

**WKU Student Government Association Agenda
November 1, 2005**

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Minutes

IV. Officer Reports

President- Katie Dawson

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

Academic Affairs

Campus Improvements

LRC

Public Relations

Student Affairs

VI. Director of Information Technology Report-Amanda Allen

VII. Special orders

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IX. New Business

Bill 05-05-F

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:00 PM on November 1, 2005 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 25 of 30 Senators present.

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

President - Katie Dawson

- Hello everyone. It's nice to see everyone up nice and close.
- I'd like to say thanks to everyone who attended anything last week including the Documentary Series, which had great faculty and panel discussions. We were a little bit sad because of the attendance, but if there is enough interest we may put on this same topic next semester.
- Also, thanks to the people who worked on "Listen Up Legislators" with Lizzy.
- I would like to tell Seth Norman and Lindsey Lilly thanks for all your hard work along with your committees, Public Relations and Student Affairs. These committees have done some very important things even though there are only two people participating.
- I went to a meeting and we discussed the Centennial Kickoff on November 19 which will consist of a whole day of events including a dedication of the Guthrie overlook at Van Meter, the new parking structure, and the new unveiling of the new Diddle Statue. Also, that day, there is a Lady Tops Game and they are trying to get 6000 people to attend. If you have any ideas about how to get people out and participating, I'd love to hear them.
- I went to a Board of Regents Student Affairs committee meeting, where we talked about having information regarding D.L.I. and MASTER Plan and the committee handing out commemorative red towels and pins at the parking structure for the Centennial. If you have any questions about anything, feel free to ask anyone up here on executive board.
- We have decided not to put a trademark on the Civic Engagement Bracelets for a few reasons. First, in ten years, these bracelets probably won't be as popular as they are now, and second, we decided that it is not cool to make money on something we made in order to raise money for charities. I'll let Melissa talk about the account and deposits made from the bracelets, since that's her job. If you have specific questions, email, stop by, or see me. I will be going to Atlanta and presenting our thoughts about the bracelets and telling other schools that if they would like to do this, we will help them.

Executive Vice- President – Mason Stevenson

- I will be changing my office hours this week to:
Monday 8 -11, Tuesday 11 -5, Wednesday 8 – 1, Thursday 8-3,
and I don't have any scheduled office hours on Friday.
- Kara and I spent a long time in the KY museum looking through old SGA stuff and found a lot of really neat stuff. I would encourage you to go and look at it if you have time. We are still working on putting it in order and I plan on having the script finished by the end of November and then we can start on the next phase of the Documentary.
- We are looking at changing the location and day of the Transfer Student Forum. We are pushing it back until the 17th at 7:00. We will also be changing the location but we are still thinking about different places.
- I will be going to the Board of Student Body President Meetings while Katie is in Atlanta.

Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris

- Check out your expenditure report. There should only be one change, which is since the documentary was moved indoors, I'm guessing we won't be charged for the \$150 set up fee.
- There is a piece of legislation up for first reading tonight for Organizational Aid because there was a problem with the last piece we approved.
- I asked for information from the Civic Engagement Bracelets account. She said she sent it to me today and I should get before next week but I don't have a report on that yet.
- Thanks to everyone for attending all the stuff that went on last week. Thanks to all you guys who attended the Documentary.

Director of Public Relations - Lizzy White

- Thanks for participating in the Jump Table last week; it was the most successful jump table SGA has ever had!! The people who signed up and were supposed to work, did and some of them stayed late.
- We have already received responses from two senators and they said that they are going to support us in funding for higher education.
- Since the first jump table was so successful, we are planning to have two more on November 3 and November 10. Both of these Jump Tables will continue the iPod raffle as well as "Listen up Legislators". Sign up to work these if you can. Also, I decided to go ahead and make the second sweatshirt event signing up to work at a jump table.
- I am sending around a sign up sheet for the Documentary Series. Sign your name if you were there, but be honest.
- Seth has been working really hard to put a box for the Ipod raffle at each dorm. All the dorms, with the exception of four, have a box in their lobby.
- Happy Birthday to Tori Theiss on November 6.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs - Katie Pettit

- I went to a University Curriculum Meeting, where the chair made two sub-committees. We discussed the changes in attendance procedures concerning

professors dropping students for not attending class. If you want to know more about this, come talk to me.

- If you have any issues you want to bring up, please let me know.

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- Hello everybody, and Happy Birthday Tori.
- Read the flyer for Up til Sawm. We need to have a team for SGA by November 11. We get to raise money for St. Jude. (Lizzy – Last year we raised \$56,000, we want to raise \$100,000 this year. St. Jude is a free hospital for kids with cancer, and they need money in order to keep doing this.) Please call, email, or tell me if you want to participate.
- Me and my roommate went to the Fat Joe Concert, it was kind of disappointing.
- I have a parking and transportation meeting tomorrow morning. Last week, Dr. Tice gave us an overview of the next few years and the accommodations that will be made in order to make up for the construction. Parking is a huge problem everywhere, and right now, it's good, so be thankful.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- Sorry the minutes were so late last week. I typed the minutes and saved them to a floppy disk, which decided to stop working and I lost all the information that I had on that disk, including the minutes.
- If you haven't been getting the minutes through email, come see me.
- If you came in late, please come tell me.
- Keep going to the committee meetings, attendance is important.

Speaker of the Senate - Jed Conrad

- Congratulations to Lindsey Lilly and Seth Norman for a good job.
- 5:00 is our meeting time, if you can't make it on time, then come early.
- Make sure I give you the floor if you have a question.
- If you are interested in looking at past legislation come see me on Tuesdays or Thursdays.
- There will be a committee head meeting Thursday at 8:30 PM

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen

- We plan to be as active as Student Affairs and Public Relations committee so that we can get recognized in the next meeting.
- We are planning on having a professor of the semester because the professor of the month last year got out of hand. If you are interested in helping with this come by the meeting.
- We are working on an indifference wall.
- Forums on internships and online classes are in the making.
- We have lots of legislation coming up.
- Our meeting is right after this meeting in the Student Senate office.

Campus Improvements: Jeanne Johnson

- I talked to Brian with HRL about the landscaping but he said all plans are suspended for a year in order for them to come up with a plan to make everything on campus look uniform. This is kind of depressing because that is the main goal of this committee.
- We still plan on doing some other stuff such as Adopt a Sidewalk (similar to Adopt a Highway) Letters for parking (similar to those at theme parks so students can remember where they parked) and security cameras in parking garages (to cut down on break ins).
- Kissing Bridge legislation will be up for reading next week because I thought I had two weeks to go to LRC and I only had one.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- For clarification, you do have two weeks to come to LRC and defend legislation up for second reading before it has to go back up for first reading.
- There has been a lack of attendance in LRC and this is a very important committee because we are looking at possible changes in the bylaws.
- We are going to have a meeting at 6:30 tonight.
- Melissa will be coming to this meeting in order to include OrgAid into the bylaws.
- I hope to increase the awareness of the bylaws and meet to speak to executive board about them.

Public Relations: Seth Norman

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

- Our meetings are Mondays at 4:30 PM.
- We have lots of ideas of things to do in this committee but I can't follow through with them by myself. If you have an issue with the meeting time, but you would like to participate, please come see me.

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen

- We are going to be taking pictures next week for the website so that when someone clicks on your name, they will see your picture, grade, years in SGA, which committee you are on, and the other information that you put on your profile sheet.
- I am in the office on Mondays almost all day from 12 or 1 until 6:30.
- If you have concerns or comments, please email me. Also email me the dates you want on the website.

Special Orders

University Senate

None.

Judicial Council

We removed two senators, whose names I don't remember. We will have a full judicial after tonight and we're excited because we can start working on the election codes and dates to put into the bylaws. Judicial council was wondering, Lizzy, if you could email us a copy of the seconds each week so we don't feel left out. Our meetings are every other Wednesday at 5:30 in the Spirit Master Office. If you have problems, come by because that's what we're here for.

Katie Dawson introduced her nomination for Judicial Council, Jacqueline Hunt, looking for approval to be voted on next week.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Bill 05-05-F Amendment to Bill 03-05-F

Announcements

Jed Conrad: There will be a committee head meeting in the senate office this Thursday at 8:30 PM.

Katie Dawson: Next week and the following week we will have guests. Institutional Technology, Kirchmeyer will be here for your input, it will be an open conversation. November 15, Dr. Cobane from the honors program will be here talking about possible scholarships that people in SGA may be eligible for.

Jed Conrad: There are contact lists up here on the table, but we ask that only people who are in the Student Government Association take one.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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