bookmarks, tutors, and getting back some languages have been cut from WKU.
- Our committee goal is to have a new piece of legislation up every week.

Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss
- Campus Cleanup is 4:00 on Thursday and we will meet in front of Cherry Hall.
- Our meetings are Tuesdays before the senate meetings at 4:30.
- Johnathon Boles is our committee member of the month.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins
- Last week the professor of the year legislation went through LRC.
- We have had lots of stuff lately and there is much more to come.
- We will have a meeting after PR and Academic Affairs so stick around.

Public Relations: Jonathan Sprowles
- I am super sad that no one is coming to the PR meetings.
- We have a lot of things to get done, but I need people to help.
- The meetings are at 6:30 after this meeting tonight.

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly (absent)
- No report.

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen
- No report.

Special Orders

University Senate Report
None.

Judicial Council Report
The interest meeting is tonight at 6:30 PM in the senate office.

Katie Dawson informed the senate that next week Katie Petit would be nominated for judicial council, and as Mason Stevenson stated earlier Johnathon Boles has been nominated by exec. as the archivist to be approve by the senate.

Katie Dawson nominated Ricky Skylar Jordan as the Director of Academic and Student Affairs and Cherieth Lineweaver, Daniel Brown, and Vanessa Pierrard as senators. During debate, Jenna Haugen stated that she is against Jordan being the Director of Academic and Student Affairs because he is neither the Academic Affairs committee head nor the Student Affairs committee head. With this exec office coming open mid-year, and mid-semester, Haugen said it would put a hindrance on this office. Sprowles said Jordan is well-qualified and should be approved. Redmon said that if the committee heads wanted it they should have stepped up. Haugen replied she did step up and seek out the position. Willie Cravens said that if we waited until elections that everyone would have an equal chance. Jeanne Johnson replied that if an exec position comes open in the middle of the semester that it must be filled. A point of clarification was made by Josh Collins that Director of Academic and Student Affairs was always an appointed position. Haugen made a motion that the two votes be conducted separately. Lineweaver, Brown, and Pierrard were approved with unanimous consent. During debate regarding Ricky Jordan, Scott Broadbent, along with the help of Jonathan Sprowles, said that Jordan was qualified for the position. Jordan was approved with 18 in favor votes, 2 opposing votes, and 3 abstentions.

Chief Justice, Chris Whitfield, swore Jordan, Lineweaver, Brown, and Pierrard into office.

Josh Collins moved to suspend the bylaws in order to pass Bill 05-06-S. Bed Redmon asked what the purpose of this was. Collins said we have to pass this bill tonight in order for elections to happen on time and for the interest meeting to happen tonight. If it doesn't pass tonight, we will have to push back elections.

Bill 05-06-S Senate Approval of 2006 Spring Election Codes

Josh Collins was recognized as the author. There was no discussion or debate. *Bill 05--6-S was passed with unanimous consent.*

Jeanne Haugen said that she would like to reinstate Josh McCubbins as a senator. Speaker of the Senate Jeanne Johnson told Senator Haugen she was out of order. Haugen said she would like to take her 10 minutes that is allowed to her through the Constitution. She said that the speaker of the senate last year, Jed Conrad, was supposed to contact McCubbins in a short time. McCubbins judicial meeting wasn't until after Christmas Break. Haugen also said that by Article 3 Section 5 of the bylaws which reads:

> Any member of the senate that has excessive absences, and/or has already received a Censure, shall be referred by the Speaker of the Senate to the Judicial Council, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.5, of the SGA Constitution. Once the member in question is notified of his/her excessive absences, he/she shall appear before the Judicial Council to explain why the member was so frequently absent, and provide information as why excessive absences on their part shall not occur again. The Judicial council shall met and decide on the matter within seven days of receiving it and shall notify all parties involve as soon as possible.

Haugen said that the Judicial council McCubbins went before was not a full judicial council. Haugen quoted SGA President, Katie Dawson, "Anyone who wants to be involved in SGA should have the chance to be involved". Haugen also pointed out that the senate is getting smaller each day, and that we don't even have a full senate. Jeanne Johnson told her that if she feels strongly about it to go before the judicial council to present her arguments. Johnathon Boles asked if the senators were presented a list of senators who had been sent to judicial council. Chief Justice, Chris Whitfield, said no, that judicial is contacted by Secretary of the Senate, Emily Lovan, when a senator has missed too many meetings.

Unfinished Business

Bill 04-06-S Professor of the Year

Johnathon Boles was recognized as the author, stating that it was pretty much self-explanatory and that in the last years, we have had professor of the month, and that this is a way to say thank you to all teachers and faculty who work for us and that there would be one from each college, making a total of 6 professors. During questions, Director of Public Relations, Seth Norman, asked why this is a Bill if there is no money discussed in this legislation. Jenna Haugen answered that they were going to work with PR so that the money could be taken from the PR budget. Norman asked if they were going to come back and present the numbers to the senate. Boles said they will be discussing it. Boles made a friendly amendment to strike Josh Collins from the authors list, seeing as he is in charge of LRC, and J.P. Roy, seeing as LRC must have one member who is not an author of the piece of Legislation for it to go through LRC. *Bill 04-06-S was approved with unanimous consent.*

New Business

Bill 06-06-S Camera Purchase
Bill 07-06-S Academic Bookmarks
Resolution 01-06-S SGA Portrait

Announcements

Emily Lovan: Jeanne said for you guys to write down the information given during the meetings. I actually do this work for you and send it in the minutes to you guys through email, so if you don't want to write the stuff down, then just read the minutes.
New senators, please come see me.

Johnathon Boles: I would like to thank Emily Lovan for always promptly returning the minutes. She does a great job and a thorough job.

Aaron Sutherland: Go Tops!

Kara Ratliff: If you are going to the rally, be here between 6:50 and 6:55. Boles asked what to wear. Katie Dawson replied t-shirts would be provided so wear anything, but probably jeans.

Seth Norman: Pass up the Listen up Legislators forms now, please.

Mason Stevenson: The thing I forgot to mention during my report has come back to me now: I will be making my rounds to the different committees this week, I go to all the meetings except PR.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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