

MINUTES

The eighth meeting of the sixth Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:05 PM on October 24, 2007, with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 25 of 35 senators present.

The minutes were read and approved.

President – Jeanne L. Johnson

- Hi, everyone.
- Was it Stuart Kenderes that wanted to sit on the Parking and Transportation Committee? If so I will make him appointed tonight.

Executive Vice President – Johnathon Franklin L. Boles

- No Report.

Administrative Vice President – Cherieth L. Lineweaver

- Great job with everything this week for the Walk-Out!

Speaker of the Senate – Kayla W. Shelton

- Up Til' Dawn letter writing has been cancelled for tonight due a shortage of letters. When they get more letters Kathleen Hennessy will let us know.
- I would like to let everyone know they are doing an amazing job with the Walk-Out week. Please pick up two fax papers that are located on the back table. We will send them out for you.
- Amendment forms are up here if you would like one.
- I have decided to make a seating chart because the House of Representatives does and I can know who is here and see you all.
- If there are any questions or comments please talk to me.
- Committee heads please talk to me after the meeting.

Staff Reports

Chief of Staff: Skylar Jordan

- Good afternoon.
- In response to the many criticisms of the Student Government Association has received over the past week regarding Walk-Out Western, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly go on the record with a rebuttal of sorts.
- 1. SGA goes to Frankfort every year to rally for higher education in the rotunda-right outside of the Governor's office. The fact is many students can't afford to miss an entire day of classes. They can afford to miss ten minutes.
- 2. MOST PROFESSORS SUPPORT THIS! I can't stress that enough. People speak of annoying professors, but every professor I've personally spoken to has thought this was a great idea. It's civic engagement at its best.
- 3. Even SGA doesn't get Frankfort's attention, they've gotten the attention of the Bowling Green News, WKU Herald and other media outlets. They're bringing attention to our cause and at least attempting to make a difference – more so than any other organization on this campus. That's what is important.
- 4. Seems like SGA is damned if they do, damned if they don't where the press is concerned. They're either criticized for doing nothing or, in this case, for doing something.
- 5. Each empty chair represents the students who can't afford education in this state over the next decade. The symbolism of the empty chair is jarring and shouldn't be lost on anybody.
- In other news: We had a University Senate meeting on Friday and talked about the Walk-Out. It went very well and the response was extremely positive. I thank my faculty colleagues on the University Senate for giving SGA a chance to explain the Walk-Out.
- I want to applaud all who have been standing out in the chilly rain to distribute information. Cheers, mates – you're fierce.
- Thanks to those who gave me contact information at Kentucky private universities. I want to contact them very soon to see if they'll help in our legislative drive this January.
- I will begin planning out Listen Up Legislators drive next week. If you're interested in hearing more on this please let me know.

Director of Public Relations: Liz Goddard

- Hello.
- Please talk to your friends about the Walk-Out.
- Please make sure you wear your polo shirts tomorrow.
- Our t-shirts will be in tomorrow. I'm asking you to wear these shirts on Thursday.
- Study Abroad applications flyers are up front and flyers for the Walk-Out Western.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs: Reagan Gilley

- The 24 hour study room is still being discussed. We are looking at other options to where it could be.

- I had a meeting with Charley Pride about the construction of Greek Village.
- I am glad to hear everything is going well with the Walk-Out Western week.

Director of Information Technology: Samantha Hughey

Skylar Jordan spoke on behalf of Samantha Hughey.

- My office hours are as follows: Tuesday 12:30-2pm and Thursday 12:30-2pm.
Please e-mail me if you need anything.
- I am working hard on the website.

Committee Reports

Standing

Academic Affairs: Drew Eclov

- Hello.
- This evening we have a bill up for first reading.
- Senator Brittany-Ann Wick is our new Vice Chair.

Campus Improvements: Nate Eaton

- We had a really good meeting today. I am pleased to how many people come today.
- Hopefully we will have legislation for first reading next week.
- I have nominated Michelle Fusting as our Secretary and Wes Calhoun as our Vice Chair.
- I'm excited about Walk-Out Western.

Legislative Research Committee: Emilee England

- Hello.
- Tonight there's legislation up for first reading. The authors need to meet with me after the meeting.

Public Relations: Jessica VanWinkle

- We are getting ready to start working on the banner. My committee can't do the whole thing in thirty minutes so if you have time please stop by the main office and help work on it. I would like it to look nice.

Student Affairs: Kevin Smiley

- Hello.
- We have chosen Zack Rockrohr to be our Vice Chair and Jacob Miers to be our Secretary.
- Thank you to the Student Affairs committee for doing really cool stuff. I appreciate everyone helping out with the Walk-Out.
- Please take flyers to your classes tomorrow and hand them out.
- On the faxes please write to Ernie Fletcher and Steve Brashear.
- The more people hear about it the more positive attitudes about it we will have.

- Thank you for doing a fabulous job.

Ad-Hoc

Student Ambassadors: Meggan Selzer

- Hello.
- We haven't had a meeting yet.
- We will be meeting in the main office at 7:30 on Wednesday.

Special Orders

University Committee Reports

University Senate: We met on Thursday and we talked about the Walk-Out. The good news is that we are now allowed to have five senators sit on the committees now. Dr. Minter will be sworn in on November 2nd

Athletics: Liz Goddard and I, Johnathon Boles, have a meeting this Thursday.

Judicial Council Report

- No Report.

Bowling Green City Commission Report

- The Bowling Green Board of Commissions met on October 16th, 2007. The meeting began at 7:03 P.M. with all of the board members present.
- The Team USA Special Olympics Basketball team was recognized at the meeting, the team went to China and brought home the gold. They were awarded the key to the city by Mayor Elaine Walker.
- Bowling Green was granted \$491,454 for the Bowling Green Police Department, the Regional MDT Project, and communications infrastructure.
- Also, Bowling Green Independent Schools, the City of Bowling Green, and Warren County approved a Lease Termination Agreement relating to the closure of T.C. Cherry Pool. There was some debate brought forth by concerned citizens who were against this order, nothing was reached except that the Board is willing to work with people to help sort out this problem and start to work on a solution for it.
- There was also a bid on thermal imagers from Bluegrass Uniforms Inc. for the Bowling Green Fire Fighters.
- All of the orders brought up that night passed, and the next meeting is set for November 6th, 2007.

Parking and Transportation Committee Appointment

Stuart Kenderes

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Bill 06-07-F Field Trip Scholarships

Announcements

Skylar Jordan: For those of you who aren't aware that WKU Faculty Voice was thinking about seeing if students would like some type of discussion board for different organizations announcements. Please contact Reagan Gilley, Brittany-Ann Wick or myself if you have any questions. Also, Shenanigans is going on tonight at 7pm. Please come it is for a good cause.

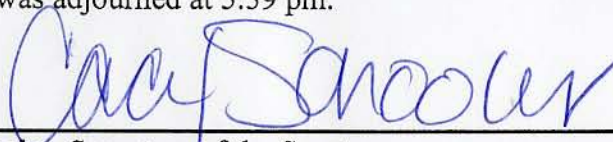
Matt Vaughan: If you are interested in aiding the world please let me know. We have a meeting tomorrow at 9pm.

Cherieth Lineweaver: Kevin Smiley please talk to me after the meeting.

Kevin Smiley: Tomorrow at the south lawn there will be giveaways and we need people to help at the booth. Please let me know if you can help.

Doug Tate: Today the video taping didn't go so well because of the rain. If you are interested in being apart of this video tape please stay after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm.



Cacy A. Schooler, Secretary of the Senate
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