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Student Government Association

**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**April 14, 1998**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Leigh Ann Sears called the regular meeting of the Student Government Association to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Secretary Jamie Fite called roll. Those members absent included Jason Nemes, Ryan Faught, Tara Logsdon, Martha Bonds, Michael Hardin, Tim Leavell, David Lodmell, Joe Morel, Julie Beth Gray, J Thomas, Sean McAlister, and Mike Armstrong.

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

**Officer Reports:** President, Keith Coffman - President Coffman announced that President Ransdell will be at next week's meeting due to a previous engagement this week. He announced that the programs of distinction have been selected. Among those is Folk Studies, which spawned up a heated debate among the committee members of the Board. He asked that all who could volunteer to work elections please do so.

Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Sears announced that there will be a debate for the presidential candidates sponsored by the Herald on April 20, 1998 outside of DUC at 2:00 p.m. She reported that there will be a blood drive in Preston tomorrow April 15, 1998 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dr. Cassandra Pinnick has invited all candidates to speak to her classes; for more information please contact her. She reminded everyone that Primaries for Public Relations Director will be on Tuesday April 21, 1998 in DUC.

Director of Public Relations, Heather Rogers - PR Director Rogers asked everyone to really promote elections in their classes and outside of classes. She stressed the importance of voting. She asked that anyone wanting to help hang up flyers about the election to meet in the SGA office April 15 at 11 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. She announced that the SGA Banquet will be in Garrett Conference Center Ballroom on May 5, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary, Jamie Fite - Secretary Fite passed around the room a list for those attending the banquet to sign. Open Positions are Non-Traditional, Graduate College, Education College, Potter College, Senior Off-Campus, Junior-Off Campus, Sophomore Off-Campus, Keen Hall, East Hall, Schneider Hall, North Hall, and South Hall.

Treasurer, Chad Lewis - Treasure Lewis reported that the past two week's expenditures totaled \$4,546.51 leaving the account balance at \$12,613.10. Major Expenditures included the SGA tent, Child Care Grants and the Secretaries' salaries.

**Committee Reports:** Academic Affairs - Chairperson Matt Bastin reminded Congress that Faculty Appreciation Day is April 23, 1998, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. in Garrett. The committee is sponsoring legislation regarding the VMS System on Campus. They are also working on pieces of legislation regarding the Mentoring program and creating an advisor checklist.

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Student Affairs - Chairperson Jason Cole reported that the estimate had arrived on the Neighborhood watch signs. They are approximately \$20 per sign and will have the WKU police number on them. The committee checked into having the emergency beacons rewired to be able to call for an escort, but it will be too expensive to reconfigure them. They are also working on ways to increase non-Greek involvement in Homecoming week activities as well as increasing the number of cable channels.

LRC - Chairperson Anne Guillory announced that all pieces of legislation passed that were brought before LRC.

Public Relations - Chairperson Jenny Stith announced that the bulletin board is finished in DUC. The committee will meet on Monday at 3:00 to prepare for elections. She asked for volunteers to help pass out flyers for the elections.

Campus Improvements - Chairperson Christoph Miller reported that the committee had several pieces of sponsored legislation up for reading tonight: On Campus Telephones in Grise, Electronic Information board behind DUC, Increased lighting between Preston and Tate Page Hall. He thanked all the people who helped with the survey of students last week. April 23, 1998 at 1:00 will be campus clean-up; meet in front of Cherry Hall. He met with Brian Kuster of Residence Life to discuss the suggestion boxes to be placed in each Residence Hall; Kuster will be discussing that with the Housing Director, Kit Tolbert. Dean Bailey approved the emergency lights to be tested through the cooperation of public safety.

Hillraisers - Sally Eillerman reported that the Austin Peay baseball game is tomorrow; come out to support the baseball team.

Coordinator of Committees - Coordinator Stephanie Cosby announced that there will be an SGA picnic Saturday, April 18, 1998 at Kereiakis Park at 3:00 p.m. She encouraged everyone to attend. Also, she asked to meet with all committee heads immediately following the meeting.

**Academic Council:** Potter College- No Report  
Education College - No Report  
Graduate College - No Report  
Ogden College - No Report  
Business College - Representative John Crowe reported on the last College of Business meeting.

**COA:** The next Council on Organizational Affairs meeting will be on May 5, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. in DUC 305.

**Unfinished Business:** Up for second reading were several pieces of legislation. Resolution 98-19-S "Professors to be trained to advise students" was spoken in favor of by the author, Brad Sweatt. He noted that this resolution is not intended to punish the faculty, but to assist them. It would be the department's responsibility to train them appropriately. The floor was opened for discussion and Matt Bastin spoke in favor of the resolution. It was moved and seconded to end discussion. A motion was made to accept resolution 98-19-S. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Next, Resolution 98-14-S "Regent Scholarship money to accommodate tax benefits" came up for second reading. Author Brad Sweatt spoke in favor of the resolution noting that Murray State already has this policy implemented. There was no discussion. It was moved and seconded to approve 98-14-S. Motion passed unanimously. Next, Resolution 98-17-S "VMS Computer System hard drive space and meeting students' needs for the "Bridge to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was up for second reading.

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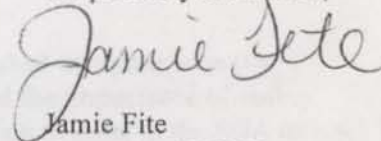
Author Eddie Schwab spoke in favor of the resolution. He did note that even though the VMS system will be revamped for next semester, it is still a good idea to push this piece of legislation through to the administration. The floor was opened for discussion. Anne Guillory spoke against this resolution noting that it was outdated and once the system is revamped will not mean anything or benefit the students in anyway. It was moved and seconded to deny Resolution 98-17-S. Resolution 98-17-S failed. Finally, a motion was made to bring Resolution 98-10-S off the table from last week. The author, John Tebault, spoke in favor stating that it would make the registration process much easier for the students and the professors. Discussion arose and spurred some confusion. Many asked questions about the consequences of not meeting twice and what the punishment will be. Several students were in opposition to the legislation because it would be an inconvenience. A motion was made to pass 98-10-S. Motion was seconded and denied. 98-10-S failed.

**New Business:** Secretary Fite passed out ballots for those nominated for SGA awards. Nominations were made for the citizen's award. They include Finley Woodard, Richard Troutman, Brad Sweatt, and Debbie Jordan. No other nominations were taken since last week's nominations. Secretary Fite read several pieces of legislation. They include 98-13-S "On Campus Phones in Grise," 98-15-S "Lights on DUC Sidewalk," 98-17-S "Electronic Display Board," and 98-18-S "Student Mentor Program."

**Announcements:** Vice President Sears reminded everyone about Faculty Appreciation Day on April 23, the SGA picnic on April 18, Campus Clean-up on April 23, Blood Drive at Preston on April 15 and the student affairs forum on May 4. There will be a presidential candidate debate on Monday, April 20, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in front of DUC sponsored by the College Heights Herald.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie Fite  
Secretary, 1997-98