Student Government Association  
Proposed Agenda  
September 3rd, 2014 Meeting  

I. Roll Call  
MISSING MARIELLE  
7:01 pm called to order  
Scott- welcome everybody. Good to see everybody and I’m excited for what we are going to do this year. Tonight is going to be a house keeping kind of meeting. We are going to brush up on everything and introduce everybody to how things are going to be run. As you have all seen you all have an agenda and I will touch on those.  

II. Approval of Agenda  
Katie: move to approve the agenda  
Amy: second  
Scott: typically there is a motion and second to approve the agenda. Make sure to print or at the very least look over the agenda.  
Katie: after it is moved and seconded, Scott will say all in favor say I or raise hands and if those opposed do a sign  
Scott: normally we will have a guest speaker that falls into this section. Guest speakers this year we are going to try and keep things to 15 minutes: discussion can last longer  

III. Action Items  
   a. Welcome by Katie
Katie: Welcome. Super stoked for the year. I want everybody to feel comfortable immediately. Don’t be afraid to speak up and share your opinion. We will soon do inductions. Want to start the year off right, lots of great leaders, and I can trust all. The executive board’s main focus is student representation. Previous years we have been an organization that just plans activities. Planned homecoming, gave money for bills, gave reports on what is happening around campus. We are going to hit it hard that we are the student voice. We don’t have a solid system of student rep right now; have a lot of specific people for subcommittees. That is specific but not good enough. This year we want to create a system where each person represents a specific part of the student body so we can hear all student voices. If that is the only thing we get done for the year, she will be stoked. We have the leadership to do this. Scott is going to walk you through the entire meeting process. Contact lists are coming so we can learn each other names, lots of team building activities are coming at the retreat and beyond.

b. Inductions of new Positions

Katie: Say honor code allowed and sign it. This means that you agree to the student handbook, not acting professional, or not representing student body well enough, there will be consequences and you understand that. I will induct E board, Scott will induct everybody else.

Scott: If we can just go around and say your name, maybe what grade you are in, major, and position.
c. Expectations for the year and meeting protocol

Scott: I’m going to be pretty brief about this; more to come at the retreat. I’m only going to highlight a couple things. I’ll line out the way I’d like to see things go. During the meeting and we have discussion you have the ability to speak three times during the discussion. I will be diligent about keeping these in time (10 minutes). I have a system to keep tallies of who has spoken in order to make sure things run smooth. If you have a comment raise your hand and I will call you accordingly. For the most part my expectations of you are the ones that most people have: respect. Not respect just for you but for others and those in the organization. This meeting has been good, everyone showed up on time. That is a sign of respect. AINT NOBODY GOT TIME FOR THAT!!!!!! Be prompt and professional from the time you walk through the door is important. Dress the way you would to a job interview; dress for success. Ain’t nobody got time for slouching around in here. Food and drink are fine if you keep it a minimum. Very important, be the official you were elected to be. We are some of the most revered students at Western. You should all feel proud and humble to be in the position you are. I expect you to be the official you were elected to be when you sit down and do business. We will go into representation that Katie referred to earlier at the retreat.

Nate: have you picked a date for the retreat yet

Scott: we will touch base on this soon

d. Contracts
Scott: our treasurer miss bridges will hand out contracts. To get paid.

Emma: I kind of highlighted on here what needs to be filled out. Make sure you fill out student ID number, address, correct name, and of course make sure you sign it so I do not have to hunt people down afterwards. I will take care of filling out any information on there that is blank besides your personal info. Yes is if you have already worked for a job on campus and they have it on file. If you have never worked on campus check no and meet with me afterwards. It talks about how much you will be getting paid per month.

Scott: if we are moving onto another comment and you want to say something write it down and present that at remarks of good of the order on the agenda. Perfect time to sneak in important info

IV. Discussion Items

a. Homecoming

Scott: We are moving to homecoming where Katie will address.

Katie: Homecoming traditionally has been run by SGA. It has been extremely overwhelming and it is way early in the year. We flipped it around this summer so Jessica Vogan is head of the homecoming committee. We have brought people all around campus to do homecoming. SGA has less tasks then previous. We have spirit days, deciding parade marshall, and other parade. We have decided on Tom Bergeroff (?) as parade marshall. It is an honorary thing and he gets to lead the parade. For spirit days we have decided amongst ourselves
instead of having specific days, we are going to emphasize Western spirit. Our phrase for the week is Western week. The theme for the homecoming is Grizzly Season. We can hashtag all of these. We are talking about providing coon skins hats and buying and dispersing them amongst students who are hearing pride. We were going to look on prices.

Emma: haven’t looked through them yet

JP: What is up with the hashtag, is it a social media thing

Katie: yep, it is to blow things up and get students involved

Stefano: It isn’t just about academics, we want to get things that people are doing all around the Gunnison County. Such as someone mountain biking really cool. We want to get what people are doing out there with #WesternWeek

Emma: If you put #WesternWeek it puts all pictures that are tagged that into a big page.

John: Have we done the no single theme week yet?

Katie: last year was almost to that point, we did a crimson day, dress like a mountaineer day, etc.

John: so that will be everyday

Emma: Can we get opinions on the coon skin hat. If it is something we want to spend money on then let’s do it

Amy: awesome
Gary: I like the idea where you notice someone wearing or showing school spirit. It gets people who are just simply wearing a Western shirt more involved.

Emma: the price of the hats will depend on how many we get

Kyle: athletics we did do something like that last year at a wrestling meet. Had really cheap beards. Have a big thing against beards and they went crazy over it. Great idea

Gary: One of the things we ran into last year was we moved parade to Friday night and that kind of made people in the community upset. Since Stefano is VP, recruit people to go out to businesses and let people know that the parade is happening Friday. There might be some flack from folks but we want to let people know that they might be affected even though it could be a good way.

Katie: I got a phone call about the high school having homecoming the same weekend. Their parade is at 2:30 on Friday. When I talked to the lady in the voicemail she said she didn’t know what time our parade was so we could combine it. She said at the end that we will do it separate. The community supposedly knows about this. Does that change things?

Amy: Having it Friday is way better

Lindsay: Having lighting of the W right after is a cool idea too

Katie: royalty in the past people just put names into a box and it just never turned out. This year we are thinking about having a faculty nomination. Faculty will nominate a man and a woman who really have
the essence of a mountaineer including school spirit, involved, etc. From that we will have a finalist list and the student body will vote on.

Amy: awesome

Ben: Have you ever thought about having a member from each club into a box.

Luke: that kind of excludes people that are not in clubs

Bryce: we have how many clubs on campus. Between intramurals, athletics, and clubs that is 100’s of organization. We want it simple to vote. If we present a vote of 104 candidates the response would not be really good

JP: Doing it on the computer, people struggle with doing reviews at the end of the year. Set up something in the student center

Kiera: IT has the power to do that

Scott: How about we use coon skin hats as a reward

Fano: Lots of money

MV: How about we set up lists in academic buildings so students who live off campus can vote and are aware too.

Amy: somebody can’t be managing the same booth over and over and over again.

Ryan: how about we do it through my western so people only get to vote once
Emma: I want to get people's opinions on the royalty garb. We traditionally to a garb. We want to mix it up and and do something with mountaineer spirit.

Nate S: There are hand carved hiking sticks up in CB that are really cool.

Luke: are they relatively cheap?

Emma: When we go traditional, is it appropriate

Ryan: How about a powderhorn and coon hat

Gary: does everybody know the date of homecoming

Emma: September 26-28

Ben: do we need to attend the alumni banquet at aspenall

Amy: Last year we had six people who volunteered to be greeters

Scott: I have one more point about this, next wed is the 10th at 11am

Jessica Vogan with the spirit committee are requesting some SGA members to join in on the community with Moriah Green as well. If you would like to be a part of this, talk to me after the meeting or go talk to her in the LEAD office if you are willing or want to. That is 11am Sep 10.

b. Retreat

Scott: I'll talk a little about it and then Katie will go. The retreat is a time where we all get together as a group not in a professional setting, but in a social setting. We work to unite on a common vision on the year. I’m leaving talks out so we can save it for them. Hopefully at that time we will have a full SGA. The dates are Sat 13th 5pm to Sat 14th to 10am. Not CB this year. We will take advantage of the space. All of the cool activities
that are associated with the Fieldhouse. Duncan Callahan will help us make sure we have everything we need. You need a wrist band to jump in the foam pit, easy to get though. If you have not been in there, it is awesome. It will be open for us at that time. We will have dinner and breakfast items provided. We will go over some business stuff. As we get closer, I will emphasize there is an amount of integrity. It has been discussed that past SGA’s slipped on this issue, there will be no alcohol or drug use this year. Time where we are all in a non-professional setting where we can work together. It is going to be a great time to bond and get to know each other. Hone the powerhouse we have today and move forward.

Katie: I second that. I am going to pass around this sheet since we will be in the field house, we will be camping out in there. If you need a sleeping bed, mat, etc put it on there. If you have food restrictions, put it on the sheet.

Fano: do you mean dietary restrictions?

Scott: Any further questions? I have received confirmation that some can’t make it but let me know as soon as possible.

Fano: It is a mandatory retreat. If you can’t make it you need a very good reason

MV: Do we have to respond if we can come?
Scott: if you can come I do not expect you to RSVP. It is not really optional, if you have extenuating circumstances, let me know. It is important to have this time together.

c. Elections

Scott: It has been extended to this Friday at 5 pm. Your first task of the year as SGA reps is to spread the word that we need senators to apply.

Amy: how many spots

Katie: there are five real spots available

Scott: as many fish as you can fit in the barrel haul them back. The elections will be held next week.

Katie: Stefano do you have posters for us

Fano: not yet. I will make sure to have them soon. As senator boxes go, if you go into it and at the far left hand corner there is a wooden box that people leave for you. Check there tomorrow morning at 9 am.

Katie: put them up immediately around campus.

Scott: there is a section at the beginning of each class dedicated to announcements. So don’t be afraid to make an announcement that we need to fill the positions. Pick an area that you call yours and fill it out.

d. Extended Cabinet Positions

Scott: Gary can elaborate more on this if I don’t touch on everything. We have an opportunity for those who are looking to get further involved by getting involved in president’s extended cabinet. Traditionally just VP’s
of positions. The meetings are every other Tuesday 10-12. It is a high
honor to sit on this.

Gary: Next meeting will be next Tuesday the 9th. There are 15 people or
so, VP’s, associated VP’s, financial aid, communication, IT, etc. Dr.
Salsbury is interested in having a student sit. We are developing a
strategic plan for moving forward. This is a unique opportunity. We need
a consistent student that will advocate for students. There are many
smart people but we need someone that is not afraid to speak out and
represent the students. We have over 100 pages of work that people have
already done. Enrollment growth, graduation rates, retention, security,
etc are broad categories. If you are interested call me or email me. We
need someone by next Tuesday.

Adam: How long would this position last?

Gary: Year long. If you want to change. This extended cabinet will go on
for a long time. We want a wider spectrum. Cabinet meets every other
week.

Emma: I would say that semester schedules change, should you take the
position this semester, we can always switch out. Don’t let that be the
reason you don’t do it.

Fano: I want to reiterate how big of an opportunity this is. Dr. Salsbury is
somebody who will identify you, get to know you, and he always seems to
look out for the students he knows. I would not be surprised if you would
get a letter of rec. INTERESTS: Kiera, Adam, Kailie, MV.
Gary: selection process. Submit us resume and we’ll send questions

e. Club Fair- SGA Table
Katie: Club fair is tomorrow 11-1:30 outside at the University Center.
Want to hit on elections and homecoming. I can be there 12:15-1:30. I need someone to fill the other gap. Someone who is confident explaining SGA. Anybody?

f. Student Voter Registration?: moved to advisory reports

Motion to move by Scott seconded by Amy

V. Advisor Reports
Gary: It is a great pleasure to have you all here. Sara couldn’t be here but she is head of student orientation and Lead office. I want you to know I have an open door policy. Any questions: email, stop by, call, etc. I’m here to support you as student leaders. More importantly, helping you represent student body. If you see issues where you could improve students, let me know. I am on the cabinet and can help. I cannot solve everything, but I would love to do my best. If there is something we need to be aware of as an administration, let me know if there are things we can do to make a difference. FYI, I have a family and am super busy. It is hard to provide balance. My daughter got transported to children’s hospital. Fine now, but that was super eye-opening. I will leave on occasion earlier, but I want to spend time with my family and I need to spend time with them. Have an 11 year old and an 8 year old boy so they need their father. I am committed to the group though. Part of my role is to give you info, so if I ramble on let me know. I want to keep you in the loop on things. First thing is a week
Our biggest challenge is our enrollment numbers. Dr. Salsbury’s main goal is to grow this place and he is trying to get everybody to buy in. Not everybody in faculty/staff is for this, but we are trying to make change. He is pushing the needle in a positive direction. Enrollment numbers will be one of his successes.

We are one of three institutions in CO that had a boost in numbers. Other schools were CU Boulder and School of Mines. Our growth wasn’t big, but it was growth which is great news. We are heading in the right direction. The census day is the 10th, 20 days into the semester. That is the date where we will have better enrollment numbers. We are up 8.5%. 2469 is what we are at. Headcount is total number of students that are enrolled in classes. Take total number of students and divide by 15 and that is fte (?) which tells us how much money we get from the state. This brings confidence for us. This is mostly due to our new graduate program on campus (ENVS). Went from 174 last year to 221 graduate students this year. 27% increase. 5 master programs and one approved over summer for ESS. New one coming perhaps next summer in nutrition. Looking at a new MBA program for business soon. Graduate programs are cash programs, have to pay their own way. Whatever costs occur, based on number of students and tuition. Undergrad headcount 6.9% a little over 2200. First time freshman retention rate is 72% (freshman who started 2013, back in fall 2014). A couple years ago we were at 52%. I hope and think we can get to 80%. We have a better six year grad rate and retention rates than other universities in the state. Those are the main things with enrollment. Once we finalize numbers, we will better be able to find out budget (CCE, ICC, PC, and so forth). Those numbers will
stabilize soon. The strategic plan is in process. Bill Niemi is coming Sept 24, VP of academic affairs. If you have ideas for improvements bring those ideas. We want to bring this to the board of trustees late October. Any questions? National campus safety awareness month. This first week is dealing with domestic/dating, next week sexual violence. There are silhouettes around campus that are real people’s stories. There are resource info on these. As a University, we are making a concerted effort to educate people on sexual assault and violence. We have federal mandates to train and educate students. We want students and people to report to the University that these issues will be addressed and that they will be fair for both sides. This is for Title IX, which is not only for sports but sexual assault and violence. We need you to start having students educate others on Title IX issues. Chris Luekengau (SP) might come in and educate.

Third week is emergency preparedness. How we would respond if there was an emergency. Last week is fire safety. Last Thursday, we had a conference call with Western’s foundation board. Tom Bergeroff is the head. There groups job is to raise money and funds for the University. They approved a 1.4 million dollar gift for marketing (Dr. Salsbury went to meet with them last week). Since 2000, mesa has spent 20 million in marketing. We have spent 300,000 dollars. We have always been a word of mouth, want to change this. I was down in Denver this past weekend and people did not know about Gunnison or Western; this is going to change. Making a concerted effort to have more marketing and media all over the country. Dr Salsbury got a 1.2 million dollar gift that is going to the petroleum Geology major and program from his old company. Says
something raising that much money in first couple of months. Going to see a more consistent, refined message of who we are as a university in terms of the “western experience”. That will be another thing we will talk about, this is a great opportunity again for us to get involved. Dr. Salsbury put a power PP together; gave examples of people such as Oprah and MJ who went out and failed in life and then persevered and achieved. Brings that to Western, Barry Clifford finding Santa Maria, Elva Dryer, etc. This goes for students as well and the entire student experience. Final thing is I met with security team at the Whatever, town in CB. Basically, national campaign by Bud Light. They took over Elk Ave. There is a national contest where they selected 1000. They are flying them in on Friday. The party starts 6pm Friday night. 11am to 10pm. There are events for the general public and then just private events for the contestants in the hockey rink. Western Students are invited to attend. If you get asked as a student leader, if you are 21 and over, student ID and driver’s license.

Locations: Museum and chamber. The limit is 5000. They have security; these guys are important and do huge events. If students under age think they are going in, not going in. If not responsible, you will get kicked out. They want to provide a safe environment for students. There is going to be lots of alcohol and lots of law enforcement. Be careful driving back and forth. Going to have staff to have presence. Not our job to monitor or judge.

Emma: What time are they shutting down elk?

Gary: 5 or 6 pm Friday they are shutting it down

Emma: Will we be able to get to shops on Elk before then?
Gary: Perhaps, this is not just on Elk it is 2-3 blocks wide. There is one way in and one way out.

Kyle: if you have a wrist band Friday, in regardless?

Gary: I don’t know I will find that out

Amy: Will there be shuttles?

Gary: I want to reach out to Safe Ride but there is concern that people might get left or stranded up there. If somebody misses there is a question of how they will get back. I don’t know if safe ride can provide that much transportation. RTA bus on Saturday. We are going to do some outreach to a couple groups on campus for help including Athletics, Res Life, and so forth. Not trying to send out a campus wide email. Really looking forward to working with all of you.

This is a great leadership group. We are heading in an upward direction from last year.

VI. Advisory Reports

Scott: if you haven’t done this before. Whatever specific group you represent, department, etc. Let us know you are involved in. This is a time to bring things that you are involved in to the table. The idea from that is to take the info from that party and branch out to subcommittees and campus.

Katie: Along with the pres position, student trustee of the board of trustees. They are everyone’s boss and are very important. Faculty tendered, curriculum, adding majors or masters, it goes through them first. I sit in on the meetings and be the student body rep. They happen about once a month. Next meeting is sep 11, 12-5. These meetings are open to anyone. Student, community member, etc.
Be respectful and silent. Really neat to experience and I encourage you to come out and go at least once. If you have anything you want me to report on or talk about, feel free to come talk to me. I will report back; sometimes discussion items branch off this.

John: do they put an agenda

Katie: I get a packet and I’m picking it up tomorrow

Gary: Go on website and go to administration, board of trustees, and then meeting agendas.

Katie: It breaks down by time.

Fano: Most of my job is going to city council meetings and reporting back what they are doing. Being a link between the community and university. This week there is a couple of things happening; mainly they are getting ready to work with us on homecoming. There are a couple events happening this week: we are getting closer to Election Day. There is going to be an event called spark the conversation. Taking place 10-1pm Saturday to talk about sales of marijuana. They are bring experts for both sides. In November they are voting on sales of recreational sales of marijuana in Gunnison. Carolyn Riggs is coming in to help people train to register to vote this Friday 10-12. You will be certified to get people to register to vote. We want students to be more engaged and active in the community. We want to get students interested and mobilized. Spread the word.

Amy: do you have to be a CO voter
Fano: You just go through the process. Technically anybody can be qualified to get that. If you guys are interested in Model UN program we are accepting applications for that at Kelley 204. Deadline is September 19th and submit it to Dr. Struble.

Gary: Go to about on western, and then board of trustees.

Fano: If you want to help out with notifying businesses stay after

Emma: I want to be communicative and upfront about budgets for everyone. It is important to know how much bill money we have and how much money your committees have. Next week, I will be getting more into number specifics. Ben, Adam, Nate Z, Ryan stay after.

Scott: Senators as we come closer to getting a full senate we will talk about getting the senate chair. I will serve as senate chair until that if we have pressing info. Before I get a senator to represent the music department. It is still not too late to join ensembles, invite your friends. You do not need to be a music major. Stepping up our game in being active around campus this year.

Amy: This Fri-Sat is 24 hour play festival. You have 24 hours. People stay up all night and write skits. In the morning people fill the roles and they have all day to rehearse and then at night they do it. It is quick, easy, and a bunch of fun for those who do not have time to do a big play. First art convocation Thursday at Quigley. Amber Cobb, a visiting artist. Her art seems interesting and very thought provoking. Women’s Rugby started today. I expect each and every one of you to get people to come out.
Kyle: A lot going on. We just got a new AD, Jason Carmichael and an Assistant AD. The track team has boost 120 athletes. Football has first game in Texas this week. Haven’t heard from Volleyball or Soccer just yet. Conference is getting and more competitive. There is a new school in South Dakota. Colorado Christian just joined the conference as well. Football, there has been improvements. We have new coaches for MBB, WVB, and swimming.

Mia: We are just starting out. The freshman class is a big, diverse group and we are getting lots of them. Amigos club is having a movie night next Thursday. Other programs haven’t started yet.

Nate S: We haven’t met yet. Spring Fest votings are starting. Shoot an email with recommendations. Looking desperately for a new tech person for PC, we need one. We have a position for you or your friend. Look around. Meetings are on Mondays.

Rachel: Starting off intramural seasons with softball and flag football. Outdoor soccer has not gotten anybody. Might replace with Ultimate Frisbee.

Kyle: Most athletes are not allowed in contracts to participate in sports

Rachel: We will monitor. People are not allowed to participate in intramurals in the sport they commit.

Ryan: trying to step into the role with Duncan. Learning responsibilities. Hockey is going to have a big year. Still trying to improve the representation of the team in the community and school. Trying to continue on our positive path.
John: The Lead Office is hard at work and we have a great team. Putting together events right now

Lindsay: Long boarding competition Sept 18, 3 pm.

Kyle: Slip n slide?

Nate s: facilities gave us the go ahead. Hope to get it together in next 2-3 weeks.

MV: Not a ton going on right now. Doing a six week program for students getting involved on campus and in their halls for freshman. We are looking to putting out surveys for students wanting to live on academic floors or not. A health and wellness floor, etc. Seeing if there is interest.

Bryce: Written reports like last year

Scott: things we are talking about tonight I will ask you to write and submit reports. Pressing events, you report them. Once we get ball rolling, reports will be written. Basically when the agenda and meetings come out there will be a google doc. There is an expectation that everyone has read the report.

Bryce: I represent rescue and WP. A few years ago it was plucked out of club sports and placed under WP. Rescue had a busy summer. Lots of mutual aid calls where we did larger operations and out of county trips. Stay safe out there. Archery season started last weekend. Don’t get run over by any Texans. Be aware. On WP side we have a lot of changes this year. We are experimenting with the WP pass. All of our trips has a pass and cost price. We lose money on every trip we run. Trying to figure a way to provide high quality programming
while staying afloat. Look for if people are interested in that; there will be tons of free rentals. This weekend we have standup paddleboard at Lake Irwin Sat and Sun. Do a starbridge hike. It is a two day trip; pass price is 25 dollars but not sure. If you hear people say there is nothing to do, say they are a liar and go to WP!!!!!

VII. Senator Reports

Ben: No Report

Nate: No report

Kailie: no report

Adam: Starting Gunnison Sockeye River club we have a busy summer. Putting on a campus wide flyfishing 101 class in October 13-18. Have resources to do 60+ and doing a tourney after. Look to get community involved. Already got 1000 dollars in donations.

Kiera: If you don’t have anything better to do on Sunday. Quigley band shell event. Big pig roast, put on by Bethany, lawn games, music, ALL FREE!!! 10:30am

Lindsay: Tom Bergeroff, great resource and good person to know. He will be there so I encourage you to come out.

Jeremy: No report

Courtney: No report
Lindsey: Club fair tomorrow 11-1:30. IF you aren’t part of a club, come and pump up SGA and whatever else you are a part of or join clubs. All campus BBQ tomorrow as well.

VIII. Special Topics

Scott: If we have further discussions we move that to here. If you have something that you need to say to add to something use it in section IX. It will not run this long normally. This was a torture session.

IX. Remarks for the Good of the Order

Katie: I have a contact list that should be updated. Look for your name, number, email to see it is correct and initial if it is correct. And if not fix it. On margin put your shirt size.

X. Late Roll Call

Marielle

XI. Adjournment

9:12 meeting adjourned