

MINUTES

The sixth meeting of the fifth Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 4:59 PM on October 10, 2006, with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 23 of 29 Senators present.

There was a motion and a second to suspend the Bylaws and allow Frieda Eggleton and Ellen Bonaguro to speak.

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

President – Robert S. Watkins

- Not present due to illness.

Executive Vice-President – Jeanne L. Johnson

- Hey everyone, thanks for coming tonight.
- Rob won't be here tonight, you can reach him through email.
- The retreat is Saturday; the information sheets are going around. There is also a waiver to drive yourself; only fifteen people can drive themselves.
- The Information Technology Director is missing in action.
- Does anyone have a good digital camera that we could use to take a group picture at the retreat?
- Seth Norman: Can we go to dinner on our own?
- Johnson: You can go anywhere that is walking distance. We are leaving at 3:30 pm on Saturday and will be back no later than 1:00 pm on Sunday.
- Christina Allen: Can I attend the retreat?
- Johnson: It is up to you.
- Lucas Humble: Where are we meeting?
- Johnson: At DUC, and remember to wear business casual.
- We will be having a tent on Homecoming with refreshments. We are not sending letters this year, so let alumni and parents know.
- I have a Parking and Transportation meeting this Friday at 7:30 am. The on-campus representative, resigned from the Senate. If you are interested in having meetings once a month at 7:30 in the morning, let me know and I will appoint you.
- I gave my notes from the Campus Safety Walk to Dean Bailey.

- Interactive Curriculum and Academic Progress (ICAP) is good public relations.
- The leadership of this organization is slacking, I am sorry about that, we are working on it.

Administrative Vice-President – Amanda B. Allen

- I just can't stay seated anymore!
- On October 20th at 1:00 pm, I have a budget meeting. You can come if you're interested in being Administrative Vice-President.
- Organizational Aid is finished, there should be legislation soon.
- Please see me before legislation is written if you will be using money in your legislation. There is a process and forms that must be filed; it usually takes about five days.

Speaker of the Senate – Johnathon F. Boles

- My report is brief today.
- The committee head meeting tomorrow at 6:00 pm is cancelled. We will have it via email.
- Senators, remember you have to attend one committee meeting a week.
- Senator Hill has resigned.
- Leah Keys and Kayla Shelton please see after the meeting.
- The sign-up sheet for the Up 'til Dawn "Dream" Team is going around. Jonathan Sprowles has promised to wear a dress if we get a full team.
- We have 4-5 seats still open in the Senate, tell your friends.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Leah Keys

- We will have a short meeting after this one.
- We had a good showing last week.
- We have many things to accomplish so come tonight.

Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss

- Campus Clean-Up is Monday. Here are some flyers, you can place them in Residence Halls or tell me if you have any other ideas of where to post them. I strongly encourage all of you participate. Monday at 5:00 pm at Cherry Hardin Hall.
- Committee meetings at 4:30 pm on Tuesdays.

Legislative Research Committee: Ashley Gore

- I am the In-Room Chair because Tim Hill resigned.
- The meetings are Monday at 4:30 pm.
- You can come to LRC then we can all go to Campus Clean-Up.

Public Relations: No Chair (Jonathan Sprowles, Director of PR, spoke)

- It is true; I will wear a dress if we get a full team.
- PR is lacking a chair.

- Thursday the committee will be meeting at Puerto's. There will be free food, meet at the Main Office at 4:00 pm.
- It is crucial to attend committee meetings. Tori Theiss and Leah Keys do amazing things, and PR needs a supporting cast too. We can make cool shirts and have a PR "A" Team. The shirts are your shirts and the bulletin board is too, it all makes us better, and we really need you.

Student Affairs: Kayla Shelton

- We met with Campus Activities Board on Monday about polling. We need to not be partisan.
- We took a field trip and passed a roll sheet, this committee is doing a lot.
- We meet at 4:00 pm on Monday at the Senate office, hope to see you there!

Special Orders

University Committees Report(s)

No report.

Judicial Council Report

No report.

Bowling Green City Commission Report

No report.

Legislative Nominations

Jeanne Johnson spoke on behalf of Robert Watkins.

Legislative Research Chair—Ashley Gore

Student Senator—Christina Allen

She was on Mock Trial and started the Young Democrats at her high school.

Unfinished Business

Bill 04-06-F Campus Clean-Up

Johnathon Boles read the entire legislation. The author, Tori Theiss, was recognized. This bill sets a specific date for Campus Clean-Up and allows the purchase of t-shirts. We need t-shirts to encourage and promote SGA. During Questions, Seth Norman asked how many t-shirts will be bought? Theiss said however many 1,000 dollars will buy. There was no debate. *The bill passed unanimously through the Senate as read by Boles.*

Bill 05-06-F Campus Clean-Up Facebook

There was a motion and a second to have the bill constructively read. The author, Tori Theiss, was recognized. We advertised on Facebook.com last year, and it was very

successful. The flyer will pop-up a couple times a day. *The bill passed unanimously through the Senate.*

Bill 07-06-F Diversity Council Reestablishment

Johnathon Boles read the entire legislation. Kayla Shelton was recognized as the author. The Diversity Council has a representative from each student organization. They come to the Diversity Council and can discuss any concerns and questions. This allows them to have SGA's help with legislation. Seth Norman said that this is a good thing. Norman made a friendly amendment to add "Re" to the name of the bill. Kendrick Bryan made a friendly amendment to ass the word "of" in the Purpose clause, making the sentence: "the reestablishment of the". He also changed the apostrophe placement in the first Whereas clause in two places, changing it to "students' needs and students' thoughts". Boles made a friendly amendment to ass the word "of" in the Therefore clause, changing the sentence to read: "the reestablishment of the". Shelton approved all as friendly amendments. *The bill passed through the Senate with a vote of 17 to 4.*

Resolution 01-06-F Athletic-Fee Poll

Johnathon Boles read the entire legislation. Seth Norman was recognized as the author. This resolution is very straight forward; we want to poll the students on TopNet. Norman requested to add Jonathan Sprowles to the Contact list. During Questions, Leah Keys said she works with the football office. Keys asked if we could do an email to the student body. This way we would have the numbers along with reasons. Could we add a box for student input? Friendly amendment: If you have any concerns email sga@wku.edu. Norman said it was friendly and we can add a new Whereas clause. Norman also added a Therefore clause. The Therefore clause reads: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to express interest in polling the student body on the topic of the move to Division I-A football. A senator made a friendly amendment to add four boxes with reasons. Norman said no, not a friendly amendment. The senator withdrew his amendment. Keys stated she would check the email herself, if she had access. The she would forward the strong opinions to the administration. Kendrick Bryan made a friendly amendment to make the "d" in the word division, a capital "D" in all instances. Norman said it was friendly. There was a motion and a second to suspend the Bylaws and allow Executive Vice-President Jeanne Johnson to speak. Johnson said everything we do must be turned over to the Board of Regents. There cannot be any comments, and no leading questions. Bryan made a friendly amendment to add the word "proposed" to the fourth Whereas clause, changing the sentence to: "the proposed change to". Ashley Gore made a motion to strike the friendly SGA email whereas clause. The motion was seconded and approved. The Questions were approved and the Senate moved to Debate. Norman said the email was a good idea. If we can get their (the students) opinions, we need to listen to that. Gore said we should take it out because it will serve as a bias. Each person has a different bias. Norman said it was a friendly amendment to strike new Whereas clause. *The resolution passed unanimously through the Senate.*

Resolution 02-06-F Election Forum with CAB

There was a motion and a second to have the resolution constructively read. The author, Kayla Shelton, was recognized. Campus Activities Board will be sponsoring the public relations on this. There will be a forum with local candidates speaking that must be bi-partisan and not bias. There were no questions and no debate. *The resolution passed unanimously through the Senate.*

Resolution 03-06-F Dialogue Day

Johnathon Boles read the entire legislation. Kayla Shelton was recognized as the author. The resolution is self-explanatory. We are thinking around Java City during lunch time. I am working on contacting Java City. During Questions, Leah Keys made a friendly amendment to add Academic Affairs to the Contacts. Boles made a friendly amendment to remove “, and” and add a “.” at the end of the fourth Whereas clause. Shelton said they are both friendly. Seth Norman asked the Administrative Vice-President, Amanda Allen, do we need to write legislation to spend money for food. Allen said yes. Kendrick Bryan made a friendly amendment to strike the word “For” at the beginning of the Purpose clause. Norman said it was not friendly. Bryan withdrew his amendment. Katie Bear asked how many people showed up last year, and if it is worth it. Norman said there were 20-30 people. He stated there were not many students but we would have the Dean and it would be great to provide for them. Boles said this conversation needed to be held until Debate. Norman made a friendly amendment to change the Purpose clause from “expresses interest in hosting” to “to host”. Shelton said it was friendly. Lucas Humble made a friendly amendment to change the previous amendment to read: “to express interest”. Humble withdrew his amendment. The Questions were accepted, and the Senate moved into Debate. There was no Debate, Beard said she would wait for the bill. *The resolution passed through the Senate with unanimous consent.*

New Business

None

Announcements

Katie Beard: Tori Theiss had to leave early; she wanted me to remind everyone to take some Campus Clean-Up flyers.

Johnathon Boles: Kayla Shelton and Leah Keys come see me right now!

Leah Keys: I am going to reschedule my meeting to Thursday at 5:00 pm. Email me if you have ideas, leah.keys@wku.edu.

Cherieth Lineweaver: Committee heads please see me after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Cherieth Lea Lineweaver, Secretary of the Senate
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