USGA SENATE MEETING

DATE: August 29, 2003

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Tiffany Goldsmith presiding and Latesha Story recording.

Members Absent: Barbi Agricola
Heather Gullitch
Jessica Lemons

Members Tardy: Aneel Gill (6:03pm)
Matt Ryan (6:03pm)
Chaquila Singleton (6:01pm)
Katrina Driessnack (6:03pm)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Programs: The Programs Committee had their first meeting of the semester on Tuesday August 26, 2003 at 7:00p.m. The committee continued planning for Blazer Fire and Pride Day and the Fall Festival. Blazer Fire and Pride event will be held on September 13, 2003 from 3:30-5:30p.m. The menu for this event is hamburgers, hotdogs, polish sausages, chicken wings, and more. There will also be a spirit rally at the event. Set-up will begin at 12:00p.m. and take down will begin at 5:30p.m. Everyone is expected to attend and help make this event a success. A volunteer list will be passed around.

-The Fall festival will be held on September 25, 2003 from 6:00-9:00p.m. Attraction such as carnival games, rides, cotton candy, snow cones, candy apples, and much more will be provided. Lakesha is in need of several volunteers to work the event. Set up will begin around 2:30p.m.

-The committee also began planning its budget for the Spring Semester.

Services: Amendment FA-10-03 will be present tonight to provide funding of the September 11 Candle Light Memorial. Volunteers are needed to help work the event. Set up will begin at 4:30p.m. and a few tables will be set up that contains counseling and USGA information. Dr. Gauld will be the speaker for the event. The event will begin at 6:30p.m. in the mini park.

-The first meeting of the fall will be held on Wednesday, September 03, 2003 at 8:30p.m. in HUC 440. The topic of discussion will be Blazer Fire & Pride.

Finance: NR

Internship: A Senate Interest Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2003 at 3:00p.m. in HUC 435. The meeting has been well publicized, and it is open to all students. A Yahoo! Group has been setup specifically for the internship program. The group is located at http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/usgainternship.

Travel Grant: NR

Publicity: NR
Executive: Derrick recently met with Dr. Garrison, UAB President, for a discussion on general concerns and the USGA future success at the university. At the meeting, Derrick was asked to make monthly presentations at the vice-president meetings which would consist of student issues. Derrick would like to see the USGA involvement in this assignment. Additionally, Derrick met with the policy advisor council, and the next meeting will be scheduled for December. He was asked to serve on the food and service committee. If anyone has any concerns that they would like to address, please contact Derrick by Thursday, September 04, 2003. He also briefly spoke with the parking director, Kim Fort, and assistant director, Charles Browder about a few issues concerning parking and transportation.

-USGA has received positive feedback from its involvement in the Tax Rally Reform. As of now the administration is showing a strong interest in the USGA, and now is questioning who will be the future leader of the USGA. If anyone is interested please contact Derrick Green.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

A&H: All flyers have been posted within the building of the School of Arts & Humanities. The school of Arts & Humanities will be holding a forum on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00p.m. in HUC 411. Coca-Cola is donating a sign that will be displayed in front of the Arts & Humanities Building at least a week prior to the forum.

-The Music Department is sponsoring an Alma Mater Competition. Anyone who is interested must present words and music to the Music Department no later than September 1, 2003. The winner will be announced by October 1, 2003.

Events for the 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 this fall.

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.

BUS: The representatives from the school of Business met with the dean, Dr. Holmes, on Thursday, August 28th, 2003 and discussed the following issues:
-course availability and overcrowding
-development of a Business Honors Program
-Gov. Bob Riley’s Tax Plan
-the University’s strategic plan

ENG: A meeting has been scheduled with the School of engineering dean for Friday, September 19, 2003 at 3:00pm.

SBS: The representative from the School of Social and Behavior Science met with dean on August 13th, 2003. There was a discussion of structure improvements within the Ulman building, computer lab hours, and a town hall meeting. The dean agreed to add a link from the SBS website to the USGA SBS website and approved of flyers and surveys that the representatives intend to pass out to students. It was suggested that the representatives meet at least twice a semester with the dean in the future.

NSM: The Department of Biology will be hosting a Welcome Back Picnic for Biology majors on September 10, 2003 from 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. in the UAB Mini Park. Lunch will be served to all Biology majors with tickets. Free tickets can be picked up form Kathy Angus or Amanda Horton in Campbell Hall Rooms 100 and 101 beginning on September 2. Only 300 tickets will be printed. This event will be an
opportunity to become aware of various volunteer, career or post-baccalaureate opportunities in the
Birmingham area.

**EDU:** On August 27, 2003 the representatives from the school of education met with Dr. Froning. There
was a discussion of inadequately scheduled classes.

**GS:** The General Studies senator email address was added to General Studies’ official website. General
Studies will be hosting an open house on September 24, 2003. The editor for general studies will like to do
a newsletter on senators; this process will begin next week. The representatives also created new goals for
the school.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Derrick Green presented Amendments SU-II-03, SU-III-03, and SU-IV-03 in which he
vetoed, stating, “The amendments may not give the future administration the flexibility needed to adapt to
changing circumstances that may occur.”

-Impeachment process: the Ad Hoc committee that was formed to investigate Summer Well’s job
performance, as Publicity Coordinator for the USGA, found her delinquent of her job responsibilities.
After careful consideration of the matter, the committee recommended the removal of Ms. Wells from the
position of USGA Publicity Coordinator. Ms. Wells was removed from her position by the Senate with a
vote of 18-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution FA-II-03 was presented to the senate and passed with a vote of 13-0-5.
This resolution was originated by the USGA president in support of Governor Bob Riley’s Tax plan.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**EXCUSES:** Heather Gullitch was excused from the August 1, 2003 senate meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Each school is now required to present a senate program at the scheduled senate
meeting. In case of a student forum each school is asked to make two presentations, one for five to ten
minutes and a summarized version for two to five minutes. If a student forum takes place the summarized
version should be presented.
- The School of Education is sponsoring a shadowing program for student interested in the field of teaching.
  For more information please contact the representatives of Niya Rogers of Tawanda Mooney.
- Next Service committee meeting will be Sept. 3, 2003 at 8:30p.m.
- Next Thursday is UAB first home football game. The featured guest will be Ruben.
- Every senator should be attending committee meetings. Failure to do so will reflect one’s senate record.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47pm until September 13, 2003 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Latesha Story
USGA Secretary