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## MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:04pm on March 2, 2004 with the Executive Vice President in the chair.

There were 17 of 28 Congress members present.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes

### **President John Bradley**

- Meeting Wednesday morning with Dr. Burch.
- Kip Carr, a past SGA officer, called to talk about SGA and how things were going.

### **Executive Vice President Patti Johnson**

- March 11: 4:30pm in DUC, Candidate debate, someone from the Herald will moderate, there will be a food, and you can earn a hoodie.
- March 30-SGA picture
- Applications for Hall of Distinguished Seniors are still available.
- March 9-Constitution referendum
- March 16 & 17-Elections
- April 6-Food from Subway will be provided at the Congress meeting
- April 20-Last SGA meeting
- April 27-SGA banquet
- April 28-Senior banquet

### **Vice President of Finance Nick Todd**

- Signature Signs was finally paid for the supplies we bought last semester.

### **Vice President of Public Relations Abby Lovan**

- Megan Burch will help candidates design their posters, if you're interested. Executive officers will also be willing to help.
- Each candidate is allowed to make 50 11 x 17 posters. You must supply your own paper and it will be counted as a donation from SGA and count towards your spending total.

### **Vice President of Administration Jessica Martin**

- No Report

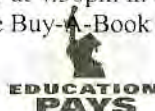
### Committee Reports

#### Coordinator of Committees

No report

#### Academic Affairs-Natalie Croney

- The committee will meet Wednesday at 4:30pm in the SGA office.
- The committee will be discussing the Buy-A-Book program.



#### Campus Improvements-Shawn Peavie

- The committee will meet on Tuesdays at 4:45pm in front of the Bookstore.
- Will meet with Greg Fear soon.
- Have a piece of legislation up for second reading.

#### Legislative Research- Robert Watkins

- Meetings are 5:30pm Mondays in the SGA office.
- Three pieces of legislation were approved for second reading.

#### Public Relations

- Meets in front of the Bookstore on Wednesday at 5pm.
- Last year we passed a piece of legislation that allocated \$16 for cardholders for the suggestion boxes in the dorms. A recent price check showed that the new price would be around \$42.

#### Student Affairs

- Meets Thursday at 5pm in the SGA office.
- Sent out 400 random surveys to people in the dorms to see how they felt about the broadband issue. The results should be in next week.

#### **Information Technology Designate Matthew Pava**

Website has and will be updated.

#### **Special Orders**

One new Congress member was sworn in.

Brittany Fausey was approved as the new Coordinator of Committees.

#### *Judicial Council-Troy Ransdell*

Will not meet this Thursday but will meet next week at the usual time, Thursday at 7:30pm.

#### *University Senate-Troy Ransdell*

Academic Quality met today. There will be a pilot program for a plus/minus grading system. Pluses and minuses will show up on your transcript, but won't affect your GPA. The system is optional for professors.

Dana Lockhart: The proposed system will cause confusion. It could cause transcripts to be confusing and hurt those wanting to go to graduate school, which are really competitive. There is a motion to make the Academic Quality meeting permanent. We may not want to support this because from what everyone is saying, the committee is slanted.

Ransdell: I think making the committee permanent could be a good thing. I don't think it will be slanted.

John Bradley: What will be the cost of changing the program?

Ransdell: They don't know. They do know that Banner can handle the change.

Katie Dawson: Would this make it easier for them to implement the full system?

Ransdell: Yes.

Nominees for Committee Member of the Month for January/February: Sarah Cecil, Melissa Constant, Christina Kayrouz

Nominees for Congress Member of the Month for January/February: Brittany Fausey, Anna Bisig

John Bradley appointed Dana Lockhart to Judicial Council. Katie Dawson moved to suspend with the bylaws to approve Lockhart to the council so that there will be a full council during elections. There was a second. The motion was approved. Lockhart was approved by general consent to Judicial Council.

## **Unfinished Business**

### ***Bill 04-16-S Purchasing Benches for Outside Shuttle Shelter in PFT Lot***

Shawn Peavie defended the legislation saying that the benches were just like the ones last year and that the benches couldn't be placed inside of the shelter because they wouldn't be handicap accessible then. There were no questions of the author. There was a motion and a second to approve. There was no debate. *The legislation was approved unanimously.*

### ***Bill 04-18-S Compass Plaza***

Tim Howard defended the legislation saying that the fund is for students that have emergencies and that the bill was pretty self-explanatory. There were no questions of the author. There were two friendly amendments that were approved. In the sixth WHEREAS clause, "stone" was changed to "brick." In the seventh WHEREAS clause, "foundation" was changed to "student government." *The legislation was approved unanimously.*

### ***Resolution 04-19-S Supporting January Academic Term***

Natalie Croney defended the legislation saying that the term would give students more options and that it was just a good idea. During questions, Mary Johns asked how it would change the schedule. Croney said that five minutes would be added to each class. John Law asked what exactly the five minutes would be added to. John Bradley said that it would be added to the classes in the fall and spring semesters. Law asked if we would lose a week in the semester. Bradley said that he wasn't sure about that and that we needed clarification on it. Shawn Peavie asked what the conflict with the county schools was. Croney said that the change in the schedule could help students that have children. During debate, John Law motioned for the legislation to be tabled for one week. There was a second. *The motion passed with a count of 8 for, 7 against, and 2 abstentions.*

## **New Business**

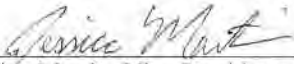
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## **Announcements**

Thanks to Melissa Constant, LaTonnsya Burney, Cheryl Norris, and Mary Johns for helping with the mailing during Congress.

CAB will be having a program called "Sex Symbols" coming up soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

  
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