

WKU Student Government Association Agenda
April 18th, 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 Awards

Speaker of the Senate Nominations

VIII. Unfinished Business

Bill 12-06-S

Bill 13-06-S

Civic Engagement Grants

Funding of Election Forum

IX. New Business

Bill 14-06-S

Bill 15-06-S

Resolution 06-06-S

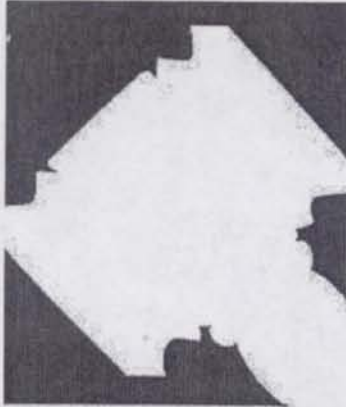
Funding for Professor of the Year

Finals Week

Clocks

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment



MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:03 PM on April 18, 2006 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 17 of 24 Senators present.

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

Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson

- Have a good rest of the week.

Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris

- Come see me if you would like an expenditure report.

Director of Public Relations – Seth Norman

- I am going to be sending out an email tomorrow about the Spring Banquet on May 2. Please reply with how many people will be coming, how many people eat meat or are vegetarian.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Ricky Skylar Jordan

- Thank you to everyone who went to the Student Success Center grand opening.
- The senior banquet will be Thursday at 6:00 in the Carroll Knicely Center.

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- There is a parking and transportation forum tomorrow at 5:00 PM in Grise 246.
- Good luck tonight to the justices with the forum with Judge Minton.
- Congratulations to Katie and Melissa for being honored into the Hall of Distinguished Seniors.
- There is a University Senate meeting on Thursday.

- The Documentary will be finished next week.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- No report.

Speaker of the Senate – Jeanne Johnson

- If you are interested in being a committee head or seeking an exec position for next year, please talk to or email me, Amanda, or Rob.
- My office hours will be messed up for the next couple of weeks, just so you know, they may not match up with my posted times.
- If you have any legislation that is coming up next week, please give me a heads up so we can suspend the bylaws.
- Be thinking of a wish list of things we need next year.

President - Katie Dawson

- Congratulations to the newly elected officers and senators.
- Next week, I will not be here because I have a faculty awards committee meeting from 2 -8 pm.
- I would like to say thanks to all of you for spending your Tuesday afternoons here.
- I saw the editorial today and I think it is sending the wrong message to you guys who do care, so I would like to tell you that I personally appreciate your hard work; the legislation and ideas that have been through this year have been wonderful. Student Government has been one of the largest parts of my college career and it will be hard to leave it. Thanks to all of you that have worked so hard this year on the Diversity Council, Campus Cleanup, Dialogue Day, and everything else. I have done my best this year to act in the best interest of SGA. Be supportive of the people who are in this room because these are your life-lines and the people who care. These people are the leaders of WKU. I would thank Chris Whitfield for an excellent job at Chief Justice; the justices have become a part of SGA rather than a separate idea in the past. Thanks again – I'll see everyone at the banquets.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen

- We have legislation up for second reading tonight
- We are going to push back the professor of the year nominations until next week.
- There will be a committee meeting after this meeting on the third floor about the Buy- a-Book program.

Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss

- We have 2 pieces up for first reading next week; one is regarding putting up food stations along campus during finals week. There will be more specifics next week. The second is about the uniform time on the clocks on campus.

- I met with the athletic department yesterday – I got the okay for the commuters to park in the structure during basketball games, so we are really excited about that.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- We met last week to go over legislation that is up for second reading.
- Tonight we will have another meeting after this meeting.

Public Relations: Hunter Sprowles

- We will have a meeting after this meeting in the senate office.
- Can I please talk to Melissa Paris after this meeting.

Student Affairs: Ricky Jordan

- We met Thursday. We have a piece that is co-sponsored with the Public Relations committee.
- Our next meeting will be tonight and the vice-chair will be running it.

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen

- No report.

Special Orders

University Senate Report

There is a meeting this Thursday.

Judicial Council Report

We want to invite everyone out tonight for a meeting with Judge Minton tonight at 7:00 in the senate chambers. If you are up for review, all of the justices will be there tonight and we will have another meeting next Wednesday.

VOTED ON SPRING BANQUET AWARDS THROUGH SECRET BALLOTS.

Speaker of the Senate Nominations: Johnathon Boles and Ben Redmon

Unfinished Business

Bill 12-06-S Civic Engagement Grants

Jenna Haugen was recognized as the author stating that this was written as an answer to Dr. Burch's suggestions to be able to give back to the student body and that the guidelines had not yet been set, but that it would be an application process stating what the money was going to support, and that it is similar to org aid. During questions, Josh Collins asked if Dr. Burch would be helping with the criteria for the money. Haugen responded that she may be willing to match our money, and that she wants to be involved with this process. Scott Broadbent asked why we needed a new program if it is similar to org aid. Haugen responded that not just organizations could apply for money but individual students. Ben Redmon asked if this could be used as a scholarship. Haugen said no, it had to be used for a project. Ashley Lawrence asked how we would make suggestions as to what the money was used for. Haugen said that the student would come

present the project they were conducting to SGA. During debate, Scott Broadbent said it sounds a lot like org aid and it would be very hard to organize accountability and something that we are unprepared to take on at this point. Haugen said that although it sounds a lot like org aid, it has its differences; it will advocate student ideas. Josh Collins said that SGA is financially responsible to providing money for the students, but that they should present their project before and after completion. *Bill 12-06-S was passed with 9 votes in favor, 7 votes opposed, and 1 abstention.*

Bill 13-06-S Funding of Election Forum

Johnathon Boles was recognized as the author explaining that this is so we can fund the refreshments and prizes at the election forum and that the date had been changed to Tuesday. There were no questions or debate. *Bill 13-06-S was approved with unanimous consent.*

New Business

Bill 14-06-S Funding for Professor of the Year

Bill 15-06-S Finals Week

Resolution 06-06-S Clocks

Announcements

Jeanne Johnson: Go to LRC if you have any legislation you want up for next week.

Katie Dawson: May I please see Johnathon Boles, Jeanne Johnson, and Scott Broadbent after this meeting.

Johnathon Boles: Pick up professor of the year nomination forms

Christa Wilcox: The Red Cross will be having a blood drive next week, so go give to save lives.

Jenna Haugen: We expressed concerns regarding minority scholarships being given more freely than other scholarships, and officials are looking into changing that.

Chris Whitfield: Final expenditure reports were due Friday. If you haven't gotten them to me yet do that ASAP!!

Melissa Paris: We still have a good amount of money left to spend – this is a really important week for committees. If you need a suggestion about what to do with money, I suggest the Buy-a-Book program.

Jenna Haugen: We will be discussing the Buy-a-Book program after this meeting at our meeting so come to learn about it.

Recount for spring banquet awards for ties: Jeanne Johnson will be the tie breaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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