

*Johnnie B.*

**WKU Student Government Association Agenda  
September 27<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**
  - 01-05-F
- IX. New Business**
  - 02-05-F
  - 03-05-F
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:05 PM on September 27, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 19 of 32 Senators present.

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

### **President - Katie Dawson**

- Introduction (for new senators)
- Come to the retreat! It is this Friday, September 30. We are going to leave the SGA office at 4:00 PM so be there by 3:45 PM. It will be at Lake Barkley and we will have a good time. It will really help everyone get to know each other so please go. There is a sign up sheet going around to say yes or no to whether you can attend. This is a very important function for all the senators to attend. Go To The Retreat, I can't stress that enough.

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

- Kara Ratliff and I had a meeting with Dr. Bonaguro discussing transfer students initiatives as far as what we can do for them in order to make the transition easier. If you are a transfer student, please come talk to either Kara or I. There will be a planning meeting for an event on October 4 so give us some ideas.
- Fall Retreat is this weekend. Melissa and I have set the agenda. There will be a lot of information given out so make sure to bring some paper and writing utensils so that you can take some notes. We will be leaving at 4:00 PM, so make sure you are in the SGA office at 3:45. We will be back in Bowling Green at approximately 2:30 PM on Saturday.
- I need to see all the committee heads after the meeting please.
- Personal note: I am an uncle. My brother and his fiancé had a little boy, Jayden Michael. He was 7 lbs, 2 ounces, and 20 inches long.

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

- Report given by Mason Stevenson because Melissa Paris is out conducting Organizational Aid Interviews.
- You should have an expenditure sheet with the papers you picked up earlier. Please look at it and if you have any questions, contact Melissa.
- Melissa will be making one more appointment to the Organizational Aid Committee tonight.

### **Director of Public Relations - Lizzy White**



- There are a few things going around. First is a contact list, second is a fall retreat sign up sheet, and third is a birthday list.
- My homecoming committee and I have met and are going to start planning. I am really excited because there are only three weeks left until homecoming.
- Read your seconds, they are with the papers you picked up earlier.
- Some senators and executive board members are participating in the Organizational Aid Interviews and that is why they are missing from today's meeting.

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

- Not present due to Organizational Aid

**Chief of Staff - Kara Ratliff**

- Not present due to Organizational Aid

**Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan**

- Secretaries of the Committees: Please fill out a report sheet for each meeting!! This is very important. You can give them to me, or put them in Jed's mailbox in the SGA office.

**Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad**

- At the next meeting, I am asking that you sit closer to the front of the room so that so everyone can hear the information given.
- Committee heads need to meet with me sometime this week.
- Come to the retreat!!

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jessica Williams

- We are going to have a meeting after this meeting in the Student Senate Office downstairs.

Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson

- Campus Cleanup is going to be next Tuesday at 4:00 PM. It would be great if all of SGA could be there. I am willing to sign off on community service hours (2) and you will get a shirt for participating. We are going to meet at Cherry Hall. Please come!

- We have our committee meetings on Tuesdays at 4:30, right before this meeting, so come if you would like to.

Legislative Research:

- (Jed Conrad) We had a meeting Monday at 5:00 PM where we looked over three pieces of legislation for today written by Lindsey Lilly.

Public Relations: Seth Norman

- Not present due to Organizational Aid

- (Jed Conrad) PR meetings are on Thursday nights at 5:30 PM. That time may change.

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

- Not present due to Organizational Aid
- (Jed Conrad) Student Affairs meetings are also at 5:30 PM on Thursday nights. That time is also subject to change.

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

- (Jed Conrad) The website should be up and running within the week.

**Special Orders**

*University Senate*

No report.

*Judicial Council*

No report.

Chief Justice, Chris Whitfield, swore in 13 new senators including: Leah Keys, Tori Theiss, Elizabeth Worthington, Ryan Dillon, Johnathon Boles, Benjamin Redmon, Scott Broadbent, Aaron Sutherland, Lauren McGee, Jonathon Roy, Jacob Riggs, Chris Anderson, and Jonathon Sprowles.

Mason Stevenson, for Melissa Paris, appointed Katie Bennett to the Organizational Aid Committee. There was no discussion or debate. *Bennett was approved with a unanimous vote.*

Lindsey Lilly made a motion to suspend the bylaws in order to pass Bill 02-05-F. The motion was seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

***Bill 02-05-F Dialogue Day Funding***

Lindsey Lilly was recognized as the author, explaining that this piece of legislation is pretty self-explanatory, and that the money would help pay for hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, as well as, the set up of the tent. During questions, Jeanne Johnson asked if this was the same thing that was in Java City last year and what would happen if they weather did not cooperate that day. Lilly said yes, it is going to be the same thing and that if the weather was too bad, it would not be a huge problem to move it indoors. Aaron Sutherland asked if this is similar to the function during MASTER Plan where students and teachers had the opportunity to meet each other. Lilly said that this was not only for the professors, but for administrators and all students. Willie Cravens asked what the meal would be. Lilly said hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, waters, and lemonade. During debate, Jenna Haugen proposed two friendly amendments: to change this legislation's title from Bill 02-05-F to Bill 01-05-F, as well as, to add the Student Affairs Committee as a sponsor. Lindsey Lilly proposed a friendly amendment changing "October 27, 2005"



to "October 20, 2005" in the THEREFORE clause. Ryan Dillon said that we should donate this money to charity and other organizations instead of using the money to eat and meet with our professors, that's what office hours are for. Haugen said this was good opportunity for face to face contact with our professors and administration and that the \$800 allocated for food would simply draw more students to the activity. Haugen also stated that we do give money to other organizations but the Student Government Association should use money that goes back to the students. Lilly said this was an opportunity to provide an environment that is not offered on a daily basis, in that it is a chance to meet casually with administrators and professors. Lilly also stated that the purpose of the Student Affairs Committee was to bring more cultural opportunities on campus and that there is specific funding for programs such as this that if we do not use, we will lose. Willie Cravens said that as student leaders, this is a great opportunity for us to get to meet administrators. Jeanne Johnson said that we represent the student body and that although we participate in many philanthropic events, that we should put this money towards something that involves the students. *Previous question was called and seconded. Previous question passed unanimously. The legislation passed unanimously.*

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **Bill 01-05-F Dialogue Day**

Lindsey Lilly was recognized as the author, explaining that this is an event we want to put on because it is a great opportunity for the administration and students to get to know each other. *Previous question was called and seconded. Previous question was voted down unanimously.* During debate, a friendly amendment was proposed to change this legislation from a Bill to a Resolution and to add the Student Affairs Committee as a sponsor. *Previous question was called and seconded. Previous question passed unanimously. The legislation passed unanimously.*

#### **New Business**

Bill 03- 05- F Documentary Event Funding

#### **Announcements**

Jed Conrad: Everyone must belong to a committee by next week. The secretary of each committee will start taking roll next and attendance will be recorded. Each senator has three absences from senate meetings and three absences from committee meetings before they are sent before judicial review.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

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Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate  
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