

**Report to the Faculty Senate for October 27, 2006**  
**Student Activities, Religious Life and University Relations Committee**  
Linda Ables, Chair

The committee met on October 24 to hear from representatives of the following organizations: Music Teachers' National Association and American Institute for Graphic Artists. Both were granted unanimous approval. Approval also needs to be secured from the board of trustees. A statement regarding the purpose of these groups is attached.

Frank Parsons responded to concerns about students' grade reports requested by fraternities and sororities which are passed on to other students. Mr. Parsons clarified the process for this which is under the supervision of a faculty sponsor and is only by the student in question having signed an agreement authorizing the release of this information.

Campus minister Matt Kerlin gave an update on the projected convo changes which he had presented to the committee on Sept. 5. After consulting with representatives of the administration and the executive committee of the faculty senate, he reports that his proposal will be brought before the senate at the October meeting.

Phillip Poole from University Relations stated the need for a faculty representative for next year's homecoming committee to be named. Angela Thomason from the school of pharmacy agreed to serve, but since she is expecting a baby in March, Linda Ables will serve as co-representative.

Minutes of the meeting are also attached.

Submitted by: Linda Ables, Chair  
Report given by: Ken Kirby, Recorder

Organization name: (MTNA) Music Teachers National Association

Organization type: Professional / Educational

Department Affiliation: Music

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Mrs. Connie Macon

Purpose: The mission of Music Teachers National Association is to advance the value of music study and music making to society and to support the professionalism of music teachers. The association maintains two subsidiary programs: MTNA Professional Certification Program and the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND. The Professional Certification Program exists to improve the level of professionalism within the field and the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND supports programs to financially assist teachers and students with their educational pursuits while providing an opportunity for individual and corporate support of MTNA and its programs.

Organization name: (AIGA) American Institute for Graphic Artists

Organization type: Professional / Educational

Department Affiliation: Art

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Mr. Scott Fisk

Purpose: The purpose of AIGA is to encourage students to take the first steps in demonstrating a commitment to their professional interest and assisting them in understanding the profession. The goal of the student groups is to get the student involved in local design community, create a community of their own and help them build leadership skills that will be valuable as they move into the professional world.

SARLUR committee meeting  
October 24, 2006  
Minutes

Present at the meeting:

Angela Thomason  
Frank Parsons, Jr.  
Philip Poole  
Jean Thomason  
Patricia Outlaw  
Matt Kerlin  
Chad Carson  
Dick Franklin  
Mark Castle  
Ken Kirby, recorder  
Linda Ables, chair

Patricia Outlaw opened with Scripture and prayer.

New business

Student Rachel Meeks presented information on the Music Teachers National Association via a handout and brief oral presentation. Connie Macon, faculty advisor of the group, was present. Their request was for the committee to recommend that Samford form an official chapter of MTNA. After a few questions, Chad Carson moved that the request be approved; Jean Thomason seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Frank Parsons introduced Sarah Murray, who was bringing a request that Samford be allowed to start a student chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts. Scott Fisk, faculty advisor, was present. Sarah presented information on the AIGA via a handout and brief oral presentation. After a few questions, Mark Castle moved that the request be approved, and Chad Carson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dick Franklin pointed out that after approval of this committee, these requests must be presented to the university trustees for their final approval.

Old business

Frank Parsons reported on an issue raised by Scott McGinnis concerning the reporting of grades to fraternity members. Parsons reported that such grade reporting is not mandatory and that there are no violations of regulations or laws. He said he would continue to monitor this process. There was brief discussion but no objection.

Matt Kerlin reported on changes to Convo that he had proposed in the Sept. 5 meeting. He had met with the executive committee of the faculty senate and taken recommendations for minor revisions to his proposal and will meet with the senate on Oct. 27 for final approval.

There was no vote or action taken on either of these matters of old business.

Other matters

Philip Poole reported on Homecoming activities and the need for a faculty representative on the Homecoming committee, which usually came from the SARLUR committee. Linda Ables and Angela Thomason volunteered to serve as co-representatives; no one objected to their serving.

Linda Ables adjourned the meeting.