MINUTES

The third meeting of the eighth Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:02 PM on September 8, 2009 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 16 of 24 senators present.

The minutes were read and approved.

**President – Kevin Smiley**

* The board of student body presidents had a very productive conversation where we focused on lobbying the state for money for our education.
* UK has a guy/girl who is their higher education person. If you are interested in being in a team like this to help lead higher education efforts, let me know.
* We have an election going on so vote! Tell your friends to vote! There will be a results shin-dig at 12:01 p.m.
* We’re working on the retreat. It will most likely be Saturday, the 26th. It’s going to last about 4 hours.
* Campus Safety Walk will be tomorrow at 7:30. We literally just walk around. And we have caution tape.
* I think we’re going to start doing some blogs. If you’re interested, let me know.
* I had a lot of positive response from working at table at south campus. A lot of people came up to me with ideas. I think we’re going to try to have a monthly thing.
* Thursday Morning 9-11 I am getting out and about and talking to students outside of Java City.
* Felt really good about the football game on Saturday.

**Executive Vice President – Kendrick Bryan**

* We had the second largest crowd in history at the game on Saturday. We did really well.
* I emailed Mr. Colley from WKU dining and many employees currently get a direct deposit
* Spooky’s first meeting is tonight.
* We handed out blue books to the Gatton Academy
* Montgomery Gentry Concert is this Thursday.
* Please take the SGA survey

**Administrative Vice President – Justin Thurman**

* Organizational Aid is under way
* The first interviews are happening soon.
* $2,000 has already been dispersed.
* If you have any questions, please contact me

**Speaker of the Senate – Wade Pierce**

* Be sure to vote and get everyone to vote

Staff Reports

### Chief of Staff: Eric Smiley

* Trying to get a food services committee going.

Director of Public Relations: Angelika Masero (KS)

* Submitted two press releases to the herald about our elections
* She is working on a brochure
* Good luck on elections

Director of Academic and Student Affairs: Aaron Pawley

* National make a difference week is October 19-23
* Request from Student activities to promote this event
* The idea is for us to design them and put them around campus
* We’ll have a meeting at Thursday at 1:00 for make a difference
* The hall of distinguished seniors will hopefully be put in the spring
* The civil engineering department wants books and journals in the library
* They’ve been having problems finding books in their study

Director of Information Technology: Sarah Howell

* Working on the website, both of them
* We are trying to get some kind of message board
* Anyone who is interested in having a blog, talk to me about that

**Committee Reports**

Academic Affairs: Dave Vickery

* Come to the first academic affairs meeting of the semester after this meeting. We’ll do it in the hallway
* Need to get the ball running.
* Pawley has a few things for us to sponsor
* WE need to get the ball running on the scholarships

Campus Improvements: Kaylee Egerer

* Today we have our meeting right after senate
* I have a rough draft of the mural project that Emily Wilcox is working on
* It will probably be up for first reading next week

Legislative Research Committee: Eileen Forsythe

* Our meeting will be on Thursday at 5

Student Affairs: Currie Martin

* Hope everyone enjoyed the Football game
* We had a lot of plugs on the jumbo tron
* First meeting tonight will be after af and ci roughly around 6:30 but from now on it will be at 7

**Special Orders**

*University Committee Reports*

Kevin Smiley-

* This morning I spent a good deal of time with a company called “Higher One” to do residual check refunds. If you get a check, the refund after your costs for school have been taken care of you get a check back, but they’er not doing that anymore. Everyone is going to be given a card instead of a check which you can use just like a credit card. You can also fill out a form that will transfer that money from that card to your bank account. You’ll be hearing a lot more about it later.
* 4 student body presidents did meet so if you’re interested in working on a higher education committee let me know. We’re also talking about having a Kentucky first intern program. You can sign up over the summer for a semester.

Judicial council

* We’re in elections and have 3 candidates that are no longer running. 2 have been removed. We’re done to 25 candidates. Please come out tomorrow. Sorry about the election codes last week.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Presidential appointments**

Kevin Smiley- Potter College Complaints

*There was a motion by Dave Vickery to move the Potter College Complaints nominee to approval. There was a second. It passed unanimously.*

*There was a motion to vote. It passed unanimously.*

**Old Business-**

**Announcements**

**Kevin Smiley**

**-Got a student issues poll, we need people to take it. It takes under 5 minutes.**

**- If we get people to take it we will get a good idea of what the student body wants.**

**Stuart Kenderes-**

* **Looking heavily at attendance at senate meetings and senate committee meetings.**
* **Come to the meetings**

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm

Ann-Blair Thornton, Secretary of the Senate

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