WKU Student Government Association Agenda
October 10th, 2005

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II. Roll Call
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   Executive Vice-President- Mason Stevenson
   Administrative Vice-President- Melissa Paris
   Director of Public Relations- Lizzy White
   Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Katie Pettit
   Chief of Staff- Kara Ratliff
   Secretary of the Senate- Emily Lovan
   Speaker of the Senate- Jedediah Conrad

V. Committee Reports
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VI. Director of Information Technology Report- Amanda Allen

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IX. New Business
   Bill 03-05-F

X. Announcements
   -All Committee Chairs need to schedule a meeting with Jed this week.

XI. Adjournment
   Listen up legislators
   Hey!
   I want to help

Oct. 25
Cancer Document
MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:00 PM on October 18, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 23 of 26 Senators present.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes.

President - Katie Dawson

- Good afternoon everyone. I have lots of things to tell you about so stick with me.
- Dialogue Day is this Thursday. You all need to attend because it will be beneficial to you as student leaders to meet the administrators.
- After the first Documentary of the series, there will be break out sessions in Tate Page Hall. So far we have representatives from Health and Human Services, Potter College, and Ogden College coming. Lizzy is looking for a community member who is a survivor of Cancer to speak at the Documentary. We will also have booths set up afterwards with representatives from Up til Dawn and Relay for Life to encourage people to participate in Cancer Awareness events.
- Wednesday and Thursday we are sponsoring “Listen up Legislators” along with eight other universities endorsing and promoting funding for Higher Education. There will be IPOD legislation up tonight in conjunction with this program to offer incentives to participants. Mason will have more details about that. We will have a computer lab setup where anyone that would like to participate can go and copy and paste a prewritten letter, and pick up the email address, mailing address, and phone number of our legislators.
- At the parking and transportation meeting tomorrow, they will discuss color coding the new parking structure so it’s not as confusing for commuters. This will make it more identifiable and people will know where and when they can park without getting ticketed.
- Homecoming activities went well. Thanks everyone for showing up. We had lots of food, sorry if you missed out.
Kara and I attended a banquet for the Hall of Distinguished Alumni, where we got to meet Colonel Stansbury who was an inspiration to Coach Diddle in making the red towel tradition. He is 99 years old. We also got to meet Charles Keown, the only living person for which one of the awards we give out at the end of the year is named. If you have any questions, please come ask us.

Now for the fun part of my report, is anyone a fan of Fat Joe? He’s a rap artist, and he’s having a concert next Thursday at Eastern. EKU’s president sent two tickets to me and I can’t go. If you are interested in going, let me know.

Executive Vice-President - Mason Stevenson

- “Listen up Legislators” is coming up. I have written a forum letter but it is still a work in progress. Also I have gotten contact information for our legislators; however they are the home addresses and personal telephone numbers. I am still looking because the contact info for the capital building would be better.
- There will be an orientation for transfer students on November 16, 2005 at 7:00 PM. Marvin Daniels will be there. For those of you who don’t know, Marvin Daniels is in charge of transfer credits, so he will be there to answer questions.
- Have a nice week.

Administrative Vice-President - Melissa Paris

- Everyone should have gotten a new expenditure report. There is a typo if you look closely, which no one ever does. It doesn’t affect the budget or anything though.
- Organizational Aid legislation is up for second reading tonight. If it passes, I’ll send out letters this week to the organizations letting them know the amounts they will receive.
- This is especially for committee heads and executive board – I talked to Stephanie this week, who is in charge of the money for Student Activities. We need at least five days notice for any money that is going to be spent. If you need a check or the pro-card, please think ahead.

Director of Public Relations - Lizzy White

- I made a few typos on the Seconds. First, the Documentary Series will start at 6:30 PM, not 6:00 and the documentary “Living with Caner: A Message of Hope” will start at 7:00, not 6:30. Also, if it is rained out, the documentary will be shown in Tate Page, not Mass Media, Sorry.
- Thanks everybody for coming to the Homecoming tent.
- I am working on designing a t-shirt for everyone. I am sending around a contact sheet; make sure your contact info is correct and write your t-shirt size beside your name.
- We have no coozies left, we ran out during Homecoming tailgating when we were passing them out to people who needed them.
- Happy Birthday to Lauren McGee.
- Robert Ashby was in the newspaper so he gets the “Good PR Award” this week.
- At the Documentary Series a Breast Cancer Survivor, Sue Lynn McDaniel, will speak for 5 – 10 minutes about cancer awareness. Also booths will be set up by
St. Jude’s Up Til Dawn Board, Relay for Life, and Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority with information about cancer awareness.
- I am also working on making posters and flyers for “Listen up Legislators”.

**Director of Academic and Student Affairs - Katie Pettit**
- I encourage everyone to go to Dialogue Day this Thursday.
- I have a University Curriculum Committee meeting next week.

**Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff**
- Everyone should come to Dialogue Day. There will be free food and it will be fun.
- I mentioned last week a Book Drive. I will be sending out letters to organizations that may need service hours to see if they would like to participate.
- Go to the Documentary Series.
- I have a parking and Transportation meeting tomorrow morning at 7:30 AM.

**Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan**
- I am sending around a paper with everyone’s name on it. Please write the committee you are on beside your name. If you do not have a committee yet, write “none”, and I will find you a committee to be on 😊
- If you came in late, make sure to come check in with me, so I count you as present.

**Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad**
- Just a reminder, our meeting time is 5:00, so everyone should try to be on time.
- I need to have a meeting with all the committee heads. It will most likely be one of the next few Thursdays at 8:00.
- I would like to remind everyone that attendance in committee meetings is important.
- If you know anyone interested in being in SGA, the positions of Parliamentarian and Sergeant in Arms are still available.

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Affairs: Jed Conrad**
- The Academic Affairs committee will not have a report tonight because we have not found a committee head to fill the position yet.
- There will be no meeting tonight.

**Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson**
- We had a meeting at 4:30 today, where we had some good debating going on.
- We discussed the 30 ft guideline outside of dorms for smokers.

**Legislative Research:**
- I would like to say thanks to Jessica Williams for the dedication and hard work she put in to Student Government. We hope to have her back soon.
LRC had a meeting where we passed Bill 03-05-F and 04-05-F.
- I would like to say Thanks to Seth Norman for his attendance at the LRC meeting to defend his legislation.
- I would also like to stress the importance of LRC. All legislation must go through this committee and we will be looking over the bylaws. With that being said, I would like to present Seth with this $10 gift certificate to Red Zone. More surprises are to come in LRC.
- Our next meeting is tomorrow at 5:00. Please consider coming and being part of LRC.

Public Relations: Seth Norman
- Our meetings are 5:00 on Thursdays.
- I am still waiting on people to show up.
- We have the IPOD legislation that is up tonight. Hopefully this will be an incentive for people to sign up and for us to create a list of names, phone numbers, and email addresses for future SGA events. I am looking at suspending the bylaws so that this can be voted on tonight.

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly
- Hello everyone.
- Student Affairs meetings are Mondays at 4:30. Please come, we are always looking for new input.
- Everyone should come to Dialogue Day this Thursday from 5-7 PM on DU South Lawn. This is a great opportunity for us to meet with administrators in a casual environment where we are next asking them for anything. It should be a lot of fun and there is a free meal, so bring your friends. We want a good portion of the student body to be there.
- If you want to know more, or be involved in, the "Books for Africa" book drive, please contact Scott Broadbent, Kara Ratliff, or myself.

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen
- If you have not turned in a profile info sheet to me yet, please do that. I want to put this information on the website, but I would like to put everyone's information on at one time. You can turn them into me personally, or you can put them in my mailbox.

Special Orders

University Senate Report
There is a meeting on Thursday.

Judicial Council Report
No report.
Katie Dawson appointed Matt Holland as a Justice. There was no discussion or debate. *Holland was approved with a unanimous vote, and also exempted from the requirements of being in the Student Government for a year.*

Katie Dawson appointed Nicole Tice and Jessica Sasseen as senators. There was no discussion or debate. *Tice and Sasseen were approved with a unanimous vote.*

Chief Justice Chris Whitfield swore Holland, Tice, and Sasseen into office.

Seth Norman made a motion to suspend the bylaws in order to vote on Bill 04-05-F. Katie Petit asked why this suspension was necessary. Norman replied that he would like to get this project started as soon as possible. The motion was seconded. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**Unfinished Business**

**Bill 03-05-F Organizational Aid**

Melissa Paris was recognized as the author, explaining that a lot of people already know about this legislation, a lot of time was put in by the Organizational Aid Committee in interviews, and that the name of the organization and the amount of money that will be distributed to each organization is written in this piece. Paris also explained that the Committee was allotted $20,500 total, the same amount as last year, to distribute between all the organizations, however last year only 69 organizations applied, whereas this year there were 82 and that the interviews were conducted and money was distributed according to a points rubric. During questions, Joshua Collins asked if each subject on the rubric were given equal weight, such as, was presentation as important as the number of students affected. Paris said yes, they were all the same amount. Johnathon Boles asked if it was possible for senators to get a copy of the rubric used. Paris said yes, Boles could have the one on the table, and anyone else that wanted one should see her. During debate, Jenna Haugen asked if RHA was receiving $2500 or $250, because it seems like such a gap in amounts and if it was a typo. Paris said RHA would be receiving $2500. *There was a motion and second to approve. The legislation passed unanimously.*

**Bill 04-05-F iPod Raffle Funding**

Seth Norman was recognized as the author, explaining that the legislation was in attempt to get money to buy three iPods to be used as incentives to get people to give their contact information, name, email address, and phone number, which may be used later for participation in SGA events. During questions, Chris Anderson asked where the three iPods came from, why was it not just one. Norman said that since no one else came to the PR Committee meeting that he discussed this legislation with himself and he thought three would be a good number, and that 25% of the school year has past and 25% of the PR budget is $650. Willie Cravens asked if the student would have to fill out their email information, when they did would they know that they would be added to a mailing list, and would there be a way to opt out of this mailing list. Norman said that if they were sent the first email and replied to the email to be taken off the list, then they would be. Johnathon Boles asked if there was an example of the flyer for this raffle. Norman said that he had an example of the actual paper students would fill out to be part of the raffle and to come see him if you would like to see it. Jeanne Johnson asked if students would
automatically be told they could remove their name from the list when they sign up. Norman said no. During debate, Robert Ashby said that spending $650 should be spent other ways than just incentives, that 3 iPods was not a good way to spend this amount of money, and that a better way would be to have 1 iPod and other smaller prizes. Willie Cravens said that iPods are popular and in demand and that the chances of winning an iPod is better when there are three and this would encourage students to sign up. Ryan Dillon said that he agrees that incentives are good PR but that you can gather interest in other ways, and that most people would sign up for free, and that another idea was that the College Republicans just ordered 175 shirts from D & D Printing for $650, and 175 students could automatically get a shirt, whereas only 3 iPods cost $650. Josh Collins said that iPods will draw attention because they are more rare and will draw students in because of their high profile, and that Student Government is not as well known as College Republicans and Democrats because political parties go outside of WKU. Collins also said that he would like to see the last question changed to be more specific. Norman said it was worded that way for a reason and that if they asked us to stop sending emails to them, then we will and that we are not going to bother them. Norman also said that he understood the concern of money but that if only 175 people signed up then this would be considered a failure because we want thousands of students to sign up, and that people want iPods so thousands of people probably would sign up, as well as, people would be more likely to take out time of their day for a chance to win an iPod verses a coozie or a shirt. Scott Broadbent said that he liked the idea, but did not like the last question, and moved to amend/strike the part of the last WHEREAS clause “such as Listen Up Legislators on Oct.26-27” so it would read “The iPod raffle will also be used in promoting Student Government programming and events.” Norman accepted this as a friendly amendment. Previous question was called and seconded. Previous question passed unanimously. Legislation passed with the majority voting in favor with only one abstention.

New Business
None.

Announcements
Jed Conrad: There are two open senate leadership positions, Sergeant in Arms and Parliamentarian, and Senate seats if you know anyone interested in joining SGA. Melissa Paris: Can I see a show of hands, how many senators do not have and need an SGA binder? 11 people.
Jed Conrad: Just a reminder that if you have an announcement to come see me before the meeting starts so I can give you the floor when it is time for announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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