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**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
NOVEMBER 14, 1995**

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice-President Jeffery Yan.
- ROLL CALL** Absences included Douglas Baber, Joel Banashak, Lance Blincoe, Charles Carneal, Joni Flowers, and Amy Renigar.
- READING OF THE MINUTES** It was moved to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.
- OFFICER REPORTS** Tara Higdon, President -- President Higdon announced that Faculty Evaluations are on hold at least for a year due to the excessive amount of planning that had to be done. They could be ready next semester, but this would absorb approximately 10% of our budget. If this project is to be undertaken next year it will be entirely up to the 1996-97 SGA Executive Council. The Board of Regents met Saturday, Nov. 11, and approved the recommendations of Moving to a New Level with two changes. Community service will be encouraged and promoted, but not required, and the implementation of the rising Junior exam has been postponed. The Board of Student Body Presidents met Sunday, November 12, with Gary Cox and Kenneth Walker of the CHE staff to discuss proposals for the 1996-98 biennium. After extensive discussion and review, the BSBP supported the proposals and encouraged the Student Representative of CHE (Rob Evans) to vote in favor of it. President Higdon also announced that the CHE would be recommending that masters institutions tuition rates to increase by 3.6%. Along with this, the Council also recommended a 7% increase in state funds for higher education. If this is approved by the General Assembly the net result will be 4% decrease in what the students are actually paying. Tentatively, Buy-a-Book Applications will be available starting Monday, Nov. 20. The Deadlines for the applications will be Friday, Dec. 1, to ensure that the money is inter-accounted by the first week of classes. As a reminder, Academic Council meets Thursday at 3:30 in the Regents Room of WAB.

Jeff Yan, Vice-President--Vice-President Yan announced that he met with Dr. Dave Parrot, along with Secretary Erin Schepman and PR Director Kristen Miller. The meeting went very well and we were able to generate at least three ideas for future legislation concerning a possible class for RA's to receive 3 credit hours and door scanners as a tighter security system.

Kristen Miller, Public Relations Director--Public Relations Director Miller announced that the meeting with Dr. Dave Parrot went well and encouraged everyone to meet with their campus administrators to ask questions. Miller passed out fliers advertising the Western Flag Contest for members to put up around campus.

Erin Schepman, Secretary- There are open positions in the following Residence Halls: Schneider, Gilbert, New Co-Ed, McLean, South, West, North, Central, Barnes-Campbell, and Bemis-Lawrence. There are also 5 Senior-Off Campus positions, 3 Junior Off-Campus positions, 2 Freshman Council positions, a Graduate School Position, as well as 3 Non-Traditional positions. Secretary Schepman also announced that she sent out letters to all the organizations on campus about the Points of Light Program. There is going to be a Holiday Banquet on Dec. 5. after the last SGA meeting before the Christmas Break.

Brandon Rucker, Treasurer--SGA's account balance for this week is \$31,037.73. Organizational Aid has been sent to Scott Taylor for review and checks should be ready by December 1, 1995.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS--Committee Chair David Apple announced that the committee has a piece of legislation up for first reading. They are also working on future legislation concerning available internet hours.

STUDENT AFFAIRS--Student Affairs Chair Darlene Lodmell announced that the committee has a piece of legislation coming up for second reading, and they are also working on a possible forum to be held in late January focusing on Career Services.

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH--Committee Chair Carlene Lodmell announced that the committee reviewed the legislation that is coming up for second reading and recommended that it be passed.

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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS--Committee Chair Steve Roadcap announced that the committee is working on getting more lighting around campus.

PUBLIC RELATIONS--Committee Co-Chair Shawna Whartenby announced that the committee met to discuss the voting of the Western Flag. Whartenby reminded everyone to take this seriously and vote on the flag that would best represent our school.

PROGRAMMING--Committee Chair Jason Loehr announced that the committee called Wayne Orschlen to set up SGA halftime activities during the Feb. 18 Home game against Southwestern LA.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY--Committee Chair Valerie Hadnot announced that the committee is working on ideas for legislation concerning Black History Month.

**ACADEMIC
COUNCIL**

Potter College--No report.
Ogden College--No report
Business College--No report
Education College--Education Representative Carlene Lodmell announced that in the meeting they discussed getting the Home Economics Department to turn some of the classes into writing components.

**COUNCIL ON
ORGANIZATIONAL
AFFAIRS**

No report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Resolution 95-8-F "Install Surveillance Cameras" was up for second reading and was passed.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

The following pieces of legislation were up for first reading: Bill 95-4-F "Endorsement of Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education 1995 Position Paper," and Resolution 95-9-F "Establish a Registrar's Fee."
Darlene Lodmell was voted Committee Member of the Month.
Congress members voted on the Western Flag. The flags were narrowed down to the top five choices, from which the winning flag was picked. The winning flag was created by Vice-President Jeffery Yan.

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There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Erin A. Schepman
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WHEREAS: For the University to install surveillance cameras in the Parking Structures, Tackle Lot, and Egypt Lot.

WHEREAS: These cameras would prevent vandalism of cars on campus, and

WHEREAS: Having constant surveillance would promote security for students, property, and

WHEREAS: It would also reduce the rate of crimes in other parking lots, thus protecting the general safety of students.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we, the members of the Student Government Association, do hereby request that the University install surveillance cameras in the Parking Structures, Tackle Lot, and Egypt Lot.

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