WKU Student Government Association Agenda
April 11th, 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- Ricky Jordan
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
Spring Banquet Award Nominations

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

IX. **New Business**

Bill 10-06-S — Attendance Incentives
Bill 11-06-S — Civic Engagement Grants

X. **Announcements**

XI. **Adjournment**

MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:04 PM on April 11, 2006 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 15 of 24 Senators present.

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

President - Katie Dawson

- The Board of Regents approved the $46 student fee. They approved the clause stating that when the debt is paid off for the improvements, the fee will be removed from the tuition bill. They did not approve the clause stating that seniors would be exempt from this fee because this would be setting a precedent for future fees; my responses included that the Board of Regents was the governing board and could make decisions because of that. The Board compared this new student fee to the athletic fee, but I responded that the option to participate in athletic events was there, it was their choice whether or not they took advantage of that.
- Ransdell will take this back to the CPE who may or may not approve it due to the tuition increase jumping from approximately 8.8% to 10.3% when the seniors became included in this tuition increase. If it is not approved, the fee may be lowered to an amount where it could be approved.
- We have 3 banquets coming up.
    - First, on April 20 the Senior Banquet, which senators are invited to, but are asked not to bring guests; the Distinguished Seniors will be allowed to bring guests.
    - Next, the 40th Celebration. On the invitations, it says it will be at the Carroll Knicely Center, however, it will really be at Diddle Arena. Senators are invited and are allowed to invite a guest. Please RSVP by Friday. This would be a good thing to come to because there will be alumni and administrators there to meet.
    - The Spring Banquet is on May 2. You may invite your family if you would like to.
- Today are elections: encourage everyone to vote.
- I won't be here during the last senate meeting of the semester because I have a Faculty Awards Committee meeting.
- Stop by the office if you want or need to talk to me.

- Have a wonderful day, a wonderful week, and tell everybody to vote.

Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson

- Good afternoon folks.
- Don't forget if you are running for office in the fall, your final expenditure reports are due Friday at 12 noon in the SGA office.
- There has apparently been some posters have been vandalized: if you see it, just ask them to stop.
- I may be around the office on Thursday. We have a couple of meetings left.

Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris

- There are invitations over here for the 40th Celebration sitting over here. If there is not one with your name on it, you are still invited.
- I am sending around a sheet to sign up for these banquets, if you don't sign up now, please RSVP by Friday.
- If you have any legislation that needs money, please come talk to me before that.

Director of Public Relations – Seth Norman

- Provide a Ride Shirts are going to be ordered Thursday and Friday
- Tell me if your family is coming to the banquets so there is enough food there for them.
- If you want something in the Herald please come talk to me personally rather than sending me an email.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Ricky Skylar Jordan

- Last night we decided on 12 seniors to admit into the Hall of Distinguished Seniors including two of our own: Katie Dawson and Melissa Paris.
- I would like to say thank you to the committee for all your help. (members listed below)
    - Dr. Ellen Bonaguro
    - Peggy Haas
    - Johnathon Boles
    - Matt Holland
    - Cherith Lineweaver
    - Emily Lovan
- There is a sign up sheet going around for Senior Banquet signups.
- On April 18 from 11- 1 the grand opening for the Student Success Center will be going on. It should be interesting to see the new center.
- Thanks to Kathleen and Jamie for all of their help.
- Go vote.

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- Hello everybody.
- I have a parking and transportation meeting on Friday.
- I have a University Senate meeting on Thursday.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- If you eat in my office, don't let me know. Clean up after yourselves.

Speaker of the Senate – Jeanne Johnson

- The committee head meeting went great - hopefully all the committee heads will take that information back to their committees.
- Although we did reach quorum tonight, attendance is not wonderful. If you see your friends who are supposed to be here, encourage them to come.
- Please vote on Topnet.
- Johnathon Boles has a girlfriend now. Hm…

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Johnathon Boles for Jenna Haugen

- There will be a committee meeting after this meeting on the third fllor.
- We will be talking about really good legislation ideas brought up by Dr. Burch for student incentives.

Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss

- I met with Jennifer Tougas the other day. Thanks to Kara for going with me.
- I met with Darren Henson on Friday.
- We got really good information to include in our legislation.
- Attend our meetings Tuesdays at 4:30.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- We met last week and we had a meeting before this meeting to go over legislation.
- Tonight we will be discussing the new business in order to move it to old business for next week.

Public Relations: Johnathon Boles for Hunter Sprowles

- We will have a meeting after this meeting in the senate office.
- Please bring your homework assignment of ideas we can put on the market.

Student Affairs: Vacant

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen

- No report.

Special Orders

University Senate Report

There is a meeting next Thursday, but not this Thursday.

Judicial Council Report

We have a meeting tonight in about 12 minutes. If you are up for judicial review tonight, I really encourage you to come. There is an event next Tuesday in which Judge Minton will hold a forum in the senate chambers.

Johnathon Boles made a motion to suspend the bylaws in order to move Bill 13-06-S into old business. Motion did not pass.

Katie Dawson said that although Lindsey Lilly resigned from Student Affairs and from SGA, that with only three weeks left, a new committee head would not be appointed. Ricky Skylar Jordan will act as the committee head for the remainder of the year. If you have concerns about this, please see me.

Nominations for Spring Banquet Awards: Please pay attention to who can be nominated regarding offices and class. Voted on next week.

Dero Downing Award:
- Mason Stevenson
- Michael Cassagrande
- Stacey Adkisson
- Sara Hartley
- Matt Holland

Outstanding Senator:
- Johnathon Boles
- Jeanne Johnson

Outstanding Committee Member:
- Johnathon Boles
- Tori Theiss
- JP Roy

Charles A. Keown Award:
- Melissa Paris
- Jeanne Johnson
- Mason Stevenson
- Katie Dawson
- Chris Whitfield

Stewart Award:
- Johnathon Boles
- Jeanne Johnson

Norcia Award:
- Mason Stevenson
- Kara Ratliff
- Chris Whitfield
- Seth Norman

Citizens Award:
- Jay Sloan
- Judge John Minton
- Jodie Richards
- Charley Pride

Gary Ransdell

Unfinished Business

Bill 10-06-S Judicial Council Forum

Josh Collins was recognized as the author stating Judge John Minton would be speaking regarding judiciary events on the national and state level. *Bill 10-06-S was passed with unanimous consent.*

New Business

Attendance Incentives
Civic Engagement Grants
Funding of Election Forum

Announcements

Amanda Allen: I need a volunteer to help with the mass emails to make sure the email addresses are working because we had a problem with that in the past. If you are interested in helping me with that, see me.

Melissa Paris: Come to the SGA office to get the results of the elections.

Ricky Jordan: If you are a member (or would like to be a member) of the Student Affairs committee please come see me so we can figure out meeting times.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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Western Kentucky University