



Minutes

Monday January 29th, 2018
5:00 PM Blum Union 220

- I. Call to Order – 5:00 PM
- II. Adoption of the Agenda - *Adopted*
- III. Approval of the Minutes - *Approved*
- IV. Reports
 - A. Joseph Kellogg, Student Governor – *Spent the last week for the Student Governor and the apps are online if you are interested. Apps are due Feb. 12th. I am glad to be back*
 - B. Tucker McCoy, Director of Finance – *I have 3 people to discuss SDLP Funds and we are looking over appropriations*
 - a. SDLP Reports – International Services, CME, Non Traditional Center, and Rec Services had reported their numbers. Please see Tucker McCoy Director of Finance for an itemized list.

****Note: Vice President Christensen: Looking for a motion to adjourn meeting due to the unwillingness of administration to reach an agreement and resolve current ongoing issues. Motion was moved and seconded and voted on in accordance, along with Senator last names in accordance of votes.***

11 yes (Senators Brimble, Dunn, Fataki, Gordon, Greener, Kellogg, Nguyen, Peters, Sharp, Smith, Spease)

4 no (Senators Walkup, Beasley, Saladen and Kelly)

1 abstention (Senator Hanlan)

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 5:09 PM following this vote and motion of adjournment.

Please see our letter below presented to Griffon News Press directed to Missouri Western State University Administration, Staff, Faculty, and Students with an explanation as to why “The 2017-2018 Senate is Temporarily Shut Down”.

“On our weekly meeting on January 29, 2018 the Student Government Association of Missouri Western State University made a demonstration to bring light to the current issues faced with balance of power between the Student Government Association (SGA) and its administrators. We, as an organization tasked with bettering campus for the students, feel as though we have not received adequate support on recent projects that intended to provide better services to students.

Specifically, SGA was seeking to install a free public posting board where students could post any flyers or information at their own discretion. This would allow students to post about job listings, organization events, and other advertisements without going through the Center for Student Involvement’s long flyer approval process. Initially we received support for this project but it was eventually shut down because administration didn’t trust students enough to respect the board and assumed they would use it to post vulgar messages and it would become too much of a hassle to maintain.

Another issue we have faced is the installment of our new judicial branch for the SGA. This branch was meant to serve as a group of unbiased peers to review minor student violations of campus policy. This was to allow an unbiased board of peers the right to seek proper punishments for students and organizations rather than allowing the administration the opportunity to punish students how they see fit, even when there appears to be a bias in the administrations decisions. The bylaws for this new branch of government were written in the same manner as many other MWSU bylaws. Even still, the administration continues to obstruct progress. Students want the simple right of being evaluated by their peers.

Overall the Student Government Association of Missouri Western State University feels as though administration holds too much power in the decision that this organization makes. The administration hold so much power over student government, in fact, that students cannot

even pass a resolution (a statement of opinion) without their opinion being filtered through the lenses of administrative approval. It is unactable that MWSU cannot even speak for themselves. Therefore, we coordinated a demonstration to bring light to these issues. We sincerely hope we can reach an agreement with administration within the coming week(s) and this issue can be resolved. We apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by our demonstration and we are willing to work with you to reach a solution if we caused any issues with any MWSU student(s).”

- *Your SGA*