MINUTES OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
October 28, 1997

Call to Order: Vice President Leigh Ann Sears called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Attendance: Those absent included: Ryan Faught, Gail Guiling, Derek Durbin, Chad Nuckols, Darla Johnson, Jarrod Magan, Lance Blincoe, Heather Holman, Tim Leavell, Eric Wilson, Amy Duncan, Corletta Keys, Jeff Swaim, Cory Dryden, Carla Givens, Brandon McCloud, and Drew Harrell.

Officer Reports: President, Keith Coffman President Coffman announced that tailgating before Homecoming this Saturday will begin at 2:30 p.m. He will begin roasting the pig at 3:00 a.m.; he encouraged anyone who wanted to help to please do so. He reported that the Dead Week proposal that went before Academic Council was virtually shot down. The proposal was amended to read as a recommendation rather than a requirement that professors shouldn't give exams the week before finals. Next, President Coffman reported that he and Vice President Sears attended the City Commission last Tuesday and presented to the council Student Government's Resolution 97-7-F "Support for the Passing of URLTA." The bill was up for first reading at the council and will vote on it November 4, 1997. He encouraged all Congress members to attend the Regent's meeting on October 31, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in the Regent's room of Wetherby Administration Building; some of the items being discussed include University Blvd. Next, President Coffman asked Congress if they liked having guest speakers before the meetings; everyone agreed that it was very beneficial. President Coffman announced that Student Government was going to try to have more social activities to get to know each other better; Stephanie Cosby will be planning several social throughout the remainder of the year. Finally, President Coffman announced that the officers now had voice mail; if anyone has any questions, concerns or comments about anything, please stop by his office or leave a message on his voice mail.

Vice President, Leigh Ann Sears Vice President Sears announced that there were only 6 more weeks left in the semester not counting finals. She encouraged everyone to remember the goals that each committee set at the beginning of the year and to try to accomplish those goals before the end of the semester. Next, Vice President Sears announced that 85 people rode Provide-A-Ride last week. The numbers are increasing, but still get the word out. She encouraged everyone to come to tailgating on Saturday before the Homecoming game. Next, she announced that there will be a Homecoming parade Saturday morning at 10 a.m. downtown, and a pep rally downtown Thursday at 11:30 a.m. on the steps of the courthouse. If anyone is interested in attending, she and PR Director Rogers will be there. Finally, Vice President Sears announced that Student Government will be having a contest to pick the best drawing for a mural on the walls of the SGA office. All students are open to this contest; as of yet there has not been a set deadline. Jeff Swaim has agreed to paint it when selected.
Director of Public Relations  PR Director Rogers thanked everyone who wore their SEA shirts today. She encouraged everyone to go to Homecoming; it is a large event on campus and is much fun. Come to the tent for food before the game. She then challenged Congress to come up with some more good legislation and to keep up the good work. Next, PR Director Rogers handed out PR awards to Jenny Stith and Laura Hancock for all of their hard work. She closed by reading the quote of the week and wishing everyone a Happy Halloween.

Secretary, Jamie Fite  Secretary Fite apologized for not having the Seconds ready for the meeting this week, but she has been very busy with Homecoming Queen Candidate elections. She read the list of open positions which included: Graduate College, Education College, Non-Traditional, Sophomore Off-Campus, Senior Off-Campus, Pearce-Ford Tower, South Hall, and Sorority Hall. There will possibly be 4 more positions open next week due to lack of attendance by those representatives.

Treasurer, Chad Lewis  In the absence of Treasurer Lewis, Secretary Fite read the Treasurer’s report for the week. This week’s expenditures totaled $287.23 making expenditures to date totaling $10,176.02 leaving the account’s balance at $31,579.98. Secretary Fite read a note from Treasurer Lewis thanking everyone that served on the Organizational Aid Committee. The committee met for over 3 hours both last Wednesday and Thursday. First reading of the bill will come up in New Business.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs - Chairperson Matt Bastin announced that attendance was down, so come to the committee meetings. The committee nominated a new Vice-Chair; the nomination is J. Thomas. They are working on redrafting the Syllabi resolution, checking on increasing the availability of Topline and researching the Rising Exam for Juniors. He reminded Congress that there is an Academic Procedures and Regulations meeting November 4, 1997 at 3:30 p.m.

Student Affairs - Chairperson Jason Cole announced that there will be a possible Camp fair in addition to the Job/Internship fair on February 9 and the Career Fair may possibly be moved to March. The committee is also doing more extensive research on parking on campus.

LRC - Vice Chair Anne Guillory reported that the committee made some minor revisions to Resolution 97-8-F and passed it unanimously.

Constitutional Review - Chairperson Anne Guillory announced that the committee will meet immediately following tonight’s meeting to discuss Article III; the committee will also meet Thursday at 3:30 in the office.

Committee on Committees - Coordinator of Committees Stephanie Cosby reported that the committee met before the Congress meeting and discussed several items. One of those items included increasing involvement in Student Government. The committee suggested to have more social activities such as participation in intermurals. She announced that for Homecoming there will be a Chili Supper Thursday October 30 at 11:30 a.m. and Big Red’s Roar will be Friday October 31 at 7:00 p.m.; she encouraged everyone to attend.

Public Relations - Chairperson Jenny Stith announced that suggestion boxes have been placed in all residence halls and asked all residence hall representatives to check the box weekly and bring to the meetings. She is also planning to offer incentives for attendance; she encouraged everyone to have good attendance.
Campus Improvements - Vice Chair Christoph Miller announced that the committee is drafting a bill that will pay for 5,000 Designated Driver Cards for a total cost of $900. If anyone has any ideas on how to distribute the cards, please let him of Chairperson Callie Varner know. He reminded everyone about Campus Clean-Up. They committee is also drafting a resolution to get paper towels in the bathrooms in DUC.

Hillraisers - Chairperson Jason Heflin encouraged everyone to attend Big Red’s Roar October 31 at 7:00 p.m. If you are a Hillraiser, please wear your t-shirt. If you don’t have a t-shirt yet, they are finally in and will be distributed at Big Red’s Roar. The committee has been making noise makers and may be giving away restaurant gift certificates for Hillraisers at Homecoming.

Academic Council:  
  Potter College - No Report  
  Ogden College - No Report  
  Business College - No Report  
  Education College - No Report  
  Graduate College - No Report

COA  
No Report.

Unfinished Business:  
No Unfinished Business.

New Business:  
Two pieces of legislation came up for reading. Secretary Fite read Resolution 97-8-F “E-mail Addresses in Campus Phone Books” and Bill 97-2-F “Organizational Aid.” A motion was made to approve J Thomas as Vice Chair of Academic Affairs. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was made to open the floor for nominations for Congress member of the month. Those nominations included: Jenny Stith, Laura Hancock, Jason Hyde and Jason Heflin. Stephanie Cosby moved that nominations cease. Motion was seconded and passed.

Announcements:  
Vice President Leigh Ann Sears announced that tickets are still available for the Clay Walker concert; student tickets are $13 and the concert is October 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Diddle Arena. Stephanie Cosby announced that Young Democrats will meet Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in DUC 309. There will be a College Republicans meeting at 6:00 p.m on Thursday. Callie Varner asked if anyone was interested in an advanced logic class to contact the department of philosophy or her. Those wishing to order the Student Government group picture should see Jenny Stith after the meeting.

Adjournment:  
It was moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jamie Fite, Secretary  
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