

## MINUTES

The eighth meeting of the fifth Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02 PM on October 24, 2006, with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 21 of 27 Senators present.

Unfortunately the minutes from the last meeting have been delayed and will be voted on next week.

### **President – Robert S. Watkins**

- How is everyone doing today?
- My office hours have changed. They are as follows:

Monday	3:00-5:00 pm
Tuesday	2:00-5:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00-1:00 pm
	3:00-5:00 pm
Thursday	2:00-5:00 pm
	And by appointment
- We are talking about Plus/Minus grading tomorrow in the Executive meeting.
- The Homecoming vote is on TopNet today along with our poll. We will have more response with more people voting.
- Homecoming is this Saturday; stop by the SGA tent from ten o'clock on.
- Halloween is next Tuesday. Dress up for a ghoulish Senate meeting.

### **Executive Vice-President – Jeanne L. Johnson**

- Kayla Shelton, who is not here. Anyone on her committee please come see me after the big meeting.
- I received an email from the bookstore about professors and their textbooks for next semester. Talk to your professors, this is a good program.
- We need a forum for iCAP (Interactive Curriculum and Academic Progress).
- Be sure to remind your clubs and organizations to vote on the polls, the Plus/Minus GPA and the bookstore. Use your outside groups.

### **Administrative Vice-President – Amanda B. Allen**

- The Budget Council meeting was last Friday. We discussed restricted tuition. Summer school has been five thousand dollars short for the past two years. This affects SGA because it will affect the classes being offered.
- I am meeting with Brad Wheeler tomorrow about hearing everyone's voice.

- Stephanie Scott is coming here. T&E card uses and purchase orders must come through me first. It will make things much smoother.
- If you request money from the budget, be sure to use all of it so the rest doesn't go M.I.A. (Missing In Action). For example, if you have one thousand dollars don't use \$999.37.
- If you have any questions, come see me after the meeting.

#### **Speaker of the Senate – Johnathon F. Boles**

- Cherieth Lineweaver and I would like to talk about the Senate office. Keep it clean. We must keep a professional atmosphere. Turn off the lights and push in chairs.
- Committee heads, spot check after the meeting.
- Vote for the athletic and Homecoming polls.
- Have a great Homecoming week!
- SGA will be meeting during the parade; we will be standing between Northeast and Southwest. It will enhance fellowship and we will be having a good time.
- There is a list going around. The Constitution needs academic classes. For example, sophomore or junior. Please add your birthday, and this is for Senators only.
- Like Rob said, wear a costume next Tuesday. I will be a Roman Catholic Bishop. And there might be candy!

#### Committee Reports

##### Academic Affairs: Leah Keys

- Again, meeting is after this meeting.
- Ashley Gore and I are writing a commentary on Plus/Minus grading.
- We have legislation up tonight.
- Throw something at us and we'll probably do it.

##### Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss

- I apologize for not having legislation this week.
- We are working on getting a sign at the top of College Street near Cherry Hall. We are talking with the administration and getting things rolling.

##### Legislative Research Committee: Ashley Gore

- 5:45 in the Senate Office.
- My vice-chair filled in yesterday.
- Be sure to be represented when you have legislation.

##### Public Relations: Ann Bright

- If you are not in a committee, you have to be. We're recruiting, so watch out!
- T-shirts will be ordered next month because we're maxed out. And it is Sprowles fault.



- We are looking for more ways of publicity, such as: appreciate the Herald, a radio shift and president morning show. We should do this because we're fun.
- Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Ashley Gore mad a motion to suspend the Bylaws and allow President Gary Ransdell to speak. *The motion was approved with unanimous consent.*

Student Affairs: Kayla Shelton (Johnathon Boles spoke in her absence)

- Kayla is absent.
- Her meetings are on Mondays please come.
- Kayla apologizes for not making it today.

**Special Orders**

*University Committees Report(s)*

At the University Senate we discussed faculty welfare.

*Judicial Council Report*

Our meeting is tomorrow at six p.m. in the SGA Office. We have the SGA Election Codes drafted.

*Bowling Green City Commission Report*

No report.

Kristina Dyer was here but had to leave. She wanted to talk about the Homecoming events sponsored by CAB (Campus Activities Board).

Nominations/Approval Voting/Swearing In

Public Relations Chair—Ann Bright

*Ann Bright passed with unanimous consent.*

Student Senators—Christina Allen, Meggan Selzer, Megan Gorski, Bradley Morgan, Elizabeth Hennessey and Cacy Schooler.

Seth Norman had a technical question: Have you all read the Constitution and Bylaws?

All agreed that they had read them.

*All passed through with unanimous consent.*

The six new senators plus Gary Steven Taylor Jr. were sworn in.

**Unfinished Business**

**Bill 09-06-F Student Representatives Funding**

Johnathon Boles read the entire legislation. The author, Jenna Haugen, was recognized. Haugen brought a letter from Destiny Smith, and she apologizes for not coming. We are trying to reestablish our organization. We go to high schools, attend O-A-R, and give tours. We did not have the organization established during Organization Aid; we know that going through Organizational Aid is much better. Boles

opened the floor for Technical Questions. Seth Norman: Where is the money coming from? Haugen: Don't know. Norman: Have you talked with the Administrative Vice-President? Haugen: Yes. Norman: The organization is new, but was previously here. How can you state it as vital? Haugen: It is vital to the Office of Admissions; we are coming back thanks to Destiny. We do more than Spirit Masters. And it is new because it's getting a new breath. Norman: \$631 is going towards boards at high schools, how will that help the students at Western? Haugen: During recruitment last year, we didn't have fancy display boards. 120 students go back to the counties. We need to be distinguished. It will bring more high quality students to WKU. Lucas Humble: What is the current enrollment of your organization? Haugen: 36, we want more before Christmas break. Rob Watkins: If you are vital to the Office of Admissions, why aren't they funding you? Haugen: They are busy with other things like O-A-R. Watkins: When were you reformed by Destiny? Haugen: Last year, our first meeting was last Tuesday. That was when we made the leadership; there was no leadership last year. Kendrick Bryan requested a point of information: Does the Constitution state that organizations must go through Organizational Aid? So if I started a group tomorrow, I could not get money? Watkins: The precedence is no, but it is not written in the Constitution. Bryan: No, it is not clearly stated. Amanda Allen asked: Did you receive Organizational Aid last year? Haugen: No. Allen: Have they in the past? Haugen: No. Watkins: Are you represented by the Office of Admissions? Haugen: No. Norman made a motion to table the bill because we don't know where the money will come from. *The bill was tabled and will go through third reading next week.*

#### **Resolution 04-06-F Library Serials**

Johnathon Boles read the entire legislation. Leah Keys was recognized as the author. I talked to Rob Watkins last week. Bryan Carson didn't write me back. Watkins said nothing has happened to restore. Funding has not been cut. During Questions, Joshua Fries asked: How much money do we want to give? Keys: No money. This is us (SGA) making a stand saying we don't approve with what the University is doing. Seth Norman moved to previous question, there was a second. Norman made a motion to retract to Technical Questions, there was a second and it was approved by the Senate. Jenna Haugen asked: What paperwork? Jeanne Johnson: Word changing, it is new. Norman: What will be changed? Ashley Gore, another author on the resolution: Not restore or reinstate but increase. Norman moved to previous question, there was a second. *The resolution passed unanimously through the Senate.*

#### **New Business**

- Bill 06-06-F Organizational Aid Funding
- Bill 10-06-F Election Forum

#### **Announcements**

Rob Watkins: Vote on our poll and for Homecoming Queen.

Leah Keys: Academic Affairs will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m., same place as usual. I gotta get to the float!

Ann Bright: 5:30, Senate Office on Thursday, there will be food!



The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

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Cherieth Lea Lineweaver, Secretary of the Senate  
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