MINUTES

The fourth meeting of the eighth Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02 PM on September 22, 2009 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 25 of 32 senators present.

The minutes were read and approved.

**President – Kevin Smiley**

 **-** Welcome new senators

 - I’d like to meet with you all to try to talk about new ideas

 - our judicial council has certified the elections

 - our retreat will be this Saturday at the Kentucky building from 11-3

 - There will be a senate meeting

 - There will be food so it’ll be pretty sweet

 - I’m glad to officially announce a new SGA campaign.

 - The new goal is to reach students

 - We’re contacting organizations to meet with as many as them as possible

 - We’re going to be hosting some monthly south campus forums.

 - We’re going to pump up the student issues

- I’ll continue doing my weekly out and about sessions and talk to people for about 2 hours about student issues. This week it’ll be 1-3 on Friday outside of duc

- changing office hours 2:30-5 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

- all of these will be posted in the office

**Executive Vice President – Kendrick Bryan**

-Go to the retreat on Saturday

 -We’ll talk about the student survey on Saturday

 - Shantytown is coming up which is a huge fundraiser for habitat for humanity.

 - They usually have it on Duc South Lawn

 -Oct 21 is the date

 -I want to do a food drive as well.

 -Up till Dawn is Oct 20-21

 -I’m going to a student life meeting tomorrow

**Administrative Vice President – Justin Thurman**

* Provide a Ride- met last week and it looks like we are on target for the reactivation by Oct. 1st.
* Org Aid interview are ongoing
* We met on Monday and we will meet again tomorrow
* We’re meeting next week on Tuesday and Thursday
* Senate retreat is on Saturday

**Speaker of the Senate – Wade Pierce**

* Meet me after the meeting
* Calling a mandatory meeting on Saturday at 11

Staff Reports

### Chief of Staff: Eric Smiley

* Sending out tons of emails to different businesses about getting the students 20% off for students

Director of Public Relations: Angelika Masero (KS)

* She’s working on a brochure that is almost done
* She’s doing some good work

Director of Academic and Student Affairs: Aaron Pawley

* Make a difference week is the 19-23
* It is an initiative to get the campus involved.
* Shanty town, up till dawn, relay for life, paint the campus purple,
* There will be kickoff that Monday
* If you’re interested in bringing your club in, let me know
* I’m going to try to get some legislation going with campus cleanup
* We have requests to put up posters to promote the event
* Hall of distinguished seniors, we need to put up one for the fall and the spring
* We’ll create a good rubric for that
* Thanks for those who participated in campus safety walk.

 Director of Information Technology: Sarah Howell

* Been working on the new website
* Working on the SGA office computers and getting them updated and protected

**Committee Reports**

Academic Affairs: Dave Vickery

* Welcome to the new senators,
* Our big thing is scholarships. I have $12,000 to spend on scholarships
* Buy a book or Study Abroad
* Hall of distinguished seniors is something we are working on
* My committee meets right after the senate meetings
* New senators- committee ship is mandatory

Campus Improvements: Kaylee Egerer

* We have our first bill up for reading
* I’m really excited about it
* We meet right after the senate meets right down the hallway
* Talk about campus cleanup
* If you know anybody who needs service hours, come participate in campus cleanup.
* It’s October 19th
* See me after the meeting with any questions

 Legislative Research Committee: Eileen Forsythe

* We will have our meeting on Thursday at 5 at the fishbowl
* We’ll be reviewing legislation
* And I’m making cupcakes so you should come

Student Affairs: Currie Martin

* First meeting tonight is in the SGA office at 7
* We have plenty of money that we can be spending

**Special Orders**

*University Committee Reports*

Kevin Smiley-

* I’ll be attending these weekly meetings for higher 1 to do residual check refunds with, paperless
* It’s a pretty cool program

Dave Vickery

* We debated about giving certain ranks to faculty
* They talked about domestic partner benefits

Justin Thurman

* Domestic partner benefits is an issue that will be taken up at a later date

Judicial council

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Presidential appointments**

***University Senate Committees***

**Executive Board- Dave Vickery**

**University Curriculum- Justin Thurman**

**Faculty Welfare- Stuart Kenderes**

**Academic Quality- Justin Thurman**

**Athletics Committee- Kaylee Egerer**

**Athletics Committee- Billy Stephens**

**International Education Council- Emmett Stephens**

**Emergency Management Committee- Shane Noem**

**Technology Advisory Committee- Sarah Howell**

**Technology Advisory Committee- Stuart Kenderes**

**University undergraduate Research Council- Amanda Beers**

*There was a motion by Currie to move into the vote and to blanket vote passed unanimously*

*There was a point of information by Skylar Jordan: Can the new senators vote?*

*No- they have to be sworn in.- Kevin Smiley*

*There was a motion by Currie Martin to swear in the new senators, It passed unanimously*

*There was a motion by Kaylee Egerer to move back to the blanket vote for the presidential appointments University senate committees. It passed unanimously. There was one (1) abstention and tow (2) opposed.*

**International education council- emmet stephens**

*There was a vote; passed unanimously with one (1) abstention*

**Emergency Management Committee- Shane Noem**

*There was a vote; passed unanimously with one (1) abstention*

**Technology Advisory Committee**

**Sarah Howell**

**Stuart Kenderes**

*There was a vote; passed unanimously*

**University Undergraduate Research Council- Amanda Beers**

*There was a vote; passed unanimously*

**Parking Ticket appeals board**

**Aaron Pawley-**

**Kevin Smiley-**

*There was a motion to blanket vote there was a second. The vote passed unanimously. One (1) opposed*

**University Complaints Committee**

**Justin Thurman**

**Faculty member- Kinchel Doerner**

**Faculty member- James Kanan**

*There was a point of information by Dave Vickery***-** *why do we get to nominate faculty?*

*Skylar Jordan- It’s supposed to make it look fairer*

*There was a motion by Currie Martin to blanket the vote. There was a second.*

*There was a Debate*

*Skylar Jordan- you can’t blanket vote everything*

*The motion passed with one (1) opposition*

*There was a vote to approve the University Complaints Committee. It passed with one (1) opposed.*

**Old Business-**

 **Announcements**

 **Kevin Smiley- if you’re ever confused, ask us about it. But please come to the retreat**

 **Dave Vickery – meeting after the senate meeting in the fishbowl**

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Ann-Blair Thornton, Secretary of the Senate

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