

## MINUTES

The sixteenth meeting of the sixth Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02 PM on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 25 of 31 senators present.

The minutes were read and approved.

### **President – Jeanne L. Johnson**

- Hi everyone!
- If you hear anybody ever say anything like “Why did the soccer team get cut when we’re building a new side to the stadium?” please inform them that each program and each department has their own budget.
- Johnathon Boles and I met with Dr. Barbara Burch today. She was supportive of the rally. She will probably pay for buses, and she strongly supports the idea of the students going, so your professors should excuse it. She also wants us to create a documentary, like we did for the Walk-Out.
- You should have received an email regarding Plus/Minus. Please take the time to fill out the survey, and tell all of your friends about it.

### **Executive Vice President – Johnathon F. Boles**

- Happy Fat Tuesday!!! Eat, eat, eat.
- Thanks to all who made the retreat possible.

### **Administrative Vice President – Cherieth L. Lineweaver**

- Can anybody tell me something from the packet we gave out Saturday that we did not go over? Nobody?
- Make sure you read the packet twice, especially if you are lobbying.
- By the way, we’re lobbying in two weeks.

### **Speaker of the Student Senate – Kayla W. Shelton**

- There was an issue with the agenda, so Resolution 03-80-S will be emailed out to you later on tonight.
- New senators, meet with me after the meeting tonight for new officer training.

### Staff Reports

#### Chief of Staff: Skylar Jordan

- I can’t stress this enough: read the packet we gave you. Then read it again.

- We have started signing you up for lobbying times on the 20<sup>th</sup>. I partnered you up with people I believe you are compatible with, thanks Kayla for all the help with it.
- House Bill 114, regarding carrying concealed weapons, isn't gaining much momentum, so we needn't worry about it for now.
- If you want to lobby, it's not too late to sign up.

Director of Public Relations: Liz Goddard

- I just ordered stickers for Listen Up Legislators! and they are fabulous.
- You need to wear your polos to the rally unless you are lobbying.
- If you still have your Walk-Out shirt, please wear it. Or you can make your own t-shirt. Get the word out that it's free to go to the rally with us.
- We can't take picket signs into the capitol, so we're going to have to think of something else.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs: Reagan Gilley (Given by Skylar Jordan)

- Lemonade went well today.
- I'm looking into maybe instituting a DVD rental service somewhere on campus.

Director of Information Technology: Charlie Harris

- I'm making a website.
- I'm making an SGA page on Facebook.com, please become a fan of SGA and pass it along to all of your friends.

Committee Reports

Standing

Academic Affairs: Drew Eclov

- We talked about coming up with a new name for Warm Up Western for when it's warm outside.
- We talked about TI-83 calculators and renting them from the Math department for a few days instead of just a few hours.
- We talked about getting a DVD rental service going like the old one in Bate Shop.
- Please continue to sign up for Warm Up Western, because people were excited about it.

Campus Improvements: Nathan Eaton

- We have a piece of legislation up for first read tonight.
- We brainstormed ideas on how to get at least 100 people at Campus Cleanup.

Legislative Research: Brittany-Ann Wick

- Authors of legislation that is up for First Reading tonight see me after the meeting.

Public Relations: Jessica VanWinkle

- We will be meeting Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



- We will be talking about SGA Week and Listen Up Legislators!

Student Affairs: Kevin Smiley

- Hello!
- We have three pieces of legislation up for first reading tonight.
- Warm Up Western went very well today, but we were a little short staffed, so please continue to sign up.
- Get down with the cause, folks!!!

*Ad-Hoc*

Student Ambassadors: Meggan Selzer

- No report.

**Special Orders**

*University Committee Reports*

University Senate Exec: Dr. Burch came to our meeting and talked about the budget; things will either be bad or catastrophic, from what she told us.

Diversity Enhancement: We have a meeting on Thursday.

*Judicial Council Report*

- Judicial branch will meet next Wednesday and we will be working on spring election codes.

*Bowling Green City Commission Report*

- No report.

*Senate Swearing In*

Benjamin Lineweaver to the Student Senate

Vanessa Scott to the Student Senate

Christopher Nation to the Student Senate

Jamie Lokey to the Student Senate

Drew Bly to the Student Senate

Charlie Harris to the position of IT Director

*All were sworn in accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the bylaws.*

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Resolution 02-08-S A Resolution to Condemn Budget Cuts for Higher Education**

**Resolution 03-08-S A Resolution to Advocate for an Increased Cigarette Tax to Fund Higher Education**

**Resolution 04-08-S Smoking Survey**

**Bill 01-08-S Support of Organized Efforts to Lobby Against Current and Impending State Budget Cuts**

**Announcements**

Jeanne Johnson: If you didn't get a folder Saturday at the retreat, please come up and get one.

Johnathon Boles: New senators who need a binder and a constitution, come see me sometime after Thursday. Wes Calhoun please see me after the meeting.

Wes Calhoun: Florida Atlantic has to cut over 17 million dollars from their budget. They might even have to get rid of a few campuses. Our situation could be a lot worse.

Cherieth Lineweaver: Megan Hershey and I will be writing letters for Up 'Til Dawn tomorrow from 5:00 to 6:30. The finale is next Friday. I expect everybody to be there. If you didn't write at least 10 letters there is a \$10 charge at the door to get in.

Joey Coe: The ONE campaign is competing nationally. We are seventh in the nation right now. If, at the end of February, we are in the top 10 we get a \$1,000 grant to use for a poverty fighting event.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Jacob A. Miers, Secretary of the Senate  
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