WKU SGA Student Senate Minutes

August 31, 2010

The 1st meeting of the 9th Senate of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:07pm on Tuesday August 31, 2010 with the Speaker of the Senate in the chair.

There were 19 Senators present.

Absent Senators were Davis, Hummer, Karmiller, Masterson, Powell, and Thornton.

There were no minutes read because it was the first meeting of the year

*Officer Reports*

**President – Colton Jessie**

* Welcomed SGA back to the Hill
* A branch mixer was held August 31, 2010 in order for all branches to associate a name with a face.
* The summer was very productive for SGA. KLA (Kentucky Leadership Academy) was very successful and productive. Lots of dates were set and many items were discussed in great detail.
* Thursday August 19, 2010 SGA provided the International Students a dinner in the Cupola Room using Aramark funding. Two weeks prior to the first day of classes (the week during which International students are asked to come to campus) all food sources shut down at 2:00pm. The dinner was provided in order to assist these students. President Jessie would like to see involvement in Senate from international students.
* Later President Jessie will discuss appointments.

**Executive Vice President – Kendrick Bryan**

* Welcomed SGA back to the Hill
* CAB officers were present – officers in attendance were asked to introduce themselves
  + Rahawa Mahari – President; MSI; Sheena Brown were all in attendance
* Spoke with Howard Bailey about a possible database for off-campus housing
* Working with Jennifer Tougas to provide a bus bench at South Campus
* President, EVP, and AVP held sessions during Master Plan – all were successful and drummed up some interest in SGA

**Administrative Vice President – Wade Pierce**

* Welcomed SGA back to the Hill
* Budget will be discussed later

**Speaker of the Senate – Austin Wingate**

* Welcome – a few changes have been made (i.e. seating)

*Staff Reports*

**Chief of Staff Nominee – Charlie Harris**

* Previous Senator and Information Technology Director
* Excited for new position and new opportunity
* Has begun to work with Western Wednesdays (contacting all previous participants – hope for their continued participation) Discussed WW in greater detail
* Invited anyone to stop by SGA office to meet him

**Public Relations Director Nominee – Jessica Wurth**

* NO REPORT

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

* Excited about new position – many new ideas, would like to see a repeat of sponsored football game as in the fall of 2009

**Director of Information Technology Nominee – Cory Dodds**

* Also works as IT consultant for Honors College
* Cannot wait to get started with SGA

*Committee Reports*

**Academic Affairs Committee Head Nominee – Brandon Logan**

* Longest serving Senator
* Ready for more ideas to help expand committee
* Join Ac. Affairs to help with scholarship/grant program improvement

**Campus Improvements Committee Head Nominee – Kaylee Egerer**

* Excited!
* Meeting today immediately following Senate
* First piece of legislation will be up for first read next Tuesday
* All ideas are welcome

**Legislative Research Committee Head Nominee – Eileen Forsythe**

* Previous held position of LRC Chair – excited to return
* Previously meetings held at 5pm Thursdays
* Purpose of LRC to look over and perfect pieces of legislation prior to first read
* Mandatory: all legislation must be seen by LRC prior to first read

*Special Orders*

**Master Planning Committee – President Colton Jessie**

* Committee that plans for university’s physical growth
* Meet with them twice a month over summer
* Working to develop new master plan for 2011
* Much construction is and will be occurring during the 2010-2011 school year – please be cautious and respectful to that process
* Focusing on making campus more energy efficient
* Particularly State Street will be problematic this year – please avoid it if possible
* Met with President Ransdell to discuss his vision for university’s growth

**Judicial Council Report – Corbin Snardon**

* Djana Crockett is new Chief Justice
* Looking forward to working more closely with other branches

Senator Stillwell motioned to suspend the bylaws and move Presidential Appointments and the Budget into second read. The motioned was seconded. The motion passed.

*Old Business*

**Presidential Appointments – Colton Jessie**

* *Please refer to Agenda for complete list of Presidential Appointments*
* Spoke about Judicial Council Nominees, Executive Cabinet Nominees
* Nick Asher and Rebecca Katz will be new to Judicial Council – has utmost confidence in both of them; Corbin, Art, and Djana have all served on Judicial Council previously – all three are qualified to continuing serving
* Senate Committee Chair Nominees are as follows:
  + Ann-Blair Thornton – Public Relations
  + Kaylee Egerer – Campus Improvements
  + Eileen Forsythe – Legislative Research Committee
  + Brandon Logan – Academic Affairs
  + Emily Woosely – Student Affairs
* *Senator Egerer motioned to accept all Presiental Appointments.*
* *The motion passed with one opposing vote .*
* *All Senators; Katie Stillwell – Secretary; all Executive Cabinet; all Judicial Council members were sworn in by President Jessie*.

**Budget – Wade Pierce**

* Each budget item was discussed: an increase in student worker payment occurred; more of the budget will be given to scholarships
* *Senator Egerer motioned to approve the budget as it was written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

*Questions and Announcements*

* Kaylee Egerer
  + Campus Improvements – meet down the hall immediately following Senate
* Wade Pierce
  + See Wade if interested in serving on Organizational Aid Board
  + Organizational Aid will begin September 15, 2010
  + Further clarification about aid was requested by Mr. Charley Pride
  + A brief explanation of Organizational Aid was then given
* Colton Jessie:
  + If interested in serving on a university committee, please stop by office
* Katie Stillwell
  + A contact list was passed around for every person present – regardless of branch – information is needed to make a contact sheet both accessible and up-to-date
* Brandon Logan
  + Academic Affairs – if anyone interested, stay after meeting
* Guest Speakers: Currie Martin and Ellie Stawart
  + AMA is a group of marketing students – both majors and minors that want to help advertise better for SGA. Promotional items are available. The Greek community is important and quite porwerful on campua – advisted going to see Greek organizations to gain their support.
  + Wade Pierce added that this program would help AMA by leaving this will real world experience – this is great way to provide that as well as receive assistance.
* Kendrick Bryan
  + New Senators – required to attend a committee meeting each week – there are 6 options including Organizational Aid. Attendance will be monitored both at Senate and at committee meetings
* Colton Jessie
  + An SGA cookout will be head at President Ransdell’s home September 8, 2010 at 6:30pm.
  + The new Herald Reporter – Mike Stinson
* Rahawa Mahari:
  + September 7, 2010 open CAB meeting at 7:30pm in DUC 308
* Katie Stillwell
  + New SGA office hours: 9:00am-5:00pm
  + Stop by and see Rachel Calhoun, Jessica Mayfield, or Katie Stillwell for any questions.
* Austin Wingate
  + In order to put legislation in the agenda – it must be received by 3:30pm on Tuesdays.
  + Looks forward to working with new students.
  + Executive Cabinet will meet downstairs directly after the meeting.

*Senator Egerer motioned to move back into the bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed.*

*A motion to adjourn was made. The motion was seconded and passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm on Tuesday August 31, 2010.

Katie Stillwell, Secretary of the Senate

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