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Student Government Association

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
NOVEMBER 8, 1994**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the SGA was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Administrative Vice-President Tara Higdon.

ROLL CALL

Absences included Stephen Byrd, Sharmon Mooney, Jason Richardson, Rob Sherill, Ernie Chen, Dennis Mitchell, Jarrett Sims, Bill Vaovasa, Amy Alverson, Chris Holland, Niki Hodson, Kerstin Kruse, Eric Wilson, Ron Morehead, Timothy Huddleston, Frank Coursey, Bill Howard, Edward Hugener, Josh Ballinger, and Shawn Pinkston.

READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Rob Evans, President--President Evans welcomed everyone to congress. He announced that the Council on Higher Education met this past Monday, November 7 in Owensboro. The BSBP brought forth a resolution to set limits on the percentage increase on tuition, also to increase the amount of state funding and to reverse the trend of placing the burden of financing higher education on the students. The resolution failed due to a lack of a second for discussion. Evans also reported that he is working on a code of ethics for the Board of Regents.

Tara Higdon, Vice-President--Vice-President Higdon reported that the Campus Violence Task Force met on Monday. Suggestions for new policies were introduced by the subcommittees. She reminded congress members that if they had any issues that needed to be addressed to please see her. Higdon also announced that there will be a conference in Louisville on November 19 regarding CHE and tuition increases, and five representatives can be sent. She asked all that were interested in attending to see her after the meeting. Vice President Higdon thanked all the committees for all the good legislation.

Greg Edmonds, Public Relations Director--Public Relations Director Edmonds announced that the SGA magnets are in, and the PR Committee will be in charge of distributing them. The cards for the magnets will probably be ready by Thursday. He also announced that he is working on getting plaques to be placed on the emergency phone and the T.V.s in Duc, to let students know that they were sponsored by SGA.

Jason Vincent, Secretary--Secretary Vincent announced open positions on Congress. They include the following: five senior off-campus representatives, three junior-off campus representatives, one sophomore off campus representative, one non-traditional representative, and openings in the following residence halls: East - one representative, Florence Schneider - one representative, McLean - one representative, South - one representative, West - one representative, New Co-Ed - one representative, and Barnes Campbell - one representative.

Brandon Rucker, Treasurer--Treasurer Rucker reported that expenditures for the week were \$2054.32, which brings the account balance to \$31,828.09. Organizational Aid checks are being delayed a little because some paper work still needs to be done. Treasurer Rucker also reported that the Memorial Tree Program is getting finished so that the program can be implemented. He also congratulated the October Point of Light recipients: Ellen Reitmeyer and Amy Sweeney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS--Chairperson Stephanie McCarty reported that the Academic Affairs Committee has chosen a number of questions to be approved for the Faculty Evaluations. She announced that they also discussed possible changes in out-of-state scholarships. The idea of pass/fail courses was also discussed.

STUDENT AFFAIRS--No report.

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH--Chairperson Jason Martin reported that LRC reviewed resolutions 94-10-F, 94-11-F, 94-12-F, made corrections, and recommended all for passage. He also stated that they tabled bills 94-6-F and 94-7-F until they receive notification about the expenses involved.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS--Chairperson Jennifer Raffaelli announced that the Campus Improvements Committee discussed having another Campus Clean-up "Don't trash Western" on the Wednesday following Thanksgiving Break. She reported that they also discussed the ad for "Adopt-a-Spots."

PUBLIC RELATIONS-- Vice Chairperson Erin Schepman reported that they are working on an idea of having a "Western Day" on the days of every home basketball and football game. They also discussed the idea of having a non-circulating textbook library.

STUDENT ATHLETIC--No report.
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Potter College representative Stephanie McCarty announced that the retaking of the "C" policy will be reintroduced to Academic Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was a second reading of Resolution 94-9-F Support for Resident Assistants; Resolution 94-10-F Copy Machine; Resolution 94-11-F Examination prior to the end of the "W" period; and Resolution 94-12-F Computer Lab Instruction. The four resolutions passed. They also voted on congress member of the month and Stephanie McCarty was selected.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a first reading of Bill 94-8-F Student Telephone Directory; Bill 94-9-F Public Forums; Resolution 94-13-F Stair Repair; Resolution 94-14-F Teacher Evaluation Extended to both Fall and Spring semesters; Resolution 94-15-F Classes Deposit; Resolution 94-16-F Support for WKU Band Council Instrument Transportation; and Resolution 94-17-F Support for WKU Band Council Concert Shuttle Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone interested in Golden Key National Honor Society was asked to talk to Secretary Vincent after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason L. Vincent, Secretary

