Minutes of the Student Government Association
February 2, 1999

Call to Order: Vice President Chad Lewis called the regular meeting of the Student Government Association to order at 5:00pm in the Congressional Chambers of the Downing University Center.

Roll Call: Vice President of Administration Matt Bastin called roll. Those members absent included: Jacqueline Ayers, Jeremey Holman, Sarah Duckworth, Lisa Ruble, Jody Jaggers, Jason Cole, William Jones, Amy Burton, Julia Raymer, Melissa Layne, Arcenta Beasley, Kyle Matthews, Rachel Carl, Duan Wright, Charles Rogers, Kathleen Speicher, and Missy McKinnis.

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

Officer of Administration: Matt Bastin called roll.

Regents: Vice President Chad Lewis announced the resignation of Vice President of Finance Carleton Ruminer effective immediately. Mr. Lewis reported the previous account balance stood at $23,422.54. Expenditures for the week totaled $374.70, which leaves the account balance at $23,074.84. Chad reported that Provide-A-Ride use for the week of 1/21 was forty-four and 1/28 was one hundred and sixteen.

Vice President of Finance: Open – No Report

Vice President of Public Relations: Cassie Martin – Cassie Martin reminded everyone of Bowl for Kids Sake next week at 6:30 following Congress. The Vice President also reminded Congress of Coming Home on Feb. 20th and that applications for king need to be turned in by the 11th. There will be a spirit contest on Feb. 4th for the La. Tech game. Finally, Cassie handed out her first P.R. awards to Jennifer Conine and Sally Eilerman for their hard work at the retreat.

Vice President of Administration: Matt Bastin – Matt announced that open positions are on the seconds and that after next week all will revert to at-large. Matt still has notebooks for any new member needing one. The Vice President needs to meet with Jason Chilton and Leslie Bedo following the meeting. Matt reminded Congress of all the ball games this week and he closed by congratulating Amanda Kirby on being chosen to be “Big Red” next year.

Committee Academic Affairs – Larry’s committee discussed the retreat goals and discussed the university
Reports: examining the possibility of changing the alternating Friday schedules. The committee has a bill up for second reading tonight and Larry would like everyone's consideration of it. Academic Affairs is still diligently working on Faculty Appreciation Day and getting ready for it.

Legislative Research – Dwight reported that the committee discussed the following pieces of legislation and recommends them to Congress for its consideration: Bill 99-1-S Faculty Appreciation Day, Bill 99-2-S Purchase of Reference Materials, Bill 99-3-S Purchase of Paper Shredder.

Public Relations – Chairwoman Cole announced that her committee discussed the five goals established at the retreat. Her committee made posters for the Camp Fair and discussed the bulletin boards on campus.

Student Affairs – Tim’s committee reviewed the retreat and camp fair. His committee is working on the Spring Break forum, movie premier, opening post office on Saturday, Student Health Evaluation, “Did You Know”, and Finals Coffeehouse.

Campus Improvements – Chairman Bogard’s committee discussed their semester goals, they elected Joe Morel to be their vice-chair, and they voted to sponsor a piece of legislation regarding emergency telephone’s on south campus. They are also looking into shuttle bus stops and placement of the suggestion boxes.

Hillraisers – Chairwoman Eilerman reminded Congress of several events planned for the remaining basketball games this season. The committee also is beginning to plan for the Hilltoppers baseball season.

Academic Council: Potter College, Jason Nemes – No Report
Ogden College, Mandy Coates – Mandy reported that there is a proposal in the university to combine the faculty senate and academic council.

Business College, Open – No Report
Education College, Christen Gibbs – Christen stressed the importance of keeping in touch with the proposed change to the Academic Council.

C.O.A. No Report

Special Orders: Chief Justice Ryan Morrison gave the monthly report for January. He reported that the Judicial Council is continuing to examine the election codes and heard two attendance reviews.


Stephanie Cosby appointed Nathan Hopper to serve on the Email Rules and Regulations Committee. There was a motion to accept and it was seconded. Motion approved.

Stephanie appointed Jenny Stith to the Judicial Council. There was a motion to approve and a second. Motion approved.

Chad Lewis appointed Joe Morel to be vice chair of campus improvements upon their request. Motion was made and seconded. Motion approved.
Unfinished Bill 99-1-S Faculty Appreciation Day was read for second reading. Author Larry Murphy spoke in favor. David Wilkins raised a question. David Lodmell made a motion to accept Bill 99-1-S and it was seconded. Motion approved.

Bill 99-2-S Purchase of Reference Materials was read for second reading. Author Dwight Campbell spoke in favor. David Lodmell raised a question about prices. Eddie Schwab made a motion to accept Bill 99-2-S and it was seconded. Motion approved.

Bill 99-3-S Purchase of Paper Shredder was read for second reading. Author Dwight Campbell spoke in favor. David Lodmell made a motion to accept Bill 99-3-S and it was seconded. Motion approved.

New Business: Bill 99-4-S Excellence in Teaching Award Implementation was read for first reading.

Announcements: No Reports

Adjournment: Rick Malek made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Motion was approved and meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew D. Bastin
VP of Administration, 1998-1999