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MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:06pm on March 9, 2004 with the Executive Vice President in the chair.

There were 22 of 27 Congress members present.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes

President John Bradley

- Thanks to Congress for helping with the mailing.
- There is a January term task force meeting on Wednesday at 1pm.

Executive Vice President Patti Johnson

- The sweatshirts are in if you have earned one. The next opportunity to earn one is at the March 11th debate. The debate is at 4:30pm in DUC.
- March 2nd is the filing deadline for candidates.
- March 30th will be our group picture.
- March 16th & 17th are the election days.
- April 6th there will be food at the Congress meeting. The food will be provided by Subway.
- April 20th is the last Congress meeting.
- April 27th is the SGA banquet.
- April 28th is senior banquet.

Vice President of Finance Nick Todd

- There were no changes in the budget. The Homecoming King candidate fees were put in the foundation account and we spent it.

Vice President of Public Relations Abby Lovan

- Thanks for helping with the mailing.

Vice President of Administration Jessica Martin

- No Report

Committee Reports

Coordinator of Committees

- All of the committees I have been to are doing a good job.
- Pick up an application for the Hall of Distinguished Seniors.

Academic Affairs

- The committee will meet Wednesday at 4:30pm in the SGA office.
- Have one piece of legislation up for second reading.
- We have more work to do, so come and help out.



Campus Improvements

- The committee will meet on Tuesdays at 4:45pm in front of the Bookstore.
- Have a piece of legislation up for first reading tonight.
- We have a list of troops in Iraq if you want to send them mail or something.

Legislative Research

- Meetings are 5:30pm Mondays in the SGA office.
- Remember to vote on the Constitution.

Public Relations

- Meets in front of the Bookstore on Wednesday at 5pm.
- We discussed plans for the rest of the semester.
- Will have piece of legislation up for first reading soon.

Student Affairs

- Meets Thursday at 5pm in the SGA office.
- We are waiting on survey results. If you want to voice your opinion on the broadband issue, come to the meeting.

Information Technology Designate Matthew Pava

Website has and will be updated.

Special Orders

Swore in one new Congress member.

Judicial Council-Troy Ransdell

Will meet this Thursday at 7:30pm.

University Senate-Troy Ransdell

Academic Quality met today. Teaching methods and ways to get teachers motivated were discussed.

Dana Lockhart mentioned that the General Education committee was deciding whether Freshman Seminar will be offered anymore.

Committee Member of the Month Nominees: Sarah Cecil, Melissa Constant, Christina Kayrouz, Alicia Bachicha.

Congress Member of the Month Nominees: Brittany Fausey, Anna Bisig.

A vote was held and the winners will be announced next week.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 04-04-S Supporting the Academic January Term

Natalie Croney defended the legislation saying that there have been a few changes to the term since she last talked to Dr. Burch but that the principle was the same. During questions, Katie Dawson asked if the January term would be like the May term. Croney said yes. Dawson then asked if the May classes were successful. John Bradley said that he wasn't sure if the data was organized that way. Cameron Yancey asked when they would be implementing the new term. Jessica Martin said that there would be a pilot program for the 2005-2006 academic year. Yancey asked if housing would be available. Bradley said that the pilot program would only allow for web-based classes and study abroad opportunities. *There was a motion and a second to approve.* During debate, John Law said that it seemed the problems outweighed the positives of the term. He said that adding five minutes to each class was not an equal trade for taking a week of classes away. He said that the Calendar Committee was against this. He concluded by saying that he hears everyone talking about taking a January term class but no one has said for sure that it is something

that they want to do. Melissa Constant said she agreed with Law and that Math Professors are afraid that this term will take away from class. John Bradley said that he was not aware that the Calendar Committee was against this because there are two people from the committee working on this project and trying to get it implemented. During the vote, there was a call for division. **Results: for-7, against-8, abstain-6.** The motion to approve failed.

New Business

There was a motion to approve the change in the numbering of the spring legislation. There were no questions. *There was a motion to approve.* There was no debate. *The motion passed.*

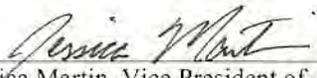
Bill 04-05-S Purchasing Stepping Stones

Announcements

There will be a SGA jump table in Garrett on Monday, March 15th, from 9am-5pm.

Alpha Phi Alpha is having a step show for their philanthropy in DUC auditorium at 8pm on Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.



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