WKU SGA Student Senate Minutes

November 9, 2010

The 10th meeting of the 9th Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:04pm on Tuesday November 9, 2010 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 32 Senators present.

Absent Senators were: Benton, Ismail, and Sheridan.

The minutes from October 26, 2010 were approved.

*Officer Reports*

**President – Colton Jessie**

* Adrianne Browning was our guest speaker but she had an emergency and will not be able to be here.
* The annual Campus Safety Walk had a bit little lower attendance than we would have liked, but it was still successful. Thanks to those of you that were there.
* Plug for Academic Affairs
  + Please help these guys out. They are doing great work with our scholarships and could really use some assistance.
* We are currently working on a campus growth committee.
* I have invited Regents to Dine with Decision Makers. This is something that has not been done before. We hope for great success.
* WKU AID sent a thank you not for helping out with Fair Trade event and t-shirts.

**Executive Vice President – Kendrick Bryan**

* As noted during the Campus Safety Walk more than 30 lights were not working – including some on brand new buildings. This issue has been addressed.
* I have visited different organizations on Accountability Tour.
  + I will be talking to other groups soon.
* CAB has movie showing November 18th
* Off-campus housing survey.
  + If you have any ideas – submit them to me
* Met with Dr. Emslie and others about syllabus transparency
  + TOPNET not mentioned in the faculty handbook at all. This obviously shows that handbook is outdated.
  + Resolution 03-10-F in packet developed after much discussion on this matter. Please consider it carefully.
* Working on reimbursement for CLEP exams.
* Shades of Love dating forum will be held in MMTH.
* There is currently a prep test for $10 for GRE being held.
* Passed out student concern cards
  + We need bills and resolutions.
  + Please write down some ideas.

**Administrative Vice President – Wade Pierce**

* All of PR materials are in!
* Scantrons are here! Pick up recycled Scantrons!
* Budget overview
  + Currently spent $16455.00 in Org Aid
  + Little has been spent on scholarships – but new bills are up tonight

**Speaker of the Senate – Austin Wingate**

* Good job Committee Heads on attendance
* Senators – please attend these committee meetings or you will go up for review in front of Judicial Council.

*Staff Reports*

**Chief of Staff – Charlie Harris**

* Thank you to those who attended “Stand Up”
  + Please bring in clothes to donate to receive these fair trade t-shirts
  + WKU AID thanks SGA for its help.
* Looking into long sleeve SGA t-shirt and we hope to keep it under $10 for everyone to order.
  + Please let us know what size you need.
* Working with Brandon on scholarship information.
  + Working to get those finished quickly.
* Working on “Green Books” trying to find those for cheaper than the Blue Books we have to purchase through the WKU Store.

**Public Relations Director – Jessica Wurth**

* Almost finished with making Provide-A-Ride instructional flyer
* Working on Dine with Decision Makers invitations

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

* Hall of Distinguished Seniors application sent to all graduating seniors. The Application is also available on our webpage.
  + November 18th 5pm is deadline
* Dine with Decision Makers is scheduled for December 7,2010.

**Director of Information Technology – Cory Dodds**

* Wanted to report that iPhone version are in process right now
* 902 visits on webpage
  + 24 different states
  + 6 different countries
  + Many “big-name” universities are looking at our webpage – this is great news!

*Committee Reports*

**Academic Affairs Committee– Brandon Logan**

* After Senate, meetings are held downstairs in the “Fishbowl”
* Hope to work through what is left on the scholarships. There is still lots of money available to give.
* 2 bills to be considered in agenda

*Point of information from Administrative Vice President Wade Pierce: I forgot to include the $8,000 donated to our scholarship fund. Apologies.*

**Campus Improvements Committee– Kaylee Egerer**

* Contacted Talisman and they will be here next Tuesday to take our photo at 5pm.
  + Please wear black, white, red – we want to look uniform if possible.
* Meeting tonight right after at the end of the hallway

**Legislative Research Committee– Eileen Forsythe**

* Report delivered by Senator Shaw.
* Looked at legislation and made some corrections
* Will do the same thing this Thursday

**Public Relations – Ann-Blair Thornton**

* Bill 12-10-F Our committee did not accept this bill. No other committee was willing to sponsor it. Please remove it from this week’s packet.
* We spoke with a few groups about Focus Friday
  + Emails about Focus Friday will begin at the end of this week.
* New meeting time: 5:15 Thursday in SGA office.
  + Finalizing everything about the Party in the SGA video.
  + Please come and assist us with this effort.

**Student Affairs – Emmy Woosley**

* We will have a meeting after Senate
  + Would love to see some new faces.
  + We have a few new ideas.
  + Will probably will work with Kaylee’s committee as well.

*Special Reports*

**Parking and Transportation Committee – President Colton Jessie**

* Their next regularly scheduled meeting is at 7:30am this Friday.

**Parking Ticket Appeals Committee – Senator Masterson**

* Kate Masterson – reduced 5 tickets to a warning today at Parking and Appeals

**Senate Executive Committee – Paul Shively**

* We now have a policy on policies
* Syllabus transparency is not looking good at this point. Many members of the committee do not support it.

**Judicial Council**

* Did not meet last week. No report.

**Bowling Green City Commission Report**

* NONE

*Unfinished business*

**Presidential Appointments**

* Student Research Council
  + Ellen Barringer: has met with prior student who served on the committee. She is excited and ready to work on this committee

*Senator Egerer motioned and second to vote on Presidential Appointments.*

*A motion to approve Ms. Barringer for the Student Research Council passes unanimously.*

*New Business*

* There are many items up for second read next week. Please take time to review these before then.
  + Resolution 3-10-F: Resolution to Support Online Access to Course Information.
  + Bill 14-10-F: Scholar Development Grant Award Allocations
  + Bill 15-10-F: Study Abroad Scholarship Award Applications
  + Bill 16-10-F: Organizational Aid Appropriations for the Student Council for Exceptional Children, Association for Computing Machinery,   
    Phi Beta Sigma, Men’s Lacrosse Club, Academic Competition Club, Gamma Beta Phi – WKU Glasgow Chapter, WKU FFA, WKU Pan-Hellenic Association, WKU Inter-fraternity Council, and WKU Black Student Alliance
* Because a bill was removed from reading, the numbers for these bills will change. Please look for updated ones in next week’s agenda.

*Questions and Announcements*

**President Jessie**: SGA will be sponsoring the N. Texas game that will be on ESPN2 February 12th – we will be sponsoring and giving out some promotional items

**Senator Egerer:** Tuesday November 16th 5pm-9pm students can pick up vouchers for the UL vs. WKU. The first 1,600 students will receive 1 voucher for this men’s basketball game that will take place on December 22, 2010.

**Senator Preston:** Thursday is Veteran’s Day. Many WKU alumni will be on campus. There will also be some members of the Wounded Warriors here. Please be sure to thank them.

**Senator Woosley:** Go and see *Macbeth* this weekend that’s being put on by the theatre department. There will be a poster on the SGA office door with details about this show.

**Chief of Staff Harris:** Please be sure to sign up on the sheet for your t-shirt size

**Executive Vice President Bryan:** Can we entertain the motion to move next week’s Senate meeting to 6:00pm next week in order for students to pick up their vouchers for the UL vs. WKU game?

**Speaker Wingate:** Yes – the meeting next week is moved to 6pm.

**Senator Johns**: If a Senator has a night class or another prior commitment, will their absence be excused?

**Student Jordan:** Fall of 2005 there was a resolution written about syllabi transparency. Please look back in the records to see the opinion on this matter from a previous student and provost.

**Senator Adams:** This weekend is Mt. Zion’s College weekend. There will be a Step Show at MTSU. A Bus will be provided for those intending to going. Everything is free. Please let me know if you have further questions.

*Motion and second to adjournment.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm on Tuesday November 9, 2010.

Katie Stillwell, Secretary of the Senate

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