



**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9, 1997**

Call to Order President Keith Coffman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call Members present included Keith Coffman, Leigh Ann Sears, Heather Rogers, Jamie Fite and Chad Lewis.

Reports President - President Coffman reported that he will be attending BSBP meeting on December 6th and 7th. The Student Government State Conference will be February 6-8, 1998 at Murray State University. It will cost \$40 per person to attend. This includes room and board. There will be student workshops and president Coffman would like to send approximately 20 people from WKU to attend. BSBP will also be holding a banquet for state legislators in late February to express their concerns and get feedback. Next, President Coffman talked about the \$5 fee that students pay for intermurals. WKU received bids from contractors and the bids were \$100,000 over the estimated price. He asked Exec. what they thought about this \$5 fee becoming permanent and the funds going to Student Government. All Executive Council members agreed that it was a good idea, but before we act on it we need to discuss it with Congress when they return in January. Next, President Coffman asked Treasurer Lewis to go ahead and purchase the tent. He announced that Exec. members are invited to Scott Taylor's house this Saturday Dec. 13 at 5:00 p.m. for dinner. He reported that he had been in contact with Public Safety and they want Student Government to help rebuild the Student Escort Service. Finally, President Coffman reported on the Institutional Review report that was discussed at the Board of Regents retreat. The jest of the report stated that Western was behind the times as far as the facilities go. Also, WKU should be more selective in their admissions process and WKU should utilize the community college more.

Vice President - VP Leigh Ann Sears announced that Academic Council will meet December 11, 1997 at 3:30 in the Regents Room.

Public Relations - PR Director Heather Rogers gave details on the retreat in January. It will be Jan. 30-31, 1998 at Barren River State Park. We have rented cabins for that Friday night and meetings will be held in the main dining room. It should conclude Saturday evening. She then asked Exec. to pick a date for Coming Home. The dates to choose from are February 15, 21 or 23. Council chose February 21 against South Alabama because it is on a Saturday.

Secretary - Secretary Fite asked council if they wanted to continue the Points of Light program. A decision was made to recognize the recipient of the award at a Congress meeting and to donate \$100 to their favorite charity. She asked that Executive Council officers give their Spring Semester office hours to the student secretaries so that they can type them up and post them. Council passed the following pieces of legislation unanimously: Bill 97-5-F, Resolutions 97-11-F, 97-14-F, 97-15-F, 97-16-F, 97-18-F, 97-19-F, 97-20-F, 97-22-F, 97-23-F, and 97-24-F.

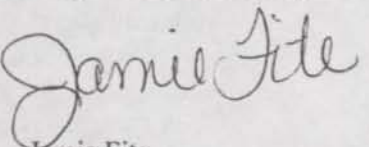
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Executive Council discussed in great detail Resolution 97-10-F "Housing Scholarships to Apply to Off-Campus Housing." President Coffman, in favor of Resolution 97-10-F, believed that it should be up to the individual to live on campus or not; they should have the freedom to choose. Other members of Exec. believed that it wasn't fair for the student to take the University's money off-campus and the money might be spent on something other than rent. It was suggested to rewrite the resolution to state that only Seniors be able to take the money off-campus. After much discussion a vote was taken to pass Resolution 97-10-F. President Coffman voted in favor, Vice President Sears, PR Director Rogers, Treasurer Lewis and Secretary Fite voted against. Resolution 97-10-F was Vetoed.

Treasurer - No Report

Adjournment Seeing no other business a motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie Fite
Secretary 1997-1998