WKU SGA Student Senate Minutes

November 16, 2010

The 12th meeting of the 9th Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:05pm on Tuesday November 30, 2010 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 27 Senators present.

Absent Senators were: Ambriz, Egerer, Forsythe, Hummer, Jankowski, Johns, Logan, Woosley, Wright.

The minutes from November 16th, 2010 were approved.

*Guest Speaker*

**Dr. Gordon Baylis**

* His job keeps him involved in the teaching mission of WKU. WKU has a history as a teaching institution.
* There is an enormous amount of “stuff” out there. Does WKU teach you the “stuff” you need?
* 40% of students that graduate from WKU will work in an industry that has not yet been invented.
* We want to create a knowledge-based economy.
* We need to get back to the notion of teaching skills.
* We must teach you about the production of knowledge and the application of it.
* Historically there are teaching universities and research universities. WKU is not about a new mission. It’s all about the 21st century teaching mission.
* We will be a creating a program where students get assistance to begin new businesses

*Officer Reports*

**President – Colton Jessie**

* Glad to see everyone back from Thanksgiving Break.
* Met with University Senate last week. They brought up the syllabus transparency resolution. This is great news.
* Sustainability Committee met as well. Green Gifts – there is more information in the office. There is a new panel forming regarding sustainability. Colton will be a member as well as Nick Asher from Judicial Council.
* Dine with Decision Makers – be sure to RSVP online by Tuesday November 30th at the latest. This event will take place next week on Tuesday December 7th at 6pm. We will be decorating in the Cupola Room. If anyone is interested in decorating, please contact Katie Stillwell and Rachel Calhoun.
* Starting Friday December 3rd, the KHSAA Football Championship will be here. Parking will be incredibly effected by this event.
* The last time we met, Jeff Stivers was here to discuss the DUC renovations. Mr. Stivers is here with us again this week. If you have any questions regarding the renovation plans please see him.

**Executive Vice President – Kendrick Bryan**

* Dine with Decision Makers is next week. Last year we had 6 influential members in attendance. There are 14 this year.
* Freedom Writers author speaking tonight in VanMeter at 7pm.
* Kaplan GRE event Saturday.
* DLI in a Day – December 10th – please look into this.
* Talking to Academic Affairs tonight about exam reimbursement.

**Administrative Vice President – Wade Pierce**

* Hope everyone had a great break.
* 2 bills tonight – one for first read and one for second.
* Please RSVP by 7pm tonight for Dine with Decision Makers.

**Speaker of the Senate – Austin Wingate**

* If you have a bill, there is little time to submit those. Please discuss any of those with us in advance.

*Staff Reports*

**Chief of Staff – Charlie Harris**

* Tomorrow there will be a Fair Trade Holiday Market. Fair Trade and socially conscious Christmas presents will be available.
* The Fair Trade petitions are here tonight. Please sign them.

**Public Relations Director – Jessica Wurth**

* No Report.

**Director of Academic and Student Affairs – Billy Stephens**

* More interview tonight. All winners should be announced by Friday.

**Director of Information Technology – Cory Dodds**

* There is a new excuse form on the SGA home page under Branches and Legislative. This is very convenient. Your excuses will be emailed automatically Katie, Austin, and Dajana.

*Committee Reports*

**Academic Affairs Committee– Brandon Logan**

* Delivered by Senator Taylor.
* Scholarships are done!
* Hope to do some housekeeping in tonight’s meeting. We would like to make a rubric to help judge scholarships more fairly.

**Campus Improvements Committee– Kaylee Egerer**

* Happy Thanksgiving.
* Kaylee is ill so there will be no committee meeting tonight.

**Legislative Research Committee– Eileen Forsythe**

* None.

**Public Relations – Ann-Blair Thornton**

* No meeting last week due to Thanksgiving.
* Focus Fridays going well.
* Meetings on Thursday at 5:15 in the SGA office, you can help to write Focus Friday.

**Student Affairs – Emmy Woosley**

* No Report.

*Special Reports*

**University Senate**

* Syllabus transparency was well-received and was discussed.
* Faculty think the policy is good.

**Judicial Council**

* Met last week and removed Senator Benton.
* Will be working on election codes for the spring election soon.

**Bowling Green City Commission Report**

* No report.

*Unfinished business*

* + Bill 16-10-F Organizational Aid Appropriations for Sigma Chi Fraternity, WKU Habitat for Humanity, Communication Organization for Graduate Students, and WKU Paralegal Student Association.
    - Author’s Speech: Wade Pierce
    - Technical Questions: None.
    - Debate: None.

*Motion to move out of bylaws and consider Bill 17-1-F as unfinished business. Motion passes.*

* + Bill 17-1-F Library Extended Hours
    - *Motion to have bill constructively read. Passes with 2 in opposition.*
    - Author’s speech: delivered by Kendrick Bryan. Needed bill moved into second read today so that the money can be passed to the department on time.
    - Technical Questions: None.
    - Debate: None.
    - *Bill passes unanimously*.

*Motion to move back into the bylaws.Motion passes unanimously.*

*New Business*

* + Resolution 4-10-F DUC Renovation Project
  + Bill 18-10-F Organizational Aid

*Questions and Announcements*

* Board of Student Body Presidents meeting this weekend.
* Tentative date for Frankfort Rally is February 10th, 2011.
* Chief of Staff Harris:
  + Wednesday is National AIDS day
  + Will be a video about the Burmese refugees that have been through Bowling Green.
  + Fair Trade and Local Holiday Market is tomorrow as well.
* Executive Vice President Bryan:
  + You have until 7pm to RSVP for Dine with Decision Makers.

*There was a motion and second to adjournment.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:43pm on Tuesday November 30, 2010.

Katie Stillwell, Secretary of the Senate

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