

MINUTES

The twenty-first meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:21pm on March 4th, 2003 with the Executive Vice President in the chair and the Vice President of Administration being present.

Dr. Gene Tice spoke briefly to Congress concerning parking and other campus issues. He fielded questions from Congress as well.

A motion to approve the minutes was made. A corrective amendment was suggested and approved. Seconded. *Motion approved unanimously.*

President Jamie Sears

- Happy Fat Tuesday. Eat, drink and be merry.
- The Rally in Frankfort was a success with over 200 students from across the state. Jamie briefly explained the budget situation in the legislature. Please email you legislator, it will count for 10 points in the new point system.
- Jamie wished the SpiritMaster candidates good luck n their trials.
- Dave Shinall suggested that everyone watch Newschannel 12 tonight for Rally coverage.
- Jamie reviewed the Sunbelt conference tournament plans for revised parking.

Executive Vice President John Bradley

- If you plan on continuing as a member of Congress next year, please consider running in Congressional elections. It would raise the level of standards for Congress.

Vice President of Finance Ross Pruitt

- Ross submitted the latest budget report for Congressional review.

Vice President of Public Relations Anna Coats

No Report

Vice President of Administration Brandon Copeland

- There are 4 people to be sworn in tonight.
- There are currently 29 vacancies in Congress. Please help with recruitment efforts.
- Reminder: Election filing procedures began today and will end on March 11, 2003 with official certification.



The following people were approved and sworn in for the following positions in SGA:

At-Large representative, Congress:

*Cameron Yancey Robert Reynolds
Heather Francis Kristiana Garvey*

Associate Justice, Judicial Council

Diana Carag

***All of the sworn in officials spoke briefly about themselves and were approved by Congress unanimously.*

Judicial Council report—Troy Ransdell

Met yesterday and Thursday, John Bradley, Dana Lockhart and Jessica Martin all presented some questions concerning elections that they had to the Council.

For rulings, please refer to the Council's minutes.

University Senate report

No report

The Congress and Committee members of the month for January were announced:

Congress member of the month: Nick Todd
Committee member of the month: Patti Johnson

Special Orders from the floor

NONE

Unfinished Business

(NOTE: Coordinator of Committees Michelle Woods substituted as chair of Congress due to John being an author of considered legislation.)

B03-05-S, WWHR Student Referendum

Authors' Statements. Questions from John Law.

Debate. Troy Ransdell and Steven Reyes spoke in support of the bill.

Motion to approve by Scott Wolfe. Seconded.

There was an approved motion by Abby Lovan to clarify that the fee will be per student and per semester.

Motion to approve as amended by Scott Wolfe. Seconded.

Amended measure approved unanimously.

R03-03-S, One Stop Accounting

Authors' Statements. Questions.

Debate. The Director of the Bookstore spoke in support of the resolution and noted that the specifics are still in the draft stage.

Motion to approve by Kristin Hartley. Seconded.

Measure approved unanimously



Coordinator of Committees
No Report

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

- Meets Thursdays at 500pm.
- Dr. Luther Hughes, Dr. John Petersen, Deborah Wilkins and Dean Kahler will be speaking with the committee concerning Affirmative Action.
- The committee is looking for an alternative to the "Excellence in Teaching" awards.

Campus Improvements

- Produced some orange event planners.
- Reminder: March 12, Campus Clean Up.

Legislative Research—Report given by Vice Chair Dana Lockhart

- Reviewed and passed on three pieces of legislation.
- 1 piece of legislation was tabled due to lack of representation.

Public Relations

- The "State of Western" address will be given on Monday March 10 at 400pm in DUC theatre.

Senior Recognition

- No report

Student Affairs

- Regular meetings: 500pm on Mondays in the SGA office.
- Discussed an idea for a "Dialogue Day" with administrators and student discussion.

Ad hoc Internal Affairs

- Will continue to work on the Constitution and Bylaws. This week we will be working on the proportions of congressional representation.
- Meets Wednesdays at 300pm in SGA office.

Information Technology Director

- No report

Special Orders

(NOTE: For this week, Special Orders were moved ahead of officer reports due to a time sensitive obligation)

