USGA SENATE MEETING

Date: July 18, 2003

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Tiffany Goldsmith presiding and Latesha Story recording.

Members Absent:   Heather Gullitch
Jessica Lemons
Abbie Sumners

Members Tardy:   Maria Zamora (6:10pm)
David Shulman (6:10pm)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS: The next programs committee meeting will be held next Thursday July 24, 2003 at 3:30pm. Currently, the committee is planning for a Fall Festival which will be held on September 25, 2003 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Goals for the event are to have a diverse audience, collaboration with other organizations, increase student attendance to approximately 500-600 students, and delegation of responsibilities.

SERVICES: The Service Committee will volunteer on Thursday, August 14, 2003, from 5:30-7:30pm for Parent’s night at Children’s Hospital. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Mary Vignolo. The committee decided on Frisbees for giveaways at the Voter Registration Drive in August.

FINANCE: The Finance Committee held its second meeting on July 11, 2003 and has begun its training process. The Chairperson (Christine Lee), Vice Chair (Jonathan Noote), and Secretary (Maria Zamora) was appointed. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2003 at 8:00pm in HUC 440 due to the upcoming senate retreat. The committee is also in the process of passing the Fall Budget Bill which will be brought before the Senate at the next senate meeting.

INTERNSHIP: Currently, there are two interns, which will possibly go up for appointment within two weeks. The next Internship Interest meeting will be held on Monday July 21, 2003 at 6:00pm in HUC 440. An ad was placed in the Kaleidoscope concerning the meeting, and this will be the last meeting of the Semester. The first fall meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2003, @ 3:00p.m. in HUC 440.

TRAVEL GRANT: The Travel Grant Coordinator has been finishing travel grants from the previous year.

PUBLICITY: NR

EXECUTIVE: Introduction of Resolution SU-I-03.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

ARTS & HUMANITIES: The representatives for the School of Arts & Humanities met with the dean Mr. Brouwer about the possibility of making the TV Studio on campus a fully functional TV station, whom referred the representative to Dr. Mark Hickson, the Department Chair of the Communications Department. The representatives also suggested the possibility of having a WBHM 90.3 and Blazerradio merge. They were referred to Student Publications, Andy Marsh, and Dr. Gauld.

-The music department is sponsoring an Alma Mater Competition which is designed to introduce an Alma Mater to UAB. As of now, UAB only has a fight song. The competition is open to all students, and competitors must present words and music to the Department of Music no later than September 1, 2003
The communication department recently added a masters program for those in Mass Communication which will officially start in fall.

There was also a discussion of the Tax plan. Sean Brouwer stated that there would not be a departmental cut, all faculty members will be maintained, and the budget will be cut only by 6.3%
- Additionally, the representative proposed that the department host a Meet & Greet for the students within the school. This will give students an opportunity to get acquainted with senators and the dean.
- The representative from the School from A&H will be hosting a student forum in fall.

**Summer & Fall Events:**
*Gospel Choir Workshop, July 24-26, 2003. A concert will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2003 @ 7:00pm. Admission is $5 for general admission, and $3 for students/faculty/staff/children twelve and under.
*Dr. Kincaid, Department of Philosophy, will be hosting an ethics conference in November.
*Sonya Reiger will have a photography conference in the Visual Arts Gallery this fall.
*American College Theatre Festival hosted by the Department of Theatre in fall.

**BUSINESS: NR**

**ENGINEERING:** Senator Hewett and Hakima established an email address for the School of Engineering, UABENGSenators@yahoo.com and are preparing flyers to distribute throughout the department.

**SOCIAL & BEHAVIOR SCIENCES:** The Dean for the School of Social and Behavior Sciences was contacted earlier this week to schedule an appointment; however, there has not been any response. The representatives will continue to contact the office in hope on obtaining an appointment time and date.

**NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHMATICS:** When representatives met with the dean of NSM, he stated that he was going to switch over with the math supplement structure; however, with this structure there is an attempt to end the biology and Chemistry study group. The representatives are in the process of scheduling a meeting to discuss the issue.

**EDUCATION:** The representative from the School of Education held a meeting with the Dean, Dr. Michael Froning, and Associate Dean, Dr. Mona Eason, of Education Friday July 18, 2003 @ 3:00p.m. There was a discussion of recruitment ideas and the representatives offered their assists to the Director of Student Services and to the Recruitment Coordinator for the School of Education. Dr. Mona Eason would like to introduce the representatives to the Faculty at the Faculty retreat that will be held on August 19th, 2003. Additionally, permission was given to the representative to post flyer within the school and in the announcement case, which is one method of recruitment.

**GENERAL STUDIES:** On July 17, 2003, Rachel Bevis, representative of General Studies, met with Nancy Washburn. They decided to include USGA information in the General Studies packages that is given out during student orientation to broaden students’ knowledge of the student government. Flyers that contain Senators contact information for the School of General Studies will be posted in CB 15, Campbell Hall, Chemistry Building, Education Building, Art & Humanities, and in the HUC. As of next week, General Studies representative’s picture and contact information will be added to the General Studies webpage.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The attempt of the Senate to override the presidential veto to Amendment SU-I-03 failed by a vote of 8-3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** First reading of Amendment to the Code of Laws S 906 (Amendment # SU-II-03) and S906.2 (Amendment # SU-III-03). These amendments were a rewrite of Amendment SU-I-03 with presidential suggested changes.

-Resolution SU-I-03 was introduced by Derrick Green, USGA President, in support of Governor Riley’s Alabama Tax proposal. The resolution will be voted upon by the senate on Aug. 1, 2003, and Gov. Riley’s proposal will be voted upon by the state of Alabama on September 9, 2003. To obtain more information
there will be a tax reform debate held on August 4, 2003 in the Alys Stephen Center, UAB faculty form on August 19, and Gov. Riley will be speaking at UAB on August 27, 2003 @ 12pm.

-A motion was made by Senator Rainey to incorporate senate quizzes developed to evaluate senators knowledge of the Constitution. The motion was accepted by a vote of 9-3-4. A committee of a least one senator from each school will be form to discuss the quizzes.

APPOINTMENTS: There was a motion made by Senator Ryan to appoint Jonathan Noote to the Senate, however, the motion failed by a vote of 9-7-0.

EXCUSES: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Senate Retreat will be held on July 25-27, 2003. Buses will leave out at 4:15pm and every one should arrive at the HUC by 3:30pm to discuss ground rules. Things to remember to bring: sleeping bags/linen pillow, soap, towel, personal hygiene items, two 2 liter drinks, and two different snacks.

-Latesha Story stated that as mention previously, please remember that reports are due and should be submitted prior to the Senate meeting at 5pm in the secretary’s box.

-Next service committee will be held on August 14, 2003.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm until August 1, 2003 @ 6:00pm in the 15th Class Rm Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Latesha Story