MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
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Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Leigh Ann Sears.

Roll Call: Secretary Jamie Fite called roll. Those members absent included: Jason Cole, Jenny Stith, Jason Nemes, Josh Detre, Tara Logsdon, Michael Hardin, Melissa Lee, Brian Raisor, Jay Sharkey, Gabriel Fancher, Tim Leavell, Kevin West, Julie Beth Gray, Katie Staples, Robert Lightning, Sonya Robertson, Lindsey Sullivan, Jodi Clinard-Pulley, William Brown, Billy Lyons, Cassie Martin, Mary Ruth Thomas, Amber Lee Mason, Mike Armstrong, and Dwight Campbell.

Minutes: It was moved to suspend with the reading of the previous week's minutes. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Officer Reports: President, Keith Coffman - President Coffman stressed that elections were quickly approaching. He encouraged anyone thinking about running for an office to do so. He announced that there will possibly be 3 locations this year for elections and he will be passing around a sheet next week for volunteers to sign up. He reminded everyone that applications for office are due Thursday, April 3, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. Next, President Coffman updated Congress on the status on the tent SGA is purchasing. It is being ordered and will be ready May 1. The tent will be a little over what was estimated and will have the SGA logo on two sides and the WKU logo on the other two sides.

Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Sears congratulated Congress for their hard work on legislation. She reminded all Executive Officer candidates that Certification will be on Thursday, April 3, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. in the SGA office. All those running must attend. There will be no campaigning until after Certification. Those interested in running for any other position except Freshman Council or Hall Representatives should also turn in a regular application. She closed by thanking those who have helped with OAR so far.

Director of Public Relations, Heather Rogers - PR Director Rogers thanked everyone who helped with the previous OARs and reminded those that signed up to help for the April 3 OAR to be there on time. Rogers announced that poet Robert Blye will be speaking at 8:00 p.m. tonight in Garrett Auditorium.

Secretary, Jamie Fite - No Report

Treasurer, Chad Lewis - Treasurer Lewis reported that this week's expenditures total $28.74. Expenditures to date total $24,594.36 leaving the account balance at $17,159.61.

Academic Affairs - Chairperson Matt Bastin reminded everyone to attend the “Meet Your Dean” reception April 7, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. in the Faculty House. He noted that the committee will be sponsoring legislation regarding updating the current e-mail system, the VAX.

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Student Affairs - No Report

LRC - Chairperson Anne Guillory reported that only one piece of legislation came to LRC and that it is up for first reading tonight.

Public Relations - In the absence of Chairperson Jenny Stith, Vice-Chairperson Sally Eillerman reported that in their previous meeting the committee worked on decorating for the baseball game and thought of questions to ask Residence Life/Housing directors Brian Kuster and Kit Tolbert who spoke before tonight’s meeting.

Campus Improvements - Chairperson Christoph Miller reported that next week the committee and anyone else who would like to volunteer will be conducting a campus-wide survey asking questions regarding SGA, on-campus living, etc. The committee is also working on providing permanent suggestion boxes that would allow students to put in suggestions they have for the University, not just SGA. He will be talking to Brian Kuster and/or Kit Tolbert about placing them in the residence halls. He announced that UCB is sponsoring a “Spring Fling” Thursday on DUC South Lawn. He passed out flyers and asked that everyone put them up in their respective residence hall or on a bulletin board on campus.

Hillraisers - Co-Chairperson William Jones announced that the committee decorated for the baseball game and there will be a dizzy bat contest at Saturday’s game. There will be a double-header and the game starts at 2:00 p.m.

Academic Council:
- Potter College - No Report
- Ogden College - No Report
- Business College - No Report
- Education College - No Report
- Graduate College - No Report

COA: President Coffman announced that there will be a COA meeting on April 7, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. in DUC 305.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business

New Business: Judicial Council member Carlene Lodmell brought before Congress the revised election code that LRC has been reviewing. A recommendation was made to change campaigning rules. It was recommended to allow campaigning in DUC up until midnight before the day of the election. After midnight all posters and flyers must be removed. A motion was made to accept the change to the election code. Motion was seconded and change was adopted.

Secretary Fite read several pieces of legislation which were up for first reading. They included Resolutions 98-15-S “24 Hour Residence Hall Visitation,” 98-8-S “Coed living beneficial,” 98-13-S “Professors to be trained for advising,” 98-14-S “Regent Scholarship money to accommodate tax benefits,” 98-9-S “Suspending Afternoon Classes before Spring Break,” 98-11-S “Evaluation of Teachers in Spring Semester,” 98-10-S “Mandating that Advisors and Advisee’s meet twice,” and 98-12-S “Elimination of Cap and Gown Fee.”
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Announcements:

Vice President Sears reminded everyone about OAR on Friday, April 23 is Faculty Appreciation Day, Meet your Dean reception is April 7, 1998 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Officer Certification is April 2, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. in the SGA Office, Spring Sing is tonight in Van Meter auditorium at 7:00 p.m., and Spring Fling is April 2, 1998 at 2:30 on DUC South Lawn. Visitor Rick Malek asked Congress for their support of Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry in the US Senate race; there will be a fund raiser Thursday. Meet at Democratic Headquarters on the Square if you want to go. Brad Sweatt announce that RHA is presenting a program entitled “Beer and Condoms” which will take place on DUC South Lawn tomorrow (April 1, 1998). Coordinator of Committees Stephanie Cosby announced that she needed to meet with all committee heads immediately following the meeting.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Fite
Secretary 1997-1998