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Student Government Association

## MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

January 27, 1998

- Call to Order:** Vice President Leigh Ann Sears called the regular meeting of the Student Government Association to order at 5:04 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Those members absent included: Tara Logsdon, Mandy Holbert, Chad Nuckols, Ande Bird, Heather Holman, Jason Hyde, Amy Risley, Katie Staples, Michael Day, J Thomas, Tara Beard, Heather Hardesty, Amber Lee Mason, and Jason Reeves.
- Minutes:** It was moved and seconded to suspend with the reading of the minutes. Motion was approved.
- Officer Reports:** President, Keith Coffman - President Coffman reminded everyone about the retreat this weekend and asked everyone planning to run for an office to please attend. President Coffman announced that there will be a Board of Regents meeting at 9 a.m. January 30, 1998; anyone is welcome to attend. He then asked for several to serve on various University Complaint Committees, several people volunteered. He noted that in new business he will be bringing up a resolution asking the University to reallocate the student fees back to the students. He asked for all congress members' votes.
- Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Sears welcomed everyone back for the Spring Semester. She announced that Child Care Grants will be distributed this semester and would like to see anyone who was on the committee last year. She also informed Freshman Council that they need to meet, preferably before the next meeting, to set their goals for this semester. Vice President Sears announced that Student Government will be accepting applications for Congress through next meeting, please encourage all who a representatives re interested to attend. She then reminded Congress that Provide-A-Ride begins this Thursday night and the phone number is 782-3570; please promote this service. She closed by reminding everyone to sign the phone list and committee sheets.
- Director of Public Relations, Heather Rogers - PR Director Rogers announced that there will be a Congress retreat this weekend Friday January 30 through Saturday January 31 at Barren River Lake State Resort. The van will be leaving at 4:00 p.m. from the SGA office, please be there by 3:30 p.m. Next, PR Director Rogers announced that Coming Home will be on Thursday February 26, 1998. This will be the Lady Toppers v. South Alabama at 7 p.m. Student Government will be sponsoring a banquet for all king candidates and the senior basketball team members. Rogers announced that she has sent a letter to all organization about upcoming events for this semester; she reminded organizations to get their event dates into her ASAP. UCB will be sponsoring an event with Bev Smith on Tuesday February 3 at 7 p.m. in DUC, see her for more details. She closed by announcing that Bowl for Kids' sake is coming up and she would like to try to organize a bowling team to raise money for that philanthropy.
- Secretary, Jamie Fite - Secretary Fite read the list of Open Positions on Congress. They include: Potter College Rep, Graduate College, Education College, Non-Traditional, Senior Off-Campus, Junior Off-Campus, Sophomore Off-Campus, Barnes Campbell, Bemis Lawrence, Central Hall, East Hall, Florence Schneider, Gilbert, McLean, New Sorority, PFT, Rodes Harlin, South Hall and Freshman Council. She announced that she had a letter from former PR Director Shawna Whartenby if anyone was interested in reading it. Secretary Fite asked that anyone interested in

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applying for a position on Congress to see her following the meeting and to sign the sheets being passed around the room. She next asked that all Committee heads keep an accurate listing of all of their members who are absent and turn all excessive absences into her. Finally she reported on Resolution 97-10-F. Executive Council vetoed that piece of legislation with a vote of four to one. She noted that it could be overturned in Congress by a 2/3 vote. Parliamentarian Josh Detre went over a few details of the resolution and noted that he wanted it brought up for revote in Unfinished Business.

Treasurer, Chad Lewis - Treasurer Lewis reported that expenditures since last meeting totaled \$2,906.53. Major expenditures included student secretaries' salaries, provide-a-ride and the annual phone bill leaving the account balance at \$27,687.60.

**Committee Reports:**

Academic Affairs - Chairperson Matt Bastin reported that during the committee meeting on Tuesday they discussed the possibility of having a luncheon with all of the Deans and students so that they may get to know each other. Chairperson Bastin reported that they also discussed what needed to be accomplished during the retreat. He noted that the meeting time of the committee will change to 4:00 p.m on Tuesdays in the Student Government Chambers.

Student Affairs - Chairperson Jason Cole encouraged anyone interested in joining a committee to join Student Affairs. He turned the floor over to Vice-chair Laura Hancock who discussed the upcoming Camp Fair sponsored by Student Government. The fair will be February 9, 1998 in DUC. She encouraged everyone to attend and to spread the word. The committee will meet Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

LRC - Chairperson Anne Guillory announced that the committee will meet Mondays at 2:30 p.m. Some goals for the semester are to revise the election code and to finalize the revisions of the Constitution. Constitutional review will meet immediately following LRC or at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Public Relations - Chairperson Jenny Stith announced that the committee will meet immediately following the Congress meeting to discuss a better meeting time. She encouraged everyone to attend the retreat.

Campus Improvements - Chairperson Christoph Miller announced that he needs to meet with all on the committee to discuss the best time to hold their meetings. Designated Driver Cards are in and will be going out soon. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, see him after the meeting.

Hillraisers - President Coffman announced that the position of chairperson was open; if anyone is interested in heading this up, please see him following the meeting.

**Academic Council:**

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

**COA**

President Coffman announced that he will be meeting with heads of all organizations soon and will be sending letters out to them.

**Unfinished Business:**

Josh Detre brought Resolution 97-10-F "Applying Housing Scholarships to Off-Campus" up for revote after Executive Council vetoed it. Motion was made and approved to vote on this resolution. There was much discussion for this resolution as well as against it. The authors spoke in favor of the

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legislation and also offered research supporting it. The main argument was that if athletes can take their scholarships off campus, so should academic scholarship recipients. Several questions were asked of the authors including those from judicial council member Darlene Lodmell. Debate continued for 20 minutes and previous question was called. It was moved, seconded and approved to cease discussion. The motion was then made to vote on resolution 97-10-F. Motion was seconded and approved. Vote was casted by secret ballot. A total of 25 members were needed to vote in favor of the legislation in order for it to pass. The vote was 26 to 11 passing.

**New Business:** Resolution 98-1-S "Reallocating Fees as a Student Government Association/Programming Fee" was up for first Reading. Stephanie Cosby moved to suspend with the bylaws to vote on this piece of legislation so it could be brought up in the Board of Regents meeting on Friday. Motion was seconded and approved. President and author Keith Coffman explained the purpose of the resolution which would give money that the students are already paying in fees back to the students. This resolution will allow Student Government and UCB to provide more entertainment for the students and projects for the university. Questions were asked of the author and discussion ended. A motion was made to approve resolution 98-1-S. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Announcements:** Vice President Sears reminded everyone about the retreat January 30-31 at Barren River. Stephanie Cosby announced that she needed to meet with all committee heads following the meeting.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Fite  
Secretary, 1997-1998