

**WKU Student Government Association Agenda**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**I. Call to order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**IV. Officer Reports**

President- Katie Dawson

Executive Vice-President- Mason Stevenson

Administrative Vice-President- Melissa Paris

Director of Public Relations- Lizzy White

Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Katie Pettit

Chief of Staff- Kara Ratliff

Secretary of the Senate- Emily Lovan

Speaker of the Senate- Jedediah Conrad

**V. Committee Reports**

Academic Affairs

Campus Improvements

LRC

Public Relations

Student Affairs

**VI. Director of Information Technology Report- Amanda Allen**

**VII. Special orders**

University Senate Report

Judicial Council Report

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

2005-2006 Budget

**IX. New Business**

01-05-F

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:00 PM on September 20, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 9 of 15 Senators present.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes.

### **President - Katie Dawson**

- Good afternoon, I see lots of new faces and I hope to get to know everyone after the elections.
- Next Friday and Saturday, Sept 30 and Oct 1, is our fall retreat. It will be at Lake Barkley. We will leave the SGA office promptly at 4:00 PM on Friday. Everyone should come!
- Elections are today and tomorrow! I encourage everyone to express their right to vote.
- I spoke to Debra Wilkins about patenting the Civic Engagement bracelets.
- I was recently appointed to the Student Affairs committee on the Board of Regents. Our next meeting will be Oct 28.
- This past weekend I had a meeting for the Governor's Board of Trustees, as well as, Board of Student Body Presidents. If you want more details on either of those, come see me.

### **Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson**

- It's good to see everyone.
- Elections are today and tomorrow. Everyone should vote on Topnet and tell other people to vote as well.
- Constitution Jeopardy was last Thursday. There were six teams and it was a great success. It was lots of fun, just ask Seth Norman who looked very competitive that night.
- The second Student Life Foundation meeting was this morning. It lasted two hours and we discussed financial information and the new location of the Greek Village. Come see me if you would like more information.
- I have a meeting with Dr. Ardrey this week. After that meeting, I have one with Dr. Bonaguro. Those meetings are at 2:00 and 3:00 respectively on Thursday so I will not be in the office.

### **Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris**

- We will be voting on the budget tonight.

- I am going to appoint more Organizational Aid committee members tonight to serve as alternates or so you can alternate meetings next week Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 3- 7.
- There is an interest meeting tonight at 6:30 for Organizational Aid.
- Come see me after the meeting if you have already been appointed or if you are appointed tonight.

**Director of Public Relations - Lizzy White**

- We had a Jump Table today from 11 AM – 1 PM to advertise the elections. We will have another one tomorrow.
- Please read your seconds.
- I will be working on the Documentary Series this year.
- Happy Birthday to Jeanne Johnson.

**Director of Academic and Student Affairs - Katie Pettit**

- I attended a University Senate Meeting where we mostly discussed retirement issues and they had some questions about faculty evaluations.

**Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff**

- Campus safety walk is tonight at 8:00 PM. We are going to meet by the old parking structure. It will probably last until 9:30 or 10:00. It will be fun!
- I went to an athletics committee meeting on Sunday night. It was a lot of fun and I got the opportunity to have dinner with Mrs. Ransdell and the Director of

**Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan**

- No report.

**Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad**

- Make sure you come to all the senate meetings.
- Everyone needs to join at least one committee.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jessica Williams

- Although Jessica is not here, she has asked me to send around a form to see who is interested in the Academic Affairs Committee. If you are interested, please put your name and email address on that form. (Jed Conrad)

Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson

- We had a meeting today at 4:30 PM where I went over the plan for the entire year.

- The Adopt- A- Tree Program is over. The money has been collected and the trees have been planted. However, the plaques are missing. We are going to try to find those plaques and put them on the trees that everyone paid for.

- We are going to try to have a Campus Clean Up before Homecoming. We are going to order more shirts identical to the ones from last year.

- Come to the Campus Improvements Committee meetings on Tuesdays at 4:30.
- I'm going to try to get the people from last year to continue to empty out the recycling bins on the first floor of DUC. If anyone has any connections to the environmental club or any other clubs that would be willing to empty the recycling bins for us, please let me know.

#### Legislative Research:

- We will meet this week if we need to.

#### Public Relations: Seth Norman

- I'm sending around a sign-up sheet for the PR committee.
- I'm going to keep the meetings the same as last year, on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

#### Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

- For all the new people, the Student Affairs Committee deals with cultural issues, dining services, and more. The more diversity we have on the committee, the better we can serve the students.
- I have new legislation up for first reading tonight.
- Meetings will be Thursdays at 4:00. This time may change if it doesn't work out for everyone, come see me after the meeting if you're interested in being on the Student Affairs Committee.
- We will be working on many things right away, one being the documentary series.
- Join my committee!

#### **Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen**

- No report.

#### **Special Orders**

##### *Judicial Council – Chris Whitfield*

We passed two rulings. The first ruling of the Judicial Council ruled that in order for an election to begin, a Quorum of the Judicial Council must be in existence two weeks prior to the election. The Quorum must exist to oversee the election, to enforce the Election Codes and bylaws, and to uphold the Constitution. The Fall 2005 election is exempt from this ruling. The second ruling of the Judicial Council granted a blanket exemption to all Fall 2005 Senatorial Candidates from attending the mandatory Candidates Orientation, allowing them to remain eligible candidates.

Melissa Paris appointed Josh Collins and Kara Ratliff to the Organizational Aid Committee. There was no discussion or debate. *Ratliff and Collins were approved with a unanimous vote.*

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### *SGA Budget 2005-2006*

Melissa Paris was recognized as the author, explaining that the budget is self-explanatory for the most part, but there were cuts to make up for the new programs such as Provide-

A-Ride and Professor Evaluations. During questions, Pik Panida asked why the money for the Buy A Book Program wasn't listed on the budget. Paris said that the funds were added into the miscellaneous programs because it must be voted on each year. Josh Collins asked why \$3000 was allotted for Faculty Evaluations. Paris said that \$3000 was a safe number in case SGA ended up needing to pay for it second semester. There was no debate. *There was a motion to move to previous question and it was seconded. Previous question was voted on and passed. The SGA budget for the 2005 – 2006 year passed unanimously.*

**New Business**

Bill 01-05-F

**Announcements**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.

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Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate  
Student Government Association  
Western Kentucky University