

## MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02 PM on October 11, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 16 of 29 Senators present.

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

### **President - Katie Dawson**

- Hello everyone. Sorry I was late.
- The first part of the Documentary Series will be on October 25, two weeks from tonight. The title is "Living with Cancer: A Message of Hope". We have sent invitations to various academic departments. It will hopefully be shown on the side of the Academic Complex. After the Documentary, there will be an open floor discussion where each academic department will discuss Cancer in relationship to their focus. It will start at 7:00 PM.
- We are going to do "Listen up Legislators". It is a program that we are participating in with other schools and BSBP. We will have email addresses and telephone numbers for state legislators and already made up emails and letters so students can just send the mail directly to their state legislators to encourage state funding for higher education. We are going to have some free giveaways there also.
- Homecoming is this weekend. Student Government will have a tent, there will be food and everyone can come hang out. Lizzy is going to talk about it some more, but it will be on DUC South lawn beside the alumni tent and President Ransdell's tent. Everyone should act responsible and represent Student Government well.
- Everyone should get on Topnet and vote for Homecoming Queen.
- As always, come see me if you need me.

### **Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson**

- If you want more information about "Listen up Legislators", come see me.
- I have a meeting with Dr. Bonaguro next week so be looking forward to information on that.
- I hope everyone had a good Fall Break.

### **Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris**

- Everyone should have picked up a new expenditure report, showing the differences after the retreat expenses as well as the \$11.88 spent for the documentaries.
- Also, there are records of Organizational Aid, which is up for first reading tonight.

### **Director of Public Relations - Lizzy White**

- Read your seconds. They give a lot of details about Dialogue Day.

- Homecoming is this Saturday. We are having a tailgating tent on DUC South lawn. As Katie said, it will be next to the alumni tent and President Ransdell's tent. Food will be provided; it is called the "Hilltopper Special" which includes BBQ cocktail wieners, buffalo wings, cookies and brownies, veggies, chips and salsa, and Pepsi products. It will be from 2:00 – 3:30 PM. There is absolutely NO alcohol allowed at this tent.
- Get excited because Dialogue Day is the first event of three for a free SGA sweatshirt.
- I am going to put an ad in the Herald stating that Provide-A-Ride will be available during the tailgating for Homecoming. Also, I plan to have Provide-A-Ride coozies passed out during tailgating to promote Provide-A-Ride and SGA.

**Director of Academic and Student Affairs - Katie Pettit**

- No report.

**Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff**

- There is a new book drive we are participating in called "Books for Africa". It is where the books that can no longer be bought back by the bookstore and that would be thrown away will be saved and sent to Africa. If you would like more information, come see me.

**Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan**

- I'm not real happy about the attendance of senate meetings. There are lots of senators who are not present. If you came in late, make sure you come see me so I can mark you here.

**Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad**

- To go along with attendance, everyone needs to be coming to these meetings. It is very important to be on time to these meetings. They are on Tuesday afternoons, at 5:00 PM. This has been the meeting time for a long time and it is set in our bylaws.
- Also, everyone needs to be going to committee meetings.
- Some of the vice chairs for the committees will be appointed tonight.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jessica Williams

- No report.

Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson

- We met today at 4:30, where we drafted legislation so everyone in my committee has now either been a co-author for legislation or knows how to write legislation.

- If you still need a committee, come join Campus Improvements.

Legislative Research:

- Our meeting will be Wednesday at 5:00. We will discuss Bill 03-05-F and we will start looking over the bylaws.
- There is a 2 week barrier for legislation, meaning that if legislation is up for 1<sup>st</sup> reading, a representative needs to attend the LRC meeting within 2 weeks to present and defend the piece. (This is a reminder for Org Aid to have a representative attend soon.)
- At this meeting we will also be voting on a vice-chair and secretary.
- Kara and I will be attending a University Athletics Meeting.

Public Relations: Seth Norman

- The meeting time has been moved to 5:00 PM on Thursdays in the Senate Office.
- There was no meeting last week because of Fall Break.

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

- Our meetings will be Mondays at 4:30 in the SGA office.
- We are preparing for Dialogue Day. Everything has been reserved and is getting paid for now. Come to this event! It will be a great opportunity for students and for us as student leaders because you will be able to meet administrators and introduce yourself. There will be free food. Bring your friends.
- As Kara mentioned, we will be participating in the "Books for Africa" drive. If you have any questions, please see Scott or me.
- Come out and join us in Student Affairs.

**Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen**

- I am passing around profile information sheets for the website. Please take one, fill it out, and give it back to me.
- The website is up and running. There are still a few pieces of legislation that I need but the links should be working to everything such as the senate applications and Constitution and Bylaws.
- If you have any questions or concerns about the website, call me.

**Special Orders**

*University Senate*

There is a meeting a week from this Thursday.

*Judicial Council*

Our meeting is tomorrow at 5:30 PM. We are not being very lenient on missing meetings. If you miss three meetings, you are up for dismissal.

Jeanne Johnson appointed Christa Wilcox for Campus Improvements Committee Vice – Chair. There was no discussion or debate. *Wilcox was approved with unanimous vote.*

Lindsey Lilly appointed Scott Broadbent for Student Affairs Committee Vice – Chair. There was no discussion or debate. *Broadbent was approved with unanimous vote.*

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

Bill 03-05-F Organizational Aid

**Announcements**

- Jed Conrad: All Committee Chairs need to schedule a meeting with me this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

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Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate  
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