

WKU Student Government Association Agenda
March 28th, 2006

- 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- Seth Norman
 - Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Ricky Jordan
 - Chief of Staff- Kara Ratliff
 - Secretary of the Senate- Emily Lovan
 - Speaker of the Senate- Jeanne Johnson
- V. Committee Reports**
 - Academic Affairs
 - Campus Improvements
 - LRC
 - Public Relations
 - Student Affairs
- VI. Director of Information Technology Report**-Amanda Allen
- VII. Special orders**
 - University Senate Report
 - Judicial Council Report
 - Senator Appointments
 - Amend Bill 04-06-S
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - Resolution 04-06-S
- IX. New Business**
 - Bill 09-06-S
 - Resolution 05-06-S
- X. Announcements**
 - 40th Raffle
 - Election Forum
- XI. Adjournment**



MINUTES

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:10 PM on March 28, 2006 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 19 of 27 Senators present.

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

President - Katie Dawson

- Good afternoon. I am glad to see that everyone made it back safe from Spring Break.
- For the rest of the year, we have lots of stuff – like at least 2 events each week.
- On this Thursday, there will be a forum in the colonnades regarding the new student fee – there will be popcorn and lemonade. I strongly encourage all of you to go and ask questions, it shouldn't last more than an hour and a half. I really stress attendance of SGA members outside of these meetings at events.
- Next Monday, the 40th anniversary campus-wide celebration will start at 4:00. Later tonight we will get volunteers to be in the dunking booth and to run the other festivities. The NCAA Championship will be projected onto the side of Academic Complex. Also, there will be food there and a debate for elections.
- On April 20 there will be a banquet for Distinguished Seniors at 6:00 at the Nicely Center.
- On April 29, it will be 40 years to the day that SGA was started – there will be a formal dinner on the floor of Diddle Arena. There were 420 alumni that we invited. There will also be other distinguished guests that helped shape SGA. Feel free to bring a guest with you.
- On May 2, the end of the year Spring Banquet will be held in Garrett Ballroom.
- Enjoy your week.

Executive Vice- President - Mason Stevenson

- Good evening and welcome back.
- For an update on election stuff – the primary has been cancelled but the election will still be held on April 11 and 12.
- We will be having the presidential debate still.
- If you are still interested in running for the senate and you need an exemption from judicial, the last day for that is tomorrow so email Chris Whitfield as soon as possible.
- The final expenditure sheet is due on Friday, April 14 by noon.

Administrative Vice- President - Melissa Paris

- I would like to say thank you to the people who helped with the Jump Table on such short notice today. Thank you to Amanda Allen for preparing those suckers with me, there are some left, so if you want some come get them after the meeting.
- Please tell people about the forum tomorrow. Come ready to ask questions and bring your friends.
- If you have written legislation in the last week that spends money, let me know ASAP.
- I have a budget meeting tomorrow. If you want to know more about that, come talk to me.

Director of Public Relations – Seth Norman

- The Spring Banquet will be May 2 – I will have more information on that later.
- If you are interested in helping with the dunking booth, the joust, or the sports booth, please see Hunter Sprowles.
- Here is a new t-shirt idea. If you like these and want one, a good way to get one is to help out with one of these booths.

Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Ricky Skylar Jordan

- Welcome back.
- I had a University Senate meeting about a week and a half ago.
- The Senior Banquet is on its way. I am calling about the catering tomorrow.
- If you are a senior, please apply for the Hall of Distinguished Seniors. Applications are out.
- Go to the forum. Write some intelligent questions in advance to strike up the conversation.

Chief of Staff – Kara Ratliff

- Hello everybody.
- We are shooting the Documentary today. There will be copies available for everyone soon.
- I have a parking and transportation meeting tomorrow morning.
- Go to the forum on Thursday.

- Also, the debate is Monday so come out for free food and to watch the NCAA game.

Secretary of the Senate - Emily Lovan

- Melissa and I have a birthday on Friday!!

Speaker of the Senate – Jeanne Johnson

- There will be a committee head meeting next Wednesday at 8:00. If the chair can't come, send the vice-chair, if the vice-chair can't come, send someone from your committee. It will only last 30-45 minutes. There will be pizza there.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Jenna Haugen

- Johnathon Boles says he's only going if there will be chocolate cake there too.
- I have a meeting with Dr. Burch at 8:30 in the morning.
- We have legislation up today like we promised.
- Our meeting will be directly after this meeting.

Campus Improvements: Tori Theiss

- We are looking for work to be done, and we need some ideas about how to spend our money.
- Our meetings are at 4:30 on Tuesdays, before this meeting.

Legislative Research: Josh Collins

- We met regarding the new business from last week Bill 04-06-S and 03-06-S. We had some questions about Bill 03-06-S so that has been tabled until more information has been gathered about that.
- We will have a meeting tonight after all the other meetings.

Public Relations: Hunter Sprowles

- Come see me directly after this meeting to help work the games at the 40th Celebration.
- We will have a very short meeting after this meeting.

Student Affairs: Lindsey Lilly

- This week during the normal time of our meeting the forum will be taking place so if you can just show up a little bit early, we will have our meeting then.
- The next Diversity Council meeting is at 5:00 on Wednesday. If you are in any organizations on campus please tell them about it. So far, we have gotten some phenomenal feedback from these meetings.

Director of Information Technology Report – Amanda Allen

- No report.

Special Orders

University Senate Report

In order to track how many students are failing classes due to non-attendance, students will receive a grade of "FN" rather than an "F" if they miss 50% or more of the class meetings. This really doesn't affect anything, except for records for the school. Also, it will help track how much money WKU is losing because of non-attendance. Financial aid must be given back to the state for students no longer in school and usually that is repaid by WKU so it's more of an accounting thing than a grade thing.

Judicial Council Report –

Elections are April 11 and 12. The last day to get an exemption is tomorrow night at the judicial council meeting at 5:00 in the SGA office. Contact Chris Whitfield for more details.

Katie Dawson appointed Kyle Payne to the position of senator. There was no discussion or debate. *Payne was accepted with unanimous consent.* Payne was sworn in by President Katie Dawson.

Hunter Sprowles made a motion to suspend the Bylaws in order to pass Bill 09-06-S, 40th Raffle.

Bill 09-06-S

40th Celebration Raffle Prizes

Hunter Sprowles was recognized as the author explaining that at the last meeting before Spring Break that PR talked about more ways to attract more students so we talked about giving a student 2 tickets to our Spring Banquet and a \$50 Gift Card to the University Bookstore to help them on books or something for the next semester. During questions, Will Cravens asked if any advertisements would be put out for the raffle in order to increase the participation. Sprowles said that it would be for the President debate as an incentive and that more ideas would be generated tonight. Ricky Skylar Jordan asked if the prizes to be awarded are already known, why are they not in the legislation. Sprowles said the prizes already are in the legislation. Chris Anderson asked if you have to spend the money and if they had considered an advertisement of facebook. Sprowles said yes, that facebook was not in the legislation but that the PR committee had talked about it. During debate, Josh Collins made friendly amendments; "SGA" should be replaced with "Student Government Association" throughout the legislation, and in the first WHEREAS clause, the "c" should be capitalized in 40th Celebration. *Bill 09-06-S passed with unanimous consent.*

Josh Collins made a motion to amend Bill 04-06-S because the election codes have been changed and the legislation we approved about them needs to be reopened in order to amend it to make it clear. *Bill 04-06-S was amended with unanimous consent.*

Mason Stevenson asked senators to ask a person before you list someone as a contact on legislation. Katie Dawson explained that recommendations, money decisions, and a copy of the legislation itself are sent to everyone who is listed as a contact once the legislation is approved.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 04-06-S Issues with Dissolution of Modern Language Courses

Johnathon Boles made a motion to table this legislation for one week. Amanda Allen asked if this legislation was only up for first reading. Jeanne Johnson said no, this was second reading. *Resolution 04-06-S was tabled with unanimous consent.*

New Business

Resolution 05-06-S Election Forum

Announcements

Emily Lovan: Kyle Payne, please come see me after this meeting. If you came in late, come see me.

Katie Dawson: Thanks to Hunter Sprowles and Ricky Jordan for working the Jump Table and putting together the suckers.

Melissa Paris: We have spent \$10.02 in the last week but I didn't feel the need to print out new expenditure reports. Let me know if you want one.

Ricky Jordan: We worked the Jump Table but Amanda Allen and Melissa Paris spent 3 or 4 hours putting together the suckers on their own.

Seth Norman: If you want to skip the step to move to previous question, it is possible. Just make a motion to accept. If you have any questions about that come see me.

Katie Dawson: If you have anything you want our office associates to do for you, please send them an email rather than laying the papers on their desk, because there is no telling when they will find that on their desk.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM

Emily Stewart Lovan, Secretary of the Senate
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