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Student Government Association

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**November 18, 1997**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Vice President Leigh Ann Sears.

**Roll Call:** Those absent included: Josh Detre, Ryan Faught, Derek Durbin, Lissa Maxwell, Chad Nuckols, Darla Johnson, Carlton Rumenier, Corletta Keys, Jeff Swaim, Robert Lightning, Joe Matheis, Drew Harrell, Amber Lee Mason, Jason Nemes, and Jason Reeves.

**Minutes:** It was moved and seconded to suspend with the reading of the minutes.

**Officer Reports:** President, Keith Coffman President Coffman announced that the University needed several different students to serve on complaint committees. If anyone is interested in serving on one of these committees, please see him after the meeting. Next, he reported that the College of Business will be hosting a Job Fair at the Institute for Economic Development tomorrow Nov 19. Finally, President Coffman announced that University Center Board was trying to get Jamie Foxx to perform next semester. The total cost for his performance will total \$32,000 and UCB is asking that any organization wishing to co-sponsor the show contribute \$1000. He asked, as UCB Special Events Chair, that SGA sponsor the performance.

Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears Vice President Sears reported that 52 people rode Provide-a-Ride last Thursday night; please continue to promote this program. She congratulated Congress on all of the legislation that was up for second and first reading and thanked everyone for doing such a great job this semester. She reminded everyone that there will be no meeting next week Nov. 25. She passed around a petition that the coordinator of the "People's Park" project brought to her. Sign if you are in favor of the project.

Director of Public Relations, Heather Rogers PR Dir. Rogers thanked the American Red Cross Representative for speaking before the meeting. She encouraged Congress to help promote the blood drive on December 3 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in West Hall Cellar. Student Government is a sponsor so please pass out the flyers promoting it. She then thanked Laura Hancock and Jason Hyde for helping with the high school leadership conference on Nov. 14 and thanked everyone who wore their SGA shirts to the meeting. PR Dir. Rogers asked that all committees set at least three main goals for next semester and how they can accomplish them. Once those goals have been turned into her, she will place those on lists around the office. She reminded everyone that dates for the campus calendar and drawings for the mural competition needed to be into her ASAP. She closed by wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving Break.

Jamie Fite, Secretary Secretary Fite asked those Congress members who are attending the Banquet on December 2 to please sign their names to the sheets being passed around the room. Next, she read the list of open positions which included: Graduate College, Education College, Non-Traditional, Sophomore Off-Campus, Junior Off-Campus, Senior Off-Campus, Barnes Campbell, Bemis Lawrence, New Sorority, South Hall and Freshman Council. She asked that



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anyone not serving on Congress next semester please notify her immediately. Finally, she encouraged all members to donate blood on Dec. 3.

Treasurer, Chad Lewis In the absence of Treasurer Lewis, Secretary Fite gave the Treasurer's report. Weekly expenditures totaled \$239.71. Expenditures to date total \$11,150.68 leaving the account balance at \$30,605.32. Treasurer Lewis finally got the organizations that have inter-accounts from Scott Taylor and organizational aid is finally being processed.

**Committee Reports:**

Academic Affairs Chairperson Matt Bastin asked Congress to support the pieces of legislation being read tonight for vote. Also, up for first reading is legislation regarding offering writing credit for thesis programs. He announced that Academic Affairs will meet the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Student Affairs Chairperson Jason Cole announced that the committee will not meet next week due to Thanksgiving break. He thanked everyone on his committee for all of their hard work.

LRC Chairperson Andy Gailor announced that the committee reviewed 11 pieces of legislation at their meeting. LRC voted down Resolution 97-17-F due to insufficient research. They untabled Resolution 97-10-F and passed. All other pieces of legislation reviewed passed. There will be no LRC meeting next week.

Constitutional Review Chairperson Anne Guillory reported that they had made several corrections to the updated Constitution with Executive Council and reworded some items. The committee will meet at 4:00 Dec. 2 to discuss it further with Exec.

Public Relations Chairperson Jenny Stith reported that the committee was doing research regarding 24-hour visitation in the residence halls. If anyone can attend, the PR committee will meet tomorrow, Nov. 19 at 4:30 p.m. instead of tonight following the meeting.

Campus Improvements Chairperson Callie Varner announced that the Designated Driver cards are at the printers. There will be no meeting next week. Vice-chair Christoph Miller reported that the committee had several pieces of legislation up for first reading. They are also doing research on parking on campus.

Hillraisers Chairperson Jason Heflin and Laura Hancock passed out men's and ladies' basketball schedules. There will be no meeting next week.

Coordinator of Committees - Stephanie Cosby announced that there will be bowling after the meeting upstairs on the fourth floor. It is free, so please attend and meet new people. She passed around an envelope with Congress members' names in it to draw for a secret santa. Bring a small gift to the next meeting.

**Academic Council:**

Potter - No Report

Ogden - No Report

Business - No Report

Education - No Report

Graduate - No Report

**COA**

No Report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Up for second reading were several pieces of legislation. Resolution 97-10-F "Housing Scholarships to Apply to Off-Campus Housing" was discussed heavily. The author, Jenny Stith, spoke in favor and many questions were raised of the author. There were several voices in opposition and several in favor. The previous question was moved, seconded and passed. A motion was made to accept resolution 97-10-F. Motion was seconded and division was called.



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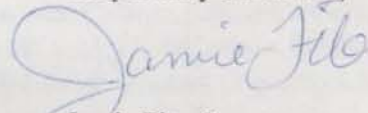
The resolution was then voted on by hand count. Resolution 97-10-F passed by a vote of 35-15. Next, Resolution 97-11-F "Placing of speed hump in Regents Ave. Parking lot" was read. Author Medina Tipton spoke in favor of the resolution. A motion was made to accept resolution 97-11-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Resolution 97-12-F "Increasing the Designated 10 minutes parking spaces to 15 minutes" was read. Author Jason Cole spoke in favor of the resolution and questions were raised. There were several discussions in favor and in opposition of the resolution. Seeing no more discussion, a motion was made to accept 97-12-F and seconded. Voting occurred and division was called. The resolution was then voted on by hand count. Resolution 97-12-F was defeated 20-28 with the students' best interest in mind. Next, Resolution 97-14-F "Addition of Non-categorical Writing Courses" was read. Author Jason Hyde spoke in favor of the resolution. A motion was made to accept 97-14-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Resolution 97-15-F "Syllabi Announcement in the Schedule Bulletin" was read. Author Matt Bastin spoke in favor of the resolution. Seeing no discussion a motion was made to accept 97-15-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Resolution 97-16-F "Replacing the Sidewalk in Front of Thompson Complex Central Wing and Grise Hall" was read. Author Brad Sweatt spoke in favor. Seeing no further discussion a motion was made to accept 97-16-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Next, Resolution 97-19-F "Functioning ID Scanners" was read. Author Jason Hyde spoke in favor. There were a few questions of the author. Seeing no further discussion a motion was made to accept 97-19-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Resolution 97-20-F "Recognizing Honors Graduates" was read. Author Stephanie Cosby spoke in favor of the resolution. Seeing no further discussion, a motion was made to accept 97-20-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Finally, Bill 97-5-F "SGA to purchase a 20' x 20' tent" was read. Author Keith Coffman spoke in favor of the bill and a few questions were raised of the author. Seeing no further discussion, a motion was made to accept Bill 97-5-F. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Up for first reading were 5 pieces of legislation. These included: Resolutions 97-21-F "Writing Credits for Thesis Programs," 97-22-F "Placing of Ice Machines in all Residence Halls," 97-23-F "Placing of Picnic tables at bottom of Campus," and 97-24-F "Providing Soap in Residence Hall Bathrooms." Also included was Bill 97-4-F "Typewriters for the Library."

**Announcements:** Vice President Sears reminded everyone about bowling immediately following the meeting and that there will be no meeting next Tuesday. She also announced that if anyone was interest in participating in a prospective student phone-a-thon and/or attending a turkey reception honoring student leaders on November 24 at 5:00 p.m. to see her. Stephanie Cosby announced that Golden Key will be sponsoring mock tests of all major post-baccalaureate fields given at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 in TCCW. Laura Hancock announced that Kappa Delta Shenanigans will be held tonight at 8:30 p.m. in Van Meter Auditorium. Admission is \$3 and proceeds go toward KD's philanthropy.

**Adjournment:** Seeing no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jamie Fite, Secretary