

MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:00 PM on September 6, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 11 of 15 Senators present.

President - Katie Dawson

- Welcome back. I'm glad to see everyone here.
- I went on a trip to Vermont over the summer with administrators.
- SGA Elections are Sept. 20-21. There is an interest meeting tonight in the SGA office at 7:00 PM. The applications are due tomorrow.
- There is a freshman pinning ceremony tomorrow night.
- Our fall retreat will be Sept. 30 – Oct. 1. It will probably be at Dale Hollow Lake.
- Faculty Evaluations are now available on Topnet. We are looking over options for improvement. They will continue to be the week before finals.
- I am still placing people on University Committees. If you are interested in sitting on one of the committees, come see me.
- My office hours are:
 - Mon 1:00 – 5:30 pm
 - Tues 8:00 – 9:00 am
4:00 – 5:00 pm
 - Wed 1:00 – 5:30 pm
 - Thurs 8:00 – 9:00 am
4:00 – 5:30 pm
 - Fri 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- United Way is collecting items for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Student Volunteer Bureau is collecting money and having a benefit to raise money on Sept 30. I would like to have an open floor discussion at this time regarding the victims of Hurricane Katrina that are being sent to Bowling Green and what we can do for them.

Jessica Williams asks if we could offer the victims discounted or free meals in our cafeterias. Katie Dawson replies that this could be a possibility, that the possibilities of lowered, free, or instate tuition to WKU have also been discussed, as well as giving them a place to live in the residence halls. Josh Collins suggests we make a group to serve as contacts for the victims in order to give directions, rides, or other help they may need to get around Bowling Green. Jeanne Johnson agrees, and adds that an orientation to campus would also be helpful. Willie Cravens asked when more details would be given about the exact circumstances of their arrival and stay, because the details would allow us to have more directed solutions. Katie Dawson replies that there are more details to come. The floor was then closed on this issue.

- Civic Engagement bracelets are going national. The profits will be split between The American Democracy Project, the participating schools, and WKU SGA. The money will then be used to support Civic Engagement.
- If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson

- Welcome back everyone. I am looking forward to this year in Student Government.
- My office hours are: MWF 8:00 – 11:00 am
TR 11:00 – 5:00 pm
- My office phone number is (270) 745 – 4355.
- There was a Student Life Meeting over the summer. Come see me if you would like details.
- Executive Branch attended the **Kentucky Leadership Academy** over the summer. Most of the other Universities from Kentucky were there as well. It gave us an opportunity to get to know administrators better on a personal and professional level, while improving leadership skills and setting goals for this year.
- There are Granite Plaques on Guthrie unveiling speech saying thanks for serving our country.
- Constitution Week starts Sept 12. SGA is putting a team in Constitution Jeopardy on Thursday, Sept 15 from 4 – 6 pm in DUC. If you are interested in participating, please see me after the meeting.
- Elections: Candidate Interest Meeting tonight at 7 pm in the main SGA office. Elections will be held on September 20th and 21st.
- Have a good week.

Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris

- Welcome back.
- The budget will be available next week for everyone.
- Organizational Aid: Interest Meeting will be Sept 20 at 6:30 pm. Applications are available this week and are due on Sept 23. There will be an interview process for the organizations applying for aid. Please let me know if you are interested in being on the Organizational Aid Committee.
- My office hours are: Mon 9:00 – 11:00 am
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Tues 11am – 12:30pm
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Wed 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Thurs 11am – 12:30 pm
- Tell all your friends that the faculty evaluations are on Topnet! The success of the evaluations will be measured by how many people check and use the site.

Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad

- I am very excited about the upcoming year in Student Government.

- I encourage everyone to go on the fall retreat. We will be going over Parliamentary Procedure and how the meetings will be run.
- My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday or by appointment.
- Legislation for next week needs to be in my mailbox by Friday at 5pm.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- Make sure you get a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.
- If I didn't call your name during roll, please come tell me that you are here.

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- My goals this year are to make sure everything in the office runs smoothly and to make SGA fun for everyone.
- There will be Jump Tables set up on Sept 20 and 21.
- My office phone number is (270) 745 – 2475.
- My office hours are: Mon 12:30 – 2:45 pm
Tues 2:15 – 3:45 pm
Wed 10:00am – 2:45 pm
Thurs 2:15 – 3:45 pm

Director of Public Relations - Lizzy White

- This year I will be working with the Herald as well as publicizing SGA in other positive ways.
- The seconds that are attached to the agendas are in a new layout.
- I will be working on the event planning with the 40th anniversary of Student Government coming up.
- My office hours are: Tues 9:30am – 12:30 pm
1:30 – 3:30 pm
Thurs 9:30am – 2:30 pm

IT Director - Amanda Allen

- Introduction
- Contact me if you have any questions about the website.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs - Katie Pettit

- Introduction
- Please bring issues that you would like to look at to the committees.
- My office hours are on Tuesday and Thursday.

Committee Reports

None.

Special Orders

Katie Dawson appointed Kara Ratliff as Chief of Staff, Lizzy White as Public Relations, Katie Pettit as Academic and Student Affairs, and Amanda Allen as IT Director. There

was no discussion or debate. *Ratliff, White, Pettit, and Allen were approved with a unanimous vote.* The executive appointments were sworn in by Katie Dawson.

Katie Dawson appointed Chris Whitfield as Chief Justice and Ricky Jordan as a Justice. Collins asked if both Whitfield and Jordan had read the Constitution. There was no discussion or debate. *Whitfield and Jordan were approved with a unanimous vote.* Katie Dawson swore Whitfield and Jordan into office.

Katie Dawson appointed Committee chairs as follows: Jessica Williams as Academic Affairs, Jeanne Johnson as Campus Improvements, Seth Norman as Public Relations, and Lindsey Lilly as Student Affairs. LRC Committee Chair has not yet been decided. There was no discussion or debate. *All committee chairs were approved with a unanimous vote.* Chief Justice, Chris Whitfield, swore in the committee chairs.

Jed Conrad appointed Emily Lovan as Secretary of the Senate and said the offices of Parliamentarian and Sergeant in Arms are still open. There was no discussion or debate. *Lovan was approved with a unanimous vote.* Chief Justice, Chris Whitfield, swore in Lovan, as well as, 11 senators: Katie Bennett, Josh McCubbins, Lindsey Lilly, Jeanne Johnson, Pik Panida Vesakha-Vahrin, Christa Wilcox, Willie Cravens, Jessica Williams, Ericka Johannes, Seth Norman, and Jenna Haugen.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Jed Conrad: Committee heads, please come see me after the meeting.

Ricky Jordan: I'm very excited be to on Judicial Council this year.

Mason Stevenson: Come see me if you would like to join the SGA Constitution Jeopardy Team, maximum of 4 people needed.

Kathleen Hennessey: I'll be in the office a lot so come in and say hi. I will also be on the retreats. There are applications in the office, come ask for them.

Willie Cravens: There is a speaker tonight, no details known.

Katie Dawson: Bring people to the interest meeting and get applications. Come to the pinning ceremony on DUC south lawn at 7.

Seth: Come out to the Balloon Classic and BBQ.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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