USGA SENATE MEETING

DATE: June 20, 2003

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.

Tiffany Goldsmith presiding and Latesha Story recording.

Members Absent: Matt Ryan
Members Tardy: Yvette Harris (6:02pm)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS: The Programs Committee meetings are scheduled for Fridays at 1:00pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held June 27, 2003. The committee has been passing out ice cream during the Student Expo, and volunteers are needed. The remaining dates are Thursday June 26, July 17, July 24, and August 7.

SERVICES: The Services Committee meetings will be held every other Monday at 5:30p.m. UAB is hosting a Summer Service weekend in Florida Aug. 1-3. If any one is interested please see Mary to receive details.

FINANCE: The Finance Committee has been working on passing the summer and fall budget bill. More funds have been found and proper adjustments have been made. The summer budget bill will be presented today and the fall budget bill should be presented at the next senate meeting. The Finance committee meetings will be held every other Fridays at 5:30p.m.

INTERNSHIP: The first Internship meeting was held on Monday, June 16, 2003, at 6:00p.m. in HUC 435. Fourteen participants were present. As of today, only nine of the 14 have completed office hours. Each participant was given a copy of the constitution, parliamentary procedures, voting procedures, and examples of a bill, an amendment, and a resolution. For those who have not completed their hours, an email will be sent tonight to notify them that they are officially out of the Internship Program. The next internship meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 2003, at 6:00p.m. in HUC 435.

TRAVEL GRANT: The Travel Grant Committee has been working on allocating funds to pay students from the previous administration.

PUBLICITY: The Publicity coordinator has been working with the Internship coordinator towards the purchase of USGA pullovers.

EXECUTIVE: After the senate confirmation on the appointed executive members, Derrick has notified every executive member of his/her responsibility for doing five weekly office hours and the development of committees. In developing committees, it is required of senators to serve on at least one standing committee (programs, finance, or services) and senators are encouraged to also support other committees such as travel grant and publicity. Derrick is in need of assistance in the development of the President’s Council which includes the following positions: Greek Ambassadors (NPHC, IFC, and NPC), Athletics Ambassador, Transportation and Safety Ambassador, Food and Facilities Ambassador, Campus Housing Ambassador, and Public Relations Advisor. The development of this Council will allow Derrick to be flexible to maneuver more efficiently with upper level administration, attend an assortment of required meetings, and maintain other presidential responsibilities while remaining a productive student. For all individuals that are interested in the Constitutional Revision committee please see Derrick immediately after the meeting. Derrick’s current presidential moves include “walking up the ladder”. This is an arrangement of strategic meetings with the administration to discuss the current status of the USGA, various obstacle, and possible solutions to problems plaguing the USGA and the student body. Derrick has
already met with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Andy Marsh and will be meeting with Dr. Virginia Gauld next week. Additionally, this pass weekend the Executive Branch held a successful annual executive retreat at Twin Pine Resort. At the retreat the Branch reviewed the constitution in detail, covered all financial documents, and proposed agenda for the senate retreat.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

ARTS & HUMANITIES: Building project for the Arts & Humanities Building, Hulsey Center, & Alys Stephens Center have officially started this week. By the time fall semester starts, some classes will be back in the Hulsey Center (i.e., Choir and Band). The new Hulsey Center will be completed by summer 2004. Student lounges in the Arts & Humanities Building and Hulsey Center will be implemented soon. The academic wing for the Theatre and Music Departments will have study areas for students. The renovations in the Arts Department for the photography dark room have been completed.

Upcoming events for Arts & Humanities
Gospel Choir Workshop, July 24-26
Community Band concert, July 4, Bartow Arena
13th Street Ensemble, “Private Lives,” June 18-21, 25-28, all shows start at 7:30 P.M., with the exception of Saturday shows, which start at 2:00 P.M.

Fall 2003:

Dr. Kincaid, Department of Philosophy will be having an Ethics Conference in November. It will be interfaced with School of Medicine.

Sonya Reiger will be having a photography conference in the Visual Arts Gallery.

The Department of Theatre will be possibly having an American College Theatre Festival in the fall. This festival will bring students from different schools to perform twenty plays at the UAB Theatre, Virginia-Samford Theatre, and at Birmingham-Southern College.

A newsletter that deals solely with the School of Arts & Humanities will be published again in Mid-August. This is a semi-annual newsletter.

BUSINESS: No report.

ENGINEERING: John Thomas from the School of Engineering is Co-Chairing on the Homecoming Committee and Chris Hewitt is Sub-Co-Chairing. Volunteers for the committee are needed. If anyone is interested please see Chris Hewitt after the meeting.

SOCIAL & BEHAVIOR SCIENCES: No report.

NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS: The Dean of Natural Science will be out of the office doing research until the end July therefore, the school’s representatives scheduled a meeting with the associate dean Dr. Charles Watkins Tuesday June 24, 2003 at 3:00pm. The representative of Natural Science and Mathematics will be discussing things going on in the school.

EDUCATION: Senator Roberts is in the process of working on a calendar of events for the School of Education. She is also in the process of meeting with the School of Education SGA and the associated dean of the school. The school will be hosting lunch seminars and releasing biweekly newsletters.

GENERAL STUDIES: No report.
OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Amendment SU-I-03 was presented to the Senate. This amendment was designed to only allow former senators exemption from the internship process and not allow students who are not approved by the Senate twice eligibility to Senatorship. Amendment SU-I-03 passed 9-0-0. Bill SU-II-03 was presented to the Senate and passed 9-0-0.

The Senate meeting that was scheduled for July 4, 2003 was rescheduled to June 27, 2003 by a vote of 9-0-0.

APPOINTMENTS: David Shulman was appointed Vice-Chair of the Senate.

EXCUSES: Joshua Rainey was excused from the May 23, 2003 meeting. Aneel Gill and Tawanda Mooney were excused from the June 6, 2003 meeting. Yvette Harris and Niya Rogers were excused from the May 23, 2003 and June 6, 2003 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Senator workshop will be held on July 25-27. A refundable deposit of $25 is to Mrs. Wanda due by July 11. Senators please remember to complete office hours. Additionally, Senator Siddhartha Goenka forfeited his seat.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm until Friday June 27, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Latesha Story
USGA Secretary