

**WKU Student Government Association Agenda**  
**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

- 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- Seth Norman  
Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Ricky Jordan  
Chief of Staff- Kara Ratliff  
Secretary of the Senate- Emily Lovan  
Speaker of the Senate- Jeanne Johnson

**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**

Bill 06-06-S  
Bill 07-06-S  
Resolution 02-06-S

Camera Purchase  
Academic Bookmarks  
SGA Portrait

**IX. New Business**

Resolution 03-06-S  
Bill 08-06-S

Lack of Tutoring  
40<sup>th</sup> Celebration

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:03 PM on March 14, 2006 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 18 of 27 Senators present.

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

### **President - Katie Dawson**

- Have a wonderful Spring Break!
- I have a Board of Regents committee meeting on Friday.
- On March 30 at 4:00, there will be a forum held by President Ransdell at the colonnades about the new student fee added to tuition. We hope to see a large turnout.
- Wednesday, April 5 I will be going to talk to the Council of Post-Secondary Education about the student fee.
- If you are in other organizations, talk to your colleagues and get them there. There will be refreshments. President Ransdell, Dr. Green, Dean Lee, Dean Bailey, and Dr. Kirchmeyer will all be there so people can ask any questions they may have. Cherieth Lineweaver suggested sending an email to everyone about how to explain this event to your other organizations. Dawson said it will be out by Friday.
- Be safe on Spring Break and come back ready to wind up the year.

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

- Good afternoon.
- I have an announcement regarding making posters in the office. You can make 50 posters in the office but you must put 50 cents on your expenditure report.
- I have a judicial meeting at 5:30 tonight so I will be leaving this meeting early.
- Have a great spring break.

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

- I have a budget council meeting tomorrow and it hasn't been cancelled yet.
- Please tell everyone you know to go to the forum- it is very important. If people aren't there, then when it is added to tuition people are going to complain and it will be annoying.
- There was a Diversity Council Meeting yesterday. Tell your friends to come to that too, because we want to see more people there.



- If you noticed a large amount of money missing in your expenditure reports, I promise I didn't take that money. The receipts from the Winter Banquet a long time ago just now came in.
- Thank you to Charley Pride for wearing my favorite shirt today.

#### **Director of Public Relations – Seth Norman**

- Committee members of the month all get one of these gift bags:
  - Academic Affairs: Leah Keys
  - Campus Improvements: Johnathon Boles
  - LRC – Hunter Sprowles
  - Public Relations – Josh Collins
  - Student Affairs: Johnathon Boles

#### **Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Ricky Skylar Jordan**

- The Senior Banquet is coming up so get excited!! It will be April 20 at 6:00, probably at the Carroll Nicely Center. Past President Patti Johnson will be coming to speak.
- We will be taking applications and conducting interviews for the Hall of Distinguished Seniors: March 27 the applications will go out, and are due on April 7 at 5:00.
- Have a good Spring Break.
- Go to the forum, voice your opinions, and be heard.

#### **Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff**

- Hello everybody.
- I would like to congratulate Lindsey Lilly on a fabulous job with the Diversity Council. We will have the next date for that at the next meeting.
- I will be meeting with Ransdell and Dr. Smith to make plans for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- If you have any questions about this or anything else, come to my office.

#### **Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan**

- If I am mispronouncing your name, or if you would like to be called something else, please let me know. I will call you anything you want to be called.
- There was a mistake in the last set of minutes, the name "Bed" has been changed to "Ben".

#### **Speaker of the Senate – Jeanne Johnson**

- If any senators missed the candidate interest meeting but still want to run, please talk to Chris Whitfield about a judicial exemption.
- There will not be a committee head meeting on Wednesday. I will keep you updated on the new date – it should be soon.

#### Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen (Johnathon Boles)

- We have 1 bill up for second reading about bookmarks and 2 resolutions up for first reading.
- Have a good Spring Break.
- There will be no meeting tonight.

#### Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss

- Campus Cleanup was a success. There was 47 people there.
- I will be speaking to Tom Riley about getting a standard time on all the clocks on campus.
- Our meeting are at 4:30 on Tuesdays.

#### Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- We will have a meeting tonight after the PR meeting.
- At our last meeting we discussed the bills that are in unfinished business today.

#### Public Relations: Hunter Sprowles

- We have three bills and one resolution up tonight.
- We have some really good ideas that are going to go down the drain. Please come to the meeting – we need some members. Hope to see you there.

#### Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

- Sorry you haven't seen me around too much lately. I have been sick.
- The Diversity Council had its second meeting yesterday. We had all new organizations come. We got some phenomenal feedback. If you are in another organization, I encourage you to send a representative.
- Our meetings are Thursday at 4:00 in the SGA office.
- If you have any questions, please contact me.

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

- Since the Rally and Campus Cleanup are over, those announcements will be coming off the website so I could use some new ones.
- If you have any ideas for the website, please email me and let me know.
- I asked the committee heads to send me your meeting times so those can be posted and the only one I have so far is Campus Improvements. Please send those.

#### **Special Orders**

##### *University Senate Report*

We have a meeting on Thursday.

##### *Judicial Council Report – given by Lizzy White*

We have a meeting at 5:30 tonight.



Katie Dawson and executive council appointed Johnathon Boles to the position of archivist. There was no discussion or debate. *Boles was accepted with unanimous consent.*

Hunter Sprowles made a motion to suspend the Bylaws in order to pass Bill 08-06-S and Bill 09-06-S so the senate is able to read and vote on those tonight.

#### **Bill 08-06-S 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

Hunter Sprowles was recognized as the author explaining that with Spring Break next week and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up on April 3 and that it would be funded by the catering budget, not the PR budget and that it would supply Subway, water, soft drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers and that we will not pay for the drinks unless we drink them all, but that we must pay for the Subway stuff whether or not it is used. There were no questions. During debate, Josh Collins said that because this legislation had not yet been through LRC, there were a few friendly amendments: in the first WHEREAS clause, "student body" should be capitalized, remove the word "dollars" and enter "\$" before the amount and in the THEREFORE clause, a comma should be added after the words "not used" and after "therefore" and it should read "These monies". *Bill 08-06-S was passed with unanimous consent.*

#### **Bill 09-06-S**

##### **Student Government Association Fortieth Celebration Games Purchase**

Johnathon Boles was recognized as the author explaining that this money would pay for a dunking book, an inflatable gladiator joust, and other games. There were no questions. During debate, Josh Collins said that because this legislation had not yet been through LRC, there were a few friendly amendments: in the second WHEREAS clause, there should be a lowercase "A"; in the fourth WHEREAS clause, it should read "these monies" and strike "food and drinks" and insert "games"; and in the THEREFORE and PURPOSE clauses, the words "to purchase" should be changed to "to rent". *Bill 09-06-S passed with unanimous consent.*

#### **Unfinished Business**

There was a motion and second to constructively read Bill 06-06-S, Bill 07-06-S, and Resolution 02-06-S. Motion passed with 11 in favor, 3 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

#### **Bill 06-06-S Camera Purchase**

Johnathon Boles was recognized as the author explaining that this bill will buy a regular camera because right now we have no camera to take pictures at SGA events, for the website, or for the archive. During questions, Leah Keys asked how this would be paid for, the dimensions of the camera, and the price. Boles said it is a big red camera, approximately \$280, that there was an attachment given at the last meeting with a picture of the camera on it. There was no debate. *Bill 06-06-S passed with unanimous consent.*

#### **Bill 07-06-S Academic Bookmarks**

Leah Keys was recognized as the author explaining that WKU students are not aware that the new Learning Center is open, which houses tutoring, writing center, and

more, and that these bookmarks would have times, places, etc. and would be handed out with books in the fall. During questions, Scott Broadbent asked if they had permission from the bookstore to do this. Keys said no. *Bill 07-06-S was tabled until the end of unfinished business in order to ask permission.*

#### **Resolution 02-06-S SGA Portrait**

Johnathon Boles was recognized as the author, explaining that we want to take a picture of the members of SGA for the talisman and to hang in the office and that this will not cost any money. During questions, Melissa Paris asked if the Talisman is still accepting pictures. Boles said "No, we don't think so; we are going to ask them. If not, we'll do it for next year". During debate, Josh Collins suggested a few friendly amendments: to strike the entire 4<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS clause, to strike the word "and" but add a period at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WHEREAS clause. Ben Redmon asked if there was a date and time for this picture to be taken. Jeanne Johnson replied not right now. *Resolution 02-06-S was passed with unanimous consent.*

#### **Continuation of Bill 07-06-S Academic Bookmarks**

Questions continued: Scott Broadbent said the bookstore approved giving these bookmarks out in the fall with books (must send email to confirm later). Lindsey Lilly asked if the exact format of these bookmarks had been established. Leah Keys said no, but they would be very simple, with red, white, and maybe black writing with the times and places on them for \$686. During debate, Josh Collins suggested the friendly amendments: in the 3<sup>rd</sup> WHEREAS clause, capitalize "Bookstore" and to add a period to the end of the THEREFORE clause. *Bill 07-06-S was passed with unanimous consent.*

#### **New Business**

Resolution 03-06-S Lack of Tutoring

#### **Announcements**

Melissa Paris: Can I please see Johnathon Boles and Hunter Sprowles after this meeting.

Ricky Jordan: Can I please see Johnathon Boles, Cherieth, and Lindsey Lilly.

Hunter Sprowles: There will be a Public Relations meeting after this senate meeting.

J.P. Roy: NCAA tournament – the girls got snubbed.

Johnathon Boles: I would like to stress the hard work that has been put in this semester by Tori Theiss and the rest of the Campus Improvements Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM

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Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate  
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