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Student Government Association

MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION September 9, 1997

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of the Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Leigh Ann Sears.
- ROLL CALL** In attendance were guests Mr. Charles Anderson, VP of Information Technology and Dr. Jay Sloan of Academic Computing. Those absent included Jason Heflin, Martha Bonds, Kathryn Deutsch, Darla Johnson, Carlton Rumenier, Amy Duncan, Julie Goodwin, Sally Eilerman, and Amber Lee Mason.
- OFFICER REPORTS** Keith Coffman - President President Coffman thanked everyone that attended the Fall retreat "Weekend in the Woods." An evaluation form of the retreat was distributed to Congress and those that attended filled it out and returned them to Council. Next, President Coffman announced that he along with University attorney Debra Wilkins, Horace Johnson of Public Safety and a representative from the Kentucky Department of Transportation will be meeting to discuss the University Boulevard crosswalk situation. He is hopeful that something will be done soon about this dangerous part of campus. President Coffman reported on the Presidential search status and mentioned that the search committee was still in discussion. Next, President Coffman thanked all that attended "Big Red's Bash" on August 27, 1997. The dunking booth raised \$187.20 to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. President Coffman reported on Provide-a-Ride stating that 46 people utilized it the first Thursday night of the semester and only 25 people utilized it the second Thursday. He encourage everyone to spread the word and make use of it if necessary. Finally, President Coffman thanked all that attended the tailgating festivities before the Western Kentucky vs. Murray State game on Saturday September 6. Student Government had a tent on DUC South Lawn and gave out 200 hot dogs, 10 pounds of chips, SUBWAY sandwiches and Pepsi. It was very successful.
- Leigh Ann Sears - Vice President Vice President Sears announced that the City Commission Representative position was

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still open and that anyone interested in being Student Government's representative to see her after the meeting. Vice President Sears thanked everyone for joining Congress this year and said she is excited to see such a large group. Finally, Vice President Sears encouraged everyone to begin writing legislation as soon as possible.

Heather Rogers - Public Relations Director PR Director Rogers told Congress to pick up their name tags if they had not done so already. Congress will be wearing name tags for the next few meetings just to get acquainted to each other. Next, PR Director Rogers passed out Public Relations awards to all those that attended the retreat and thanked everyone for going. She then passed out Provide-a-Ride flyers and encouraged Congress members to hang them up all over campus and to spread the word about what SGA is doing. Next, PR Director Rogers announced that the listings for the organizational calendar is due Monday September 14. She told Congress to tell all organizations they are involved in to get the listings out as soon as possible. Finally, Public Relations Director Rogers gave an update on Congress' t-shirts and announced that they were red/long-sleeved shirts and would be here shortly.

Jamie Fite - Secretary Secretary Fite announced that there was an attendance list and a visitor's sign-in sheet being passed around and asked everyone to please sign it. Next, Secretary Fite explained the purpose of the name plates and asked that everyone please sit behind their name plate indicating their respective position on Congress. Next, Secretary Fite read the open positions on Congress. These included Freshman Council, Non-Traditional, Sophomore Off-Campus, Junior Off-Campus, Senior Off-Campus, Bates Runner, East Hall, Hugh Poland, New Sorority, Pearce Ford Tower, South Hall, Business College and the Education College. She noted that many of these positions will be filled after voting in new members during New Business. Finally, Secretary Fite read a list of those running for the previous open positions.

Chad Lewis - Treasurer Treasurer Lewis mentioned that the budget will be approved during New Business and asked Congress to make sure they had a copy of it. Treasurer Lewis reported that expenditures-to-date total \$1,570.39; this is 3.76% of the years total budget. Major Expenditures include supplies for the office, Congress binders, memberships and dues and the Student Government brochure. Costs not realized include advertising in The Herald, the food for tailgating, the fall retreat and Congress' t-shirts.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Academic Affairs Chairperson Matt Bastin reviewed with Congress what his committee had accomplished at their last meeting. The "Dead Week" proposal will go before Academic Council the last Thursday of the month. He reported that all administration was aware of the syllabi posting and Academic Affairs will hopefully be able to reinforce that.

Student Affairs Chairperson Jason Cole announced to Congress that his committee was still researching a possible career/job fair for the University. Anyone interested in joining Student Affairs should contact him.

Legislative Research Chairperson Andy Gailor announced to Congress that his committee had reviewed Resolution 97-1-F and was going to be brought up in New Business; he encouraged everyone to vote for the resolution. Next Chairperson Gailor reviewed with Congress the correct way to write legislation. He encouraged every Congress member to write at least one piece of legislation this year.

Public Relations Chairperson Jenny Stith thanked all that came to the retreat and said that it was very productive. The PR committee set their goals for 1997 and 1998. She reminded her committee that they would meet directly after the meeting downstairs in the SGA office.

Campus Improvements Chairperson Callie Varner announced that her committee had set their goals for 1997/1998. Some of the major projects that they will be working on this year include the skywalk, designated driver cards, a more handicapped accessible campus, to clean up DUC and having more campus clean-ups.

Hillraisers President Coffman gave the report in the absence of Chairperson Jason Heflin. President Coffman announced that he was hopeful to have this organization up and running by the Western Kentucky vs. Austin Peay football game. Members will receive t-shirts and red towels which will allow them entry to a possible hospitality tent/room at all the games. He reminded everyone that the committee will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Constitutional Review (LRC Subcommittee) Chairperson Anne Guillory explained that the Constitutional review committee will meet as announced periodically to prepare a revised constitution to

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be voted on in Spring of 1998, during elections. If anyone has any questions they are to see her

**ACADEMIC
COUNCIL**

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

**COUNCIL ON
ORGANIZATIONAL
AFFAIRS**

No report.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Coffman swore in the Judicial Foreman, Steve Roadcap. Next, Foreman Roadcap swore in all new members to Congress. He welcomed everyone and said that Judicial Council will be more involved in Student Government than they have been in previous years. Treasurer Lewis presented the budget before Congress. Matt Bastin moved to accept the budget and Stephanie Cosby seconded it. The budget was approved unanimously. Next Resolution 97-1-F "Student seating at Athletic Events" was read before Congress. Andy Gailor moved to suspend with the Bylaws so that the resolution could be voted on after its first reading. Motion was seconded and approved. President Coffman, author, gave a speech in favor. Jenny Stith raised concerns regarding administration apathy and President Coffman reiterated the importance of student support. Matt Bastin made the motion to pass Resolution 97-1-F and was seconded. Resolution 97-1-F was approved unanimously. Congress elected new members to Congress. Parliamentarian Josh Detre made a motion to accept all those running unopposed by acclamation. Motion was seconded and approved by Congress. Running for Freshman Council were Mary Thomas and Ray Fowler. Mary Thomas was voted into Congress by a majority. Running for Hugh Poland representative were Brad Hales and Robert Lightning. Robert Lightning was elected by majority of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

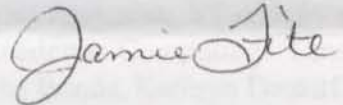
Coordinator of Committees Stephanie Cosby announced that she needed to meet with the committee heads following the meeting. Josh Detre announced that Farmhouse fraternity will be having a putt-putt tournament on October 21, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. Drew Harrell

announced that The Ralph Bell Crusades will be coming to Diddle Arena September 14 - 17, 1997. Guest Rick Malek announced that the Democratic Party was sponsoring a supper to raise money, anyone interested should see him following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,



Jamie Fite
Secretary 1997 - 1998