USGA SENATE MEETING

Date: February 27, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Tiffany Goldsmith presiding and Latesha Story recording.

Members Absent: Matt Ryan  
Lauri Waid  
Rishuan Wilson  
Alena Downs  
Ashley Gardner  
Stephanie McWhorter

Members Tardy: Tamika Taylor

The reading of the minutes were waived and accepted as typed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: NR

Services: The Service Committee “Meet Your Senators Cookout” will be held on March 17, 2004 from 12 pm-2-pm. Next month the “Sex in the City” educational program will be held. Attempts are being made to reserve the Alumni Auditorium. Additionally, if the “Cool Off Car Wash” is approved by administration, the event will be held next month.

Finance: NR

Internship Coordinator: Joshua has contacted all newly elected senators for the 2004-2005 administration. The individuals not reached directly were left with a message. So, far five Senators are scheduled for internship during the next two weeks. All internships should be completed by Spring Break. The next interest meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 6:00pm in HUC 435.

Travel Grant: There will be a Travel Grant Committee meeting held Friday, March 5, 2004 at 1:00pm in HUC 440. If anyone is interested in joining please contact Nimisha Patel at nimikp@uab.edu.

Publicity: Rachel is currently working on publicity for programs and services events. Invitations for the inaugural banquet need typing. Help is need, therefore, if anyone is able please contact Rachel Bevis, Publicity Chair.

Executive: NR

SCHOOL REPORTS:

A&H: NR  
BUS: NR  
ENG: NR  
SBS: NR  
NSM: Senators Harville and Shulman met with Dean Wenger Tuesday, February 24, 2003 to discuss to possibility of an addition of a Biology Study Rm/Computer Lab. The dean stated that there wasn’t enough room for the project; however, he will introduce the ideal next week to the faculty chairs of the department. They also discussed early notification of the math placement tests for incoming students. Dean Wenger stated, that the placement test will be based on the ACT Math score for placement into a math course,
however, students will have the option of placing into a higher math course if they choose to take a placement exam. Introductory chemistry labs will be moved to the Community Health Bldg and the Organic Chemistry Labs will be moved to the CGA Annex. Additionally, Dean Wenger would like to start an advisory council, with student representatives along within faculty in the department.

**EDU:** Tawanda Mooney met with the Student Concern Committee on February 26, 2004 at 1:30pm to finalize the plans for the annual student awards ceremony, which is scheduled for April 20, 2004 in the Alys Stephens Center at 6:00pm. As the senator of EDU, Ms. Mooney, will volunteer to greet the guests and pass out programs at eh ceremony. The next Student Concern Committee meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2004 at 1:30pm in EB226. The committee appointed Ms. Mooney as acting recording secretary for the remainder of the semester.

**GS:** Representatives for the School of General Studies are in the process of making changes to the General Studies Official Website. The Director of General Studies also proposed that the representatives form a list of ideals that would help increase student participation in GS events.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Amendments SP-18-04 through SP-32-04 was voted upon by the Senate, all but SP-20-04 passed. However, there was a motion to reconsider the vote on Amendments SP-27-04 through SP-31-04 and all were tabled until the next Senate meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**EXCUSES:** An extended leave was granted to Senators Alena Downs, Rishaun Wilson, and Stephanie McWhorter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm until March 12, 2004 at 6:00pm in HUC 440.

Respectfully submitted,

Latesha Story
USGA Secretary