

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Student Senate Minutes
January 30, 2007

Michael Chirico, President
Jason F. Hicks, Senate Chair

- Meeting was called to order at 5:21 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll was called
- Minutes were approved
- **Guest Speakers**
 - Athena Palmer – Teach for America
 - Places upcoming college graduates in rural schools to help educate – Deadline is February 18th – Go to www.teachforamerica.org for application
 - Beth Wilson – UT Ambassador Scholars
 - If you want to get involved, look online at the admissions website. It's a great program!
 - Catherine Cocke – Dance Marathon
 - Everyone should register! The event is February 23rd and 24th! You can register online at www.utkdm.com. It can be an office hour for February!
 - Kathryn Elam and Martin Penny – Motar Board Membership chairs
 - Honors society that represents the top 50 leaders on campus. They do fun things like pen pals with Teach for America; Meet once a month; you should apply, you need a 3.29 and need to be graduating in December or next May; applications are due February 16th and are available online.
- **Senate President's Report**
 - Orange and White Week Planning Committee – sign up after meeting or email sga2@utk.edu
 - Walk in My Shoes – need two senators to help, so sign up after meeting or email sga2@utk.edu
- **Other Officer's Reports**
 - Jason Hicks, Senate Chair
 - Get your bills in
 - Dean Thompson has an update of the bills that have been passed, so if you want to check them out, come down after meeting
 - Anna York, Student Services
 - Get more people to apply for Student Services; we want to get a lot more people involved!
 - Eddie Woodruff, GSS President
 - Don't forget about the Library Fun Run! February 24th! Come to the SGA office for registration forms and info; email gss@utk.edu with any questions! This counts for an office hours also!
 - Zak Kelley, Freshman Council
 - Meeting on Thursday
 - Last week passed a resolution regarding Mobile Campus
- **Old Business**

Bill 17-07 - A Bill Creating Senatorial Representation for the Chancellor's Honors Program, Michael Jones, Arts & Science Senator; Catherine Cocke, College of Health, Education, and Human Services Senator, failed, needed 2/3 vote to pass – 34-12-6

Bill 18-07 – E-mail Confirmation System for Arts & Sciences' Advising Appointment, Jennifer Oros & Natalie Townsend, Arts & Sciences Senators; Kelly Carter, Humes Hall Senator, passed 47-0-1

Bill 19-07 – A Bill to Restore and Retain the Position of University Historian, John O'Connor, Arts & Sciences Senator, passed 52-0-0

Bill 20-07 – A Bill Requesting More Information Available for Study Abroad in the Department of Social Work, Leigh Ann Poole, College of Social Work Senator, passed 49-0-0

Bill 21-07 – A Bill to Recruit, Retain, and Monitor the Status of Minority Faculty and Staff at The University of Tennessee, Jasmine Davis, Morrill Hall Senator; Jonathan Reid, Rental Properties Senator; Larry Sykes, Hess Hall Senator; Kenneth Wood, College of Business Senator, passed 42-2-8

Res 08-07 – A Resolution to Encourage Instructors to Utilize Online End-of-Semester Evaluation Instead of the In-Class Paper Version, Matt Meyer, Fort Sanders Senator; Emily Parsons, Arts & Sciences Senator, passed 31-12-5

Bill 22-07 – A Bill to Change the Timing of the Lights at the Intersection of Volunteer and Andy Holt the Hours of 7:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Mark Harmon, College of Business Senator, passed 42-0-2

Bill 23-07 – A Bill to Establish an Email Distribution List for Pre-Health Students, Rachel Hughes, Arts & Sciences Senator; Ashley Goody & Lauren Moore, Commuter Senators; Paris Hooke, Rental Properties Senator, tabled until next meeting

Bill 24-07 – Adding a Crosswalk to 20th Street Located between Andy Holt Apartments and Morrill Hall, Jennifer Wilson & Kelly Carter, Humes Hall Senators, passed 40-1-3

- **New Business**

- Leave of absence for Coleton Bragg; Replacement is Zach Cavitt

- New Senators were sworn in

- The following bills will be voted on at the next meeting:

- Res 09-07** – To Encourage the Southeastern Conference to Grant Member Institutions the Freedom to Decide how to Properly and Respectfully Celebrate Team Victories, John Rader, Fraternity Park Senator

- Bill 26-07** – A Bill to Create an International Student Liaison Position in Senate, Beth Wilson, South Carrick Senator

- Bill 27-07** – Amendment to the Student Government Association Constitution to Better Student Services, Taylor Reynolds, North Carrick Senator, Rachel Moran, College of Arts & Sciences Senator – Friendly amendment to make this effective in the Spring 2008 election

- Res 10-07** – Mobile Campus Resolution – John Rader, Fraternity Park Senator, amendment to add: Lauren Eppolito, Massey Hall Senator; Lauren Everett, Greve Hall Senator; and Julianna Maston, Commuter Senator as sponsors to the bill. Moved to vote today – Passed 38-1-3

- Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.