

MINUTES

The twenty-fourth meeting of the fifth Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 4:58 PM on April 10, 2007, with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 20 of 35 senators present.

Kayla Shelton made a motion to suspend the Bylaws to allow Mr. Jon Wright from Lunsford/Stumbo campaign to speak about an internship opportunity. There was a second.

Reagan Gilley made an amendment to the minutes to change, "Repot", to "Report". There was a motion and a second to accept the amendment and accept the remaining minutes as read.

President – Jeanne L. Johnson

- No Report.

Acting President: Executive Vice President – Amanda B. Allen

- Jeanne Johnson isn't here because she is looking at where she would like to further her education.
- The Student Government Association is unbiased. We just had Jon Wright come to address the senate today. He is from the Democrat Party. We are willing to have a Republican Party member come address the senate.
- Mock primaries are tomorrow from 11am to 2pm. There will be free food. Feel free to stop by. We need people to volunteer to help set up, run, and take down.
- There will be a judicial meeting Wednesday.

Administrative Vice President – Cherieth L. Lineweaver

- Tomorrow there will be a Parking and Transportation meeting at 7:30am. If anyone would like to sit-in on it for me it will be an hour long. There will be free food.

Speaker of the Senate – Johnathon Franklin L. Boles

- Johnson could not be here tonight, but she informed me of our next big project. The Secretary of State's office for Kentucky is getting the students to vote in a mock primary. SGA will be sponsoring this. We've already taken care of the food, but we need your help in set up and take down. This is sort of short notice because this is tomorrow, April 11th. There is a sign up sheet going around right now. We need two people ever half an hour, but we need two additional people at

10:30am and 1:30pm to be set up captains and take down captains. Please see me after the meeting. One of Student Governments Association's principles is to be civically engaged. This is a great opportunity for service hours.

- Don't forget next week we will have nominations for annual awards and the Speaker of the Senate.
- Thanks to all who voted in the SGA elections.
- Committee heads, don't forget we have a meeting on the 25th of April, and all paperwork we've discussed at the previous meeting needs to be brought to this meeting. It will begin at 6:00pm sharp in the Senate Office. I need March reports as soon as possible.
- A reminder to all student senators, with only two meetings to go, any legislation that you want to go through the two week period must be turned in to me at the conclusion of this week.
- Buy-A-Book Scholarships, Advisor/Professor of the Year, Study Abroad Scholarships, and Field Trip Scholarships all need help to be advertised. Please stop by the main office to pick up applications to give to your friends and constituents.
- The SGA Banquet is May 1st.

Kendrick Bryan made a motion to suspend the Bylaws and move to Unfinished Business. There were two opposed and two abstentions.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 04-07-S Informing Western Kentucky University Bookstore Purchasing Deadlines

This is the third reading of this resolution. Diane DeRosa-Reynolds motioned to have the resolution constructively read. There was a second. The author, Earlene Whitaker, stood to speak about the resolution. There was a request for Point of Information from Skylar Jordan: Shouldn't the Director of Student Affairs be the Sponsor. There was a request for Point of Information from Kendrick Bryan: How will students be informed about the deadlines? Whitaker: We working to get a fourth email, but it hasn't been officially decided. There was a request for Point of Information from Theodore Harden: Is this resolution saying that there is a problem with the textbooks? Whitaker: Yes, there is a problem, but the resolution doesn't address it directly. There was a Speech in Negotiation from Bryan: I'm not in favor for this resolution. It is in process. There was a Speech in Favor from Whitaker: The University Bookstore knows they need to address this issue. Kendrick Bryan requested a friendly amendment: The title should read "Informing the University Bookstore Purchasing Deadlines," instead of, "Informing Western Kentucky University Bookstore Purchasing Deadlines." Whitaker accepted the friendly amendment. Lucas Humble moved to table the resolution. DeRosa-Reynolds called Division. There were five in favor, eleven opposed, and three abstentions. The table was returned to debate. Christian Cullip made a motion to end the debate. There was a second. *The resolution was passed with four abstentions.*

Resolution 05-07-S Establishing Syllabus Deadline Scholarship Fund

This is the third reading of this resolution. Diane DeRosa-Reynolds motioned to have the resolution constructively read. There was a second. The author, Earlene Whitaker, stood to speak about the resolution. Reagan Gilley asked the author: Do we have anyway to enforce this resolution. Whitaker answered: This is a resolution not a bill, so there wouldn't be a way to enforce it. There was a request for Point of Information from Skylar Jordan: Isn't this already a university requirement. Whitaker: It is but the resolution is a suggestion. Lucas Humble asked the author: Is this a new scholarship fund or existing. Whitaker answered: It would be a new fee for an existing university requirement because currently there is no fine. There was a request for Point of Information from Amanda Allen: Some questions we have had are about a bill not a resolution. Whitaker: Right, we don't have authority to put this into place it is just a suggestion. Christian Cullip made a motion to accept. There was a second. *The resolution passed with one opposed and one abstention.*

Bill 09-07-S LeaderShape Program

William Doolin motioned to have the bill constructively read. There was a second. The author, William Doolin, made a motion to table bill for further view. There was a request for Point of Information from Kayla Shelton: I believe there is discrimination within bill. There was a request for Point of Information from Skylar Jordan: They are meeting on Monday and if the bill is tabled it will be lost. There was a motion on the floor to table the bill. There was a second. There was one to table and two abstentions. The bill will remain active. Cherieth Lineweaver, a Contact, stood to speak about the bill: Just because I am a contact for this bill, it doesn't mean I support it. I am Administrative Vice President and have to be a contact on the bill because it deals with SGA fundings. There was a request for Point of Information from Jamie Mann: Who exactly are the sixty students. Diane DeRosa-Reynolds, another author, responded: The students have already been selected. Kayla Shelton requested a friendly amendment: In the second Whereas clause the bill should state, "for all students," instead of, "for each accepted Student Government Association member of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches." Shelton made a motion to amend bill. There was a second. There were nine for, four opposed, and three abstentions. The amendment passed. Theodore Harden asked the author: I believe when we spend money and don't specify within the bill it should come up in another bill. Amanda Allen, who used to be the Administrative Vice President, responded: When we amended the bill it is saying we are spending \$50 for sixty people. Lucas Humble made a motion to end debate. There was a second. *The bill passed with two opposed and two abstentions.*

Resolution 07-07-S Outlet Resource Center

This is the first reading of this resolution; it was moved into unfinished business since the author requested it and the Bylaws were already suspended. William Doolin motioned to have the resolution constructively read. There was a second. The author, Skylar Jordan, stood to speak about the resolution. There was a request for Point of Information from Kendrick Bryan: Does this resolution have to have a Sponsor. Jordan:

Yes. Kayla Shelton requested a friendly amendment: In Sponsors it should read, "Student Affairs Committee." Jordan accepted the friendly amendment. There was a request for Point of Information from Lucas Humble: Can you elaborate a little about this resolution. Jordan: Yes, I will. This resolution will have Housing and Residents Life or Faculty running the Outlet. There was a request for Point of Information from Josh Fries: Can you please explain heterosexism. Jordan: It's the belief that everyone is straight. Humble made a motion to accept. There was a second. There were two opposed and two abstentions. There was a Division called. There were eleven in favor, three opposed, and one abstention. *The resolution passed with three opposed and one abstention.*

Staff Reports

Chief of Staff: Ashley Gore

- No Report.

Director of Public Relations: Jonathan Sprowles

- No Report.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs: Skylar Jordan

- The deadline for the Hall of Distinguished Seniors applications has been extended to Friday at 5:00pm. Please encourage all deserving seniors to apply.
- I have a meeting with Brian Kuster on Thursday to discuss the future of the Outlet Resource Center.
- Good luck to all those participating in Spring Sing on Sunday.

Director of Technology: Jeremy Glass

- I will try to fix things on the website when I get some time. I am coming back next year so I will have more time to work on it then.

Committee Reports

Standing

Academic Affairs: Lucas Humble

- We have a meeting after this. It will be short.

Campus Improvements: Nate Eaton

- No Report.

Legislative Research Committee: Kendrick Bryan

- No Report.

Public Relations: Josh Fries

- We have a meeting tonight. We will be working on our last legislation.

Student Affairs: Kayla Shelton

- We will have our last meeting next Monday. Due to a prior engagement I will have to reschedule the committee meeting for next week. It can be before or after the senate meeting...or it can be earlier on Monday or on a different day all together, what works out for those who want to attend.
- Hopefully we will be able to get together with the Academic Affairs Committee soon.

Ad-Hoc

Professor Accountability and Evaluations: Earlene Whitaker

- I would like to say thanks for all of your support with the two resolutions.

Special Orders

University Committee Reports

General Education Committee: We will be meeting on Thursday.

Parking and Transportation Committee: We will be meeting on Friday to discuss LUKE for the visitor and commuting parking structure.

Student Life: I, Amanda Allen, will no longer be able to attend these meetings because I am graduating in May.

Judicial Council Report

Johnathon Boles spoke on behave of the Judicial Council.

- *There are expenditure sheets in the office for Senators to fill out. Reports are due by the end of the semester.*

Bowling Green City Commission Report

- No Report.

New Business

Bill 10-07-S Purchasing Student Government Association Table Skirts

Res. 06-07-S Child Care Center for WKU Faculty and Staff

Announcements

Johnathon Boles: I need more volunteers to help out at the Mock table. Kayla Shelton, Diane DeRosa-Reynolds, Cherieth Lineweaver, and I need to meet to rewrite to LeaderShape bill correctly.

Skylar Jordan: We hopefully will expect the final decision on Plus/Minus Grading this week.

Amanda Allen: Thank you for debating today at the meeting. It's good to see people participating actively.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Cacy A. Schooler, Secretary of the Senate
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