

MINUTES

The tenth meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 4:59pm on October 29, 2002 with the Executive Vice President in the chair and the Vice President of Administration being present.

A motion to approve the minutes was made. Seconded. *Motion approved unanimously.*

President Jamie Sears

- Jamie expressed her pride with the performance of Congress this semester. Hopes that next semester is just as good.
- Focus on Western is this weekend—there is a need for students to participate in a panel discussion. See Jamie for more info.
- RHA is sponsoring a community service event for the Housing Authority of Bowling Green on Saturday 1000-200pm. Participants should meet at DUC (Minton side) at 945am.
- Jamie will appear on a talk show this weekend about Western weekends.
- Board of Regents—decided to give ten professors “Emeriti status”, ten counties have enlarged the TIP program and there will be no change in the Graduate student tuition rate.
- Central Hall was re-dedicated as Minton Hall last week.

Executive Vice President John Bradley

- Last Wednesday, John had a SACS meeting lasting about 2 ½ hours. If you are interested in Western’s re-accreditation, please see John.
- Last week, a bill was passed in which it was necessary to suspend with the by-laws twice. The process of committee sponsorship of legislation must be respected.
- Due to a failure of parliamentary procedure—the enrollment cap legislation will be re-debated and re-voted.
- Homecoming was great! John met Reed Morgan, a former member of the committee that helped found SGA’s predecessor organization, the ASG.

Vice President of Finance Ross Pruitt

- Presented the budget report for Congressional review.

Vice President of Public Relations Anna Coats

- Anna needs more info for the seconds.

Vice President of Administration Brandon Copeland

- 8 vacancies in Congress currently. .
- Under Section 5.1.5 of the Constitution—I have begun contacting officials in regards to Resolutions 02-03, 02-04 and 02-05-F.
- Under the attendance requirements in our by-laws. I have sent 7 names to Judicial Council for review of absences.
- There are currently 21 people with Perfect Attendance.
- Up for first reading there is a bill encouraging the formation of an emergency organizational aid fund. Since this is dependent on current organizational aid legislation, I would ask that you table the current organizational aid legislation.

Coordinator of Committees

- -Not present.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

-Will meet with Dr. Burch this week.

Campus Improvements

- Met last week.
- Have several pieces of legislation up for review tonight.

Legislative Research

- Passed four pieces of legislation onto Congress.

Public Relations

- Currently working on the bulletin boards.
- Have a Happy Halloween.

Senior Recognition

- The committee met today and is going strong.

Student Affairs

- Met last week after Congress.
- Sponsored several pieces of legislation.

Information Technology Director

NO REPORT

Special Orders

Judicial Council report—no report.

University Senate report—Ross Pruitt

-Professor Robert Dietle stepped down as US Chair and now Donald Smith; formerly Vice Chair is now the Chair. Robert Dietle was elected Faculty Regent.

-Jamie Sears appointed Brooke Marshall as City Commission Liaison. Will be considered and voted on next week.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 02-01-F, Enrollment Cap

Author's statements. Questions.

Motion to approve. Seconded.

Debate. "Too drastic", "Artificial control...may cause Western to go into demise", "There needs to be more examination of other options."

Motion to approve failed by majority opposition.

Bill 02-05-F, Recycling Program

Author's statements. Questions. "Costs?", "How will materials be replaced?"

Motion to approve by Patti J. Seconded.

Debate: "Recycling is important, but this could be a catastrophe"—John Law

Previous Question called by Eddie. Passed.

Motion to approve passed with one in the opposition.

-*Note: The parliamentarian, Brooke Smith, took this opportunity to explain the ruling and procedure on Roll Call voting due to misunderstanding earlier in the meeting.*

Bill 02-06-F, DUC Benches

Author's statements. Questions. "Is there enough money in the DUC renovations budget for this?"

Motion to approve by Scott W. Seconded.

Debate. Rob Chrisler spoke in support of the bill. There was no other debate.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Bill 02-08-F, Campus Clean Up

Authors statements. There were no questions.

Motion to approve by Charlie W. Seconded.

There was no debate.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Bill 02-09-F, Organizational Aid

Author's statements. Questions. "RHA budget increase?"

Motion to approve. Seconded.

Debate. "VPA urged Congress to table for creation of emergency organizational aid";

"Dwight Campbell was dubious of any attempts of organizational aid reform"

Previous Question called. Passed.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

New Business

First Reading of the following pieces of legislation:

Resolution 02-06-F, Request for Paperless University

Bill 02-10-F, HAF Change to Donation Requirement for preferred NCAA eating

Bill 02-11-F, Emergency Organizational Aid

Bill 02-12-F, Buy A Book

Announcements

John: Expressed his pride in the patience of Congress. There has been much more debate.

Jamie: If anyone is interested in helping with the panel discussion for Focus on Western, please see her.

Brandon: Expressed his disappointment with the votes on the enrollment cap and the organizational aid legislation. "It was an act of financial irresponsibility and neglect..."

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

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