

MINUTES

The third meeting of the seventh Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:00 PM on September 9th, 2008, with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 21 of 28 senators present

The minutes were read and approved.

President – Johnathon F. Boles

- Hello everybody!
- The ballots for the University Complaints Committee are important. If you have not turned them in yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please see me after the meeting.
- I need to see Senators Beers and Bennett after the meeting.
- Next week is Constitution Week. SGA will be sponsoring a reading of the Constitution. You can sign up for any time you wish.
- Saturday morning at approximately 3:00 a.m., there was a shooting in the PFT parking lot and we, as students, were not notified until the next day. As the Student Body President, and as a student, of Western Kentucky University, I find this appalling and I believe we should have been the first to be notified.

Executive Vice President – Kayla W. Shelton

- I know there was lots of debate about the retreat last week, so I came up with what I think is a good idea. State parks have increased their prices, meaning we are not going to be able to hold the retreat in one like we did last fall.
- There is a place in Nashville called the Adventure Science Museum. My sorority held a sisterhood retreat there last year. It's a lot of fun. We would be "locked in" for the night. I was thinking that we could have a day full of learning about SGA, while here at the university, and then at about five or six o'clock, we could head there for the night. It would be a lot of fun, and it would be an excellent bonding experience.

There was a request for a Point of Information from Kevin Smiley: Do we know when the retreat will be? Executive Vice President Shelton: I would like for it to be the weekend of October 10th.

Administrative Vice President – R. Reagan Gilley

- Hello all.
- I would just like to report that everything is good.
- We spent \$75 on a Herald ad and \$67 on Western Wednesday, although the \$67 came out of the Aramark budget.
- If you have any ideas and want to spend any money, please tell me.

Speaker of the Senate – Nathan J. Eaton

- Please pay attention to committee meeting times. Remember that you are required to attend at least one committee meeting a week, but there is nothing stopping you from attending more than one.
- Please be in the Senate chambers and ready to start the meeting right at 5:00.

Staff Reports

Chief of Staff: Skylar Jordan

- I have almost finished the master calendar for the year, so if you have anything such as committee meeting times, etc, please tell me ASAP.

Director of Public Relations: Monique Gooch

- Last week we had a big tent set up for the Velorution, but nobody showed up to work the tent.
- I would like for people to work the Student Engagement Expo on South Campus. If you need a ride over there, talk to somebody and see about carpooling.
- I'm still working on movie nights with CAB. If you have any questions, please ask me.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs: M. Andrew Eclov

- Please read the resolution up for first read tonight, it is excellent.
- I encourage you to join any committees, but I will say Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are my two favorites.
- Western Wednesday went well last week. We will be doing another one tomorrow. During Western Wednesday, it would be great if you could update and inform people about both the student elections coming up next week and the presidential elections. I am passing around a time sheet and if you could sign up for a time to work tomorrow that would be fantastic.
- I am looking in to getting movie rentals on campus. If you have any ideas or questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Director of Information Technology: Charlie Harris

- Hello everybody!
- I'm working on updating the website so if you have any input please tell me.
- If you have not turned in your Senate data sheets please do so as soon as possible so I can post those on the website.

Committee Reports

Standing

Academic Affairs: Brittany Ann Wick

- I am passing out a paper to everybody that tells you when and where our committee meetings are. Please attend.
- We will be working on Buy-A-Book scholarships tomorrow, so if you think that sounds interesting, please attend.

Campus Improvements: Ben Lineweaver

- We will be meeting tonight right after this meeting is adjourned, here on DUC third floor.
- Please read and support the resolution that is up for first reading tonight.

Legislative Research Committee: Kevin Smiley

- Hello all!
- The author of the piece of legislation up for first read tonight needs to come to my committee meeting Thursday at 4:30 in the SGA main office.

Public Relations: Vanessa Scott

- My meetings will be held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA main office.
- We will be working on the bulletin board at this next meeting.
- Please sign up to work the Student Engagement Expo and Western Wednesdays.
- We will be working on a video for Provide-A-Ride, so if you want to be in it or have any ideas, come to the meetings.
- If you know anybody that wants to speak for a radio commercial, let me know.

Student Affairs: Jesse Caylor

- Our meetings are Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. directly following the Academic Affairs committee meeting.

Ad-Hoc

Sustainability: Joey Coe

- No report.

Special Orders

University Committee Reports

University Senate Exec- Met and discussed the 120 hour degree program. Also discussed a four day work week, which would translate into a four day school week.

Judicial Council Report

Met last night and decided to approve all Senate election applications, regardless of when they were turned in. Sixteen people are running for seven open spots.

Bowling Green City Commission Report

No report.

Senate Approvals

Secretary of the Student Senate- Jacob A. Miers

The nominee passed with one (1) opposed.

Senate Nominations

Parliamentarian- Kevin Smiley (as nominated by Benjamin Lineweaver)

Senator Calhoun motioned to move back into Special Orders to give the Oath of Office to Secretary Miers. There was a second. Secretary Miers was sworn in according to the Oath of Office, Article IX of the Bylaws.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Resolution 01-08-F Support of Emergency Communications

Senator Turner motioned to suspend the bylaws to move Resolution 01-08-F Support of Emergency Communications into Unfinished Business. There was a second. The motion passed with two (2) opposed.

Senator Caylor motioned to have the resolution constructively read. There was a second. The motion passed with twelve (12) in favor and nine (9) opposed.

There was a request for a Point of Information from Executive Vice President Shelton: Did you talk to Bob Skipper? Senator Beers: No, we were unable to contact them. Director of Academic and Student Affairs Eclov: We sent him and Edwin Craft emails telling them about the resolution just in case they had any questions.

Senator Venable motioned to accept the resolution. There was a second.

There was a request for a Point of Information from Senator Calhoun: This is a little vague. I at first thought this was a resolution about instituting a new system.

Senator Calhoun motioned to amend the Purpose clause to add "currently in place" after "Crisis Management System". The amendment was deemed friendly.

The resolution passed unanimously.

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Announcements

Skylar Jordan: If you are going to suspend the bylaws to move a piece of legislation into first reading, please send it to Exec first. Also, please make this the exception to the rule and not the rule. While it is good to constructively read a piece of legislation, it is not good to do that in the situation that arose tonight. Monique and I are Rise Over Run's, newest bloggers.

Johnathon Boles: I am available to talk to anybody about anything. Please go to committee meetings because you will learn more. I need to see Senators Rowland, Beers, and Bennett after the meeting.

Kayla Shelton: This fall retreat is mandatory. We will be having a Senate meeting during the retreat and an absence will count against you. I thought it would be great to have a video of two senators reading the minutes. Get excited!

Wes Calhoun: Good riddance EKU. The College Democrats will be having a meeting on the 22nd.

Wade Pierce: Tonight at 8:00 p.m. on Grise 3rd floor the College Republicans will be having a meeting with special guest Brett Guthrie.

Drew Eclov: I need to see Senator Caylor after the meeting. I will be looking into the movie rentals on campus. This video of the minutes is going to be fun!

Kevin Smiley: Obviously, if something like this happens with a piece of legislation, you don't need to go to LRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Jacob A. Miers, Secretary of the Senate
Student Government Association
Western Kentucky University