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Student Government Association

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**September 16, 1997**

**CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Leigh Ann Sears.

**ROLL CALL** In attendance was guest Dr. Jerry Wilder, Vice President of Student Affairs. Those absent included Andy Gailor, Ryan Faught, Martha Bonds, Derek Durbin, Jarrod Magan, Kevin West, Jason Hyde, Eric Wilson, Amy Duncan, Michael Hardin, Joe Matheis, Brandon McCloud, Tiffany Wilson and Will Warren.

**OFFICER REPORTS** Keith Coffman - President President Coffman spoke about the announcement of Dr. Gary Ransdell as Western Kentucky University's new president. He also announced that President Ransdell will be having a cookout at his house on October 20, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. Then President Coffman announced that he will be attending the Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Trusteeship on September 21-22, 1997 in Louisville. All Board members from the state schools across Kentucky will be in attendance. Next President Coffman did a follow-up report on the status of University Boulevard. He reported that he met with University Attorney Deborah Wilkins, Lencie Meredith from the State Highway Department and the city's attorney and engineer. All agreed that the skywalk proposal was the best solution, but still not economical. President Coffman spoke with Senator Nick Kafoglis, who supported the idea, about the situation and is waiting on return calls from other local congress people as well as those from Frankfort. Finally President Coffman announced that the cost of joining Hillraisers will be \$5; a t-shirt and red towels will be presented to all members.

Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Vice President Leigh Ann Sears introduced Congress' 1997-1998 Parliamentarian, Josh Detre and Sergeant-at-Arms Ryan Faught. She also announced the appointment of Tara Logsdon as Historian; she will be approved in new business. Vice President Sears told the Committee heads that they needed to elect co-chairs in their committees. On a closing note, she reminded everyone to get busy on Legislation.

Heather Rogers - Director of Public Relations PR Director Rogers

reminded Congress to keep wearing their name tags and introduce yourself to other Congress members. PR Director Rogers had an award made for Joe Matheis for all of his hard work. She announced to Congress that T-shirts are still being made and will hopefully be in by Friday Sept. 19; if they are then wear them to the football game on Saturday Sept 20. PR Director Rogers passed around a visitor sign-in sheet for all non-Congress members to sign.

Jamie Fite- Secretary Secretary Fite read the open positions on Congress. Those included: Graduate College, Non-Traditional, Senior Off-Campus, Junior Off-Campus, Sophomore Off-Campus, East Hall and South Hall. Secretary Fite announced that the Congress notebooks were ready and if members did not pick them up on the way in, then to pick one up as they leave. She asked that members place the Constitution and the calendar distributed at the first meeting in their appropriate places; if anyone needs additional copies, then see her after the meeting. The updated Bylaws will be distributed at the next meeting. Finally, Secretary Fite reminded Committee Heads to fill out their reports and place in her mailbox after each meeting.

Chad Lewis - Treasurer Treasurer Lewis reported that expenditures for the week totaled \$4,752.68. Expenditures to date total \$6,323.07. Account balance to date \$33,440.93 leaving SGA with 84.85% of the budget left.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Chairperson Matt Bastin announced that he and his committee were contacting other universities that have a "dead week" implemented to get feedback from them. He is also contacting the different departments around campus to see if they have their syllabi; if so then the committee will decide whether or not to have them bound. Finally Chairperson Bastin and his committee tabled a resolution requesting that the University allow charitable organizations to collect at athletic events.

Student Affairs Chairperson Jason Cole announced that his committee was still working on the job fair and are going to be working on distributing surveys along with the Public Relations committee. Legislation was written regarding the crosswalk on Dogwood Dr. and will come up for reading at the next meeting.

Legislative Research No Report

Public Relations Chairperson Jenny Stith announced that her committee was working hard and they are planning on putting a listing of all projects accomplished this year in the College Heights Herald. A possible survey may also be placed in there in order to have direct feedback from the students.

Campus Improvements Chairperson Callie Varner announced that her committee will meet from now on at 4:15 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m. Legislation was written regarding a new sign for the Student Health Services. Designated Driver cards are still being worked on and letters are being sent to the local restaurants this week. Also, possible legislation regarding students being able to use their own containers to get beverages in at all campus food services was discussed.

Hillraisers Chairperson Jason Heflin announced that they will be having sign-ups for the Hillraisers club Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in DUC. Cost is only \$5. There will be a tent and food before the football game Saturday versus Austin Peay.

Constitutional Review Chairperson Anne Guillory announced that her committee will meet Thursday at 3:30 p.m. She emphasized how important the committee is and that she really needs good attendance. She encouraged Executive Council to attend.

**ACADEMIC  
COUNCIL**

Graduate - No Report  
Potter - No Report  
Ogden - No Report  
Business - No Report  
Education - No Report

**COUNCIL ON  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
AFFAIRS**

No Report

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business

**NEW BUSINESS**

Elections were held for the following positions: Sophomore Off-Campus, Junior Off-Campus, Senior Off-Campus, and East Hall. All applicants ran unopposed. Stephanie Cosby moved to accept the applicants by acclamation. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously by Congress. Next, President Coffman swore in all new members elected

from the previous week and those just elected to Congress. Next, a motion was made by Matt Bastin to approve Tara Logsdon's appointment of Historian. Motion was seconded by Jason Cole and approved by a majority of Congress. The 1997 Homecoming Candidate Rules were presented. Congress reviewed the rules. Stephanie Cosby motioned to approve the rules. Jason Heflin seconded and the rules were approved by a majority of Congress.

**Announcements**

Coordinator of Committees Stephanie Cosby reminded that there will be a Committee Heads meeting immediately following the meeting. Vice President Sears announced that the Government Department was sponsoring a Model UN information session September 17, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. in Grise Hall; anyone wanting more information should see her. President Coffman announced that the Alpha Delta Pi's will be hosting the "Mr. Hilltopper" pageant to raise money for their philanthropy and FarmHouse Fraternity will be sponsoring a putt-putt golf tournament to also raise money for their philanthropy.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.