

WKU Student Government Association Agenda
April 4th, 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

Senator Appointments

Resolution 04-06-S

Modern Language

VIII. Unfinished Business

Resolution 05-06-S

Election Forum

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02 PM on April 4, 2006 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 14 of 27 Senators present.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes. Motion was tabled until later in the meeting due to lack of quorum.

President - Katie Dawson

- We were hoping for better attendance at the events that have happened recently, such as the 40th Celebration. It was understandable though since it was overcast and cold, we got rid of all the food but we have lots of drinks left over and they will be in the SGA office if you want a drink this week.
- There is a Board of Regents meeting in Elizabethtown where we will either approve or unapprove the possible additional student fees. We will talk about the different aspects such as this year's seniors not having to pay the fee. So, if you have any additional issues with the fee, please come talk to me. The Health Center will be done in Sept/ Oct of 2007.
- Thanks to those of you who came to the forum.

Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson

- I am sorry for missing the debate and the 40th Celebration. I heard it went well except for participation.
- My office hours will be changing because of a change in my class schedule due to passing the senior seminar test:
 - MW 8:30 – 11 and 12 -4
 - TR 11 - 3

Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris

- I had my second and last budget council meeting last week. There were not very many meetings because there was not a lot of money to fight over.
- Committee heads, if you want to know how much money there is for your committee to spend, please ask me.
- My office hours will also be changing:
 - MW 12- 3:30
 - TR 12-2

If you are ever looking for me and I am not in my office, I am probably in the main office, so look for me there.

Director of Public Relations – Seth Norman

- There will be a dinner and banquet for the 40th year anniversary. It will be a formal occasion on April 29 at 6:30.

- I am going to order the t-shirts on Tuesday.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Ricky Skylar Jordan

- The senior banquet applications are out. I encourage everyone to apply, but get them in because they are due Friday.
- The Student Success Center is having a Grand Opening on April 17 and 18 from 11- 1. There will be food there and they want people to be there to actually walk through the center.
- There will be a Distinguished Senior Committee meeting next week, so if you are on that committee be expecting an email from me.
- My cell phone is dead so if you need to give me a message, just leave it with Kathleen or Jamie to give to me.

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- Vote on April 11 and 12.
- Thanks to everyone who came to the debate.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- I emailed the lady at the bookstore for confirmation about the bookmark legislation and received notice back from her saying it was okay.

Speaker of the Senate – Jeanne Johnson

- There will be a committee head meeting tomorrow night at 8ish; there will be pizza, there must be a representative from each committee.
- We will be taking nominations for senate awards soon.
- We do not have quorum at this meeting.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen

- I met with Dr. Burch along with Mason and Johnathon Boles. She really liked the idea of faculty appreciation. She said she is not going to push the issue with senior graduation agreements because the people who will fill them out probably don't need them.
- We are going to get some more solid facts before taking legislation to the foreign language department.
- We decided that for civic engagement, the bracelets aren't doing much anymore and we need some more stuff. Also, we would like to get more grants for involved students.
- With the technological advancements on campus, electronic records of student achievements will be available, so now students will be able to have these records for work interviews and resumes.
- There will be no meeting after this.

Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss

- I have a meeting with Darin Henson on Friday and Jennifer Tougas on Thursday.

- If you have anything you want me to talk about with them, see me.
- I apologize for the lack of legislation tonight.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- Bill 05-06-S came through the LRC last week. We will take care of and fix legislation later.
- LRC meeting later tonight after this meeting.

Public Relations: Hunter Sprowles

- Absent.

Student Affairs: Vacant

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen

- I sent the first mass email from the IPOD registration email addresses. It was a success with 2 or 3 people.

Special Orders

University Senate Report

No report. The next meeting should be sometime close to the 13th.

Judicial Council Report

April 18 at 6:30 we are going to have our judicial forum with Judge John Minton who will probably be on the KY Supreme Court come and speak in MMTH. He is an SAE alumna. We are going to try to get pre-law and different types of students to come.

Scott Broadbent talked about doubling the amount of organizational aid money and increasing the limit of money to \$1000 and allowing specific halls to file for money rather than just RHA as a whole. It will boost involvement, student awareness. Melissa Paris said she does not disagree and that she wishes there was more money to be given out. However, some of the organizations that did get money never even came to pick up their checks.

Leah Keys made a motion to amend Bill 07-06-S to increase the total amount from \$686 to \$715.98 because it ended up costing more than expected. There were no questions or debate. *Bill 07-06-S was amended with unanimous consent.*

Johnathon Boles made a motion to rescind Resolution 04-06-S. There were no questions or debate. *Resolution 04-06-S was rescinded with unanimous consent.*

Unfinished Business

Resolution 05-06-S Election Forum

Johnathon Boles was recognized as the author explaining that this is a programming resolution on an election forum to describe the election process across the Commonwealth. During debate, Scott Broadbent made an amendment to strike the entire

1st WHEREAS clause. Josh Collins made an amendment to omit "shall" and add "to" in the PURPOSE clause, and to omit "for" and capitalize the "T" in the THEREFORE clause. *Resolution 05-06-S was passed with unanimous consent.*

New Business

Judicial Council Forum

Announcements

Hunter Sprowles: Sorry I missed my report and part of the meeting. It slipped my mind that today was Tuesday. There will be no meeting tonight for PR because I forgot it was Tuesday and scheduled a group meeting.

Katie Dawson: I've said it before and I'll say it again. Make sure you talk to people about your legislation before you list them as a contact. If you have any questions about this, see me. Especially because of the stuff that has happened in the past, the contacts need to have their facts straight before they are asked about it.

Kara Ratliff: Thanks to everyone who showed up.

Jeanne Johnson: Too many bills are being rescinded, amended, etc. Make sure your legislation is correct before you bring it to the senate.

Ricky Jordan: Can I see Josh Collins after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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