

The fifth meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:37pm on September 24, 2002 with the Executive Vice President in the chair and the Vice President of Administration being present.

Before the start of the regular Congressional session, the University President Gary Ransdell spoke and entertained questions for about 30 minutes concerning enrollment, parking and housing and other issues.

A motion to approve the minutes was made. Seconded. *Motion approved unanimously.*

President Jamie Sears

- Jamie attended the Governor's Conference/CPE meeting.
- Western Alumnus, Terry Wilcutt won the OAK (Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky) Award. He will be returning spaceside this summer. Dr. Erica Brady, won the Acorn award for excellence in teaching and research.
- Western's Career Expo will be October 22nd from 100-500pm at South Campus.
- Topper Transit will not run Thursday-Saturday before Fall Break but the shopping shuttle will run Saturday for students on campus.
- Reminder: Next Student Forum will be on Dining Services on Thursday October 17th at 400pm in DUC theatre.

Executive Vice President John Bradley

- John attended his first Student Life Foundation (SLF) meeting from 1200-300pm.
- John attended the dedication of the renovated directional halls.

Vice President of Finance Ross Pruitt

- Attended the first budget council meeting.
- Reminder: Mandatory Organizational Aid meeting tonight in DUC 305 at 700pm.
- "Farm Truck" joke presented for Congressional consideration to slight laughter.

Vice President of Public Relations Anna Coats

- Thanks all of those who attended the Parents Weekend Luncheon.
- Challenges all to post something on the SGA web forum.
- Anna is seeking volunteers for the SGA Homecoming float.
- Suggested social activities: Spring Retreat at Paoli Peaks (would cost members about \$30).

Vice President of Administration Brandon Copeland

- There are 3 people to be sworn in tonight. 2 people whose applications have been processed.
- The total number of Congress-members is now 71. Zacharias Hall has over 200 residents therefore giving the hall 2 representatives instead of 1.
- There are currently 12 people awaiting open positions who have processed applications. 2 people awaiting positions whose applications are being processed.





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Coordinator of Committees

- The next meeting of Committee heads will be after next weeks Congress meeting.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

- Jamie and the chair (Jessica Martin) met with Provost Barbara Burch today. They discuss academic programs such as Student Recognition and spreading out the class schedule.
- Meetings are 500pm on Wednesdays in the SGA office.

Campus Improvements

- Did not meet last week.
- The chair (Nick Todd) had a meeting with Doug Ault, will meet with Greg Fear soon.
- Meets Wednesdays at 400pm on DUC third floor.

Legislative Research

- Met yesterday.
- Passed Bill 02-02-F onto Congress.
- The committee approved an LRC checklist.

Public Relations

- The committee is working on two pieces of legislation.
- The chair (Patti Johnson) passed around a sign-up sheet for the JUMP table.
- The committee will be going to Puerto Vallarta's on October 1st.

Senior Recognition

- The committee will meet after Fall Break.
- The committee plans on emailing professors about the banquet.

Student Affairs

- Met last week.
- Discussed legislation concerning Visitation in dorms, extending bookstore hours and parking.
- Encourages more discussion on the SGA list-serve.

Information Technology Director NO REPORT

Special Orders

Judicial Council report—Dana Lockhart

- Met at 800pm
- Will have a special meeting next Tuesday at 430pm in the Spirit Masters office because of a full docket.
- Made three rulings:
 - Article II, Sect. 7, Subsect. 6—Secretary shall report to the Vice President of Administration on workload.





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- Amendment 6- The amendment was never passed and therefore should be stricken from the Constitution. Amendment 7 is now Amendment 6.
- The parliamentarian, historian and sergeant-at-arms cannot be members of Congress and those offices simultaneously.

University Senate report—Dana Lockhart

- Met last Thursday at 330pm.
- Discussed issues with Finances (Academic monies are down percentage-wise)
- A motion in the University Senate was passed to not use social security numbers for ID purposes.

2 new Congress members were sworn in today.

LaTonnsya Burney
Bob Bell

- Nick Todd was approved unanimously as chair of the ad-hoc Financial Review committee.
- Brooke Smith was approved unanimously as Parliamentarian.

Special Orders from the floor

None

Announcements

Brandon: Has requested a meeting with the contacts listed in the first passed legislation of the year pursuant to Const. Section 5.1.5.

Dana: There is hard-working Judicial Council this year. All requests for interpretation must be written/

Jamie: Is very pleased with Congress and Committee chairs. (Out of order two times)

Anna: Quotes sheet has been signed by all Congress-members. Homecoming meeting coming up next week.

Ross: Organizational Aid meeting tonight at 700pm in DUC 305. It is mandatory.

Dwight: Both the volleyball and soccer team play this Friday.

Unfinished Business

John Bradley stepped down temporarily to defend Bill 02-02-F.

Discussion on Bill 02-02-F

JB: "It was originally Dana Lockhart's idea....It is important to know the past of SGA."

Bob Bell: "Are there any people specifically in mind for it...?"

JB: "It is likely that it would be someone majoring in Library Sciences."

Brooke Smith: "Is it going to be a student position?"

JB: "Yes."

Motion to accept by Patti Johnson. Seconded by Tabatha Spain. *Motion approved unanimously.*

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm

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