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# MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
## September 2, 1997

**CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Leigh Ann Sears.

**ROLL CALL** No formal roll was called; an attendance sheet was passed around and those present signed.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Keith Coffman, President President Coffman introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the year. President Coffman then introduced Student Government's new Ad Hoc committee, Hillraisers. He explained that the committee has been designed to increase student involvement with athletics. Next, President Coffman pointed out the Student Government Association/University Center Board calendar that will be published each month in the College Heights Herald. It has important event dates and Student Government meeting dates. President Coffman announced that he and Vice President Sears attended the Academic Council meeting on September 2 and during the meeting they discussed a former Student Government resolution regarding "Dead Week" before finals. He is hopeful that this will possible be passed this year.

Leigh Ann Sears, Vice President Vice President Sears told Congress about "Weekend in the Woods." This is a retreat sponsored by Student Activities and will be Student Government's annual Congressional retreat. The retreat will be September 5 - 6, 1997 at Gasper River. She encouraged everyone to attend and to let anyone on council if they could attend. Those wishing to go should meet at the Student Government office at 2:30 on Friday September 5. Next Vice President Sears told Congress that there would be a tent on DUC South Lawn Saturday September 6 at 3:30 p.m. before Murray State vs. Western Kentucky football game. There will be free food and she welcomed all who wanted to attend. Finally, Vice President Sears said that elections, if needed, will be held on Thursday, September 4, 1997 in the respective residence halls.

Heather Rogers, Public Relations Director Public Relations Director Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself. Rogers mentioned the new 1997 - 1998 SGA brochure and said that Congress

would be receiving Student Government t-shirts within the next week. Next, Public Relations Director Rogers also mentioned the monthly calendar in the Herald and said that she was going to encourage other organizations to put dates on it in addition to Student Government and University Center Board. Rogers then told Congress that she, in cooperation with the Public Relations Committee, will be reviving the old "The Gavel" newsletter to go to the students. This newsletter will contain Student Government happenings as well as other features. Rogers concluded with an encouragement to all Congress members to attend the "Weekend in the Woods" retreat.

Jamie Fite, Secretary Secretary Fite welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and encouraged everyone to get involved in committees even if they are not a member of Congress. She then passed around a committee sign-up sheet to Congress. Next, Secretary Fite reviewed the open positions on Congress. These included all At- Large, Off-Campus, Non-Traditional and Freshman Council. Secretary Fite apologized for the Congressional notebooks not being ready for the first meeting, but said that they would hopefully be ready in time for the next one. On a closing note, she encouraged everyone to attend the Fall retreat.

Chad Lewis, Treasurer Treasurer Lewis gave the 1997 - 1998 budget figures which totaled $41,756. Lewis said that he would present the budget to Congress for approval at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs Matt Bastin, the 1997 - 1998 chairperson, reviewed with Congress what Academic Affairs is responsible for. Bastin said that his committee will review all policies passed regarding academics and will write legislation accordingly. His committee will meet Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Chair Bastin stressed the importance of committees.

Student Affairs Jason Cole, the 1997 - 1998 chairperson, announced that his committee will meet Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Cole reviewed the Student Affairs committee's responsibilities which include all policies set forth by the University that affect students. Chair Cole encouraged everyone to get involved.

Legislative Research Chairperson Andy Gailor announced to Congress that LRC will meet every Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Government office. Gailor also explained to Congress LRC's responsibilities. These include researching all legislation sponsored by committees before heading to Congress and also upholding and updating the bylaws as necessary.

Campus Improvements Chairperson Callie Varner announced to Congress her goals for the 1997 - 1998 year. These goals include making the campus more accessible to disabled students, finishing the Designated Driver cards which were started last year and doing more research on the Gazebo project. Her meeting times will be 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Public Relations Chairperson Jenny Stith introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the committee. Chair Stith said that the PR committee will be doing much more work this year than last and has a lot of great ideas for banners and other forms of student awareness. Her committee meets at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Hillraisers Chairperson Jason Hefler announced a new ad hoc committee this year that will hopefully increase student involvement at all athletic events. T-shirts are planned for all members, membership will be free, games for members will be held at all events, and prizes will be given away. President Coffman reiterated support for this committee and announced a possible promotion of giving away free tuition and books at half-time of the respective events to those who qualify.

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

Potter College - No Report
Ogden College - No Report
Business College - No Report
Education College - No Report

**COUNCIL ON ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS**

No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was carried out at this meeting.

**Announcements**

Coordinator of Committees Stephanie Cosby requested that all committee heads meet with her after the meeting. President Coffman gave a presidential search committee update and was hopeful that a decision will be made by the end of the week. Secretary Fite said that those who didn't get the committee sign-up sheet should see her after the meeting. Vice President Sears announced that the elected congress members will be called this week to inform them of their position on Congress. If elections are necessary they will be on Thursday, September 4, 1997 and Executive

Council will contact them if an election is needed.

**Adjournment** Matt Bastin motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by unanimous consent; meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Fite

Jamie Fite, Secretary