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**Senators in Attendance:**

Susan Allen, Adnan Aydin, Robert Albritton, Michael Barnett, Melissa Bass, Will Berry, Sarah Blackwell, Mark Bing, David Case, Judith Cassidy, Yunghee Chang , Jason Dewland, Robert Doerksen, Daneel Ferreira, Les Field, John Garner, Carol Gohm, Jason Kovari, John Lobur, Soumyajit Majumdar, Mustafa Matalgah, Erwin Mina-Diaz, Ann Monroe, Mike Mossing, Stephanie Noble, Brice Noonan, Brian Reithel, Philip Rhodes, Charles Ross, Jeff Roux, Bashir Salau, Chris Sapp, Paul Scovazzo, Zia Shariat-Madar, Steven Skultety, Jason Solinger, Debra Spurgeon, Don Summers, Durant Thompson , Lollie Vaughan, Mark Walker, Alex Watson, Donna West-Strum, Lorri Williamson, Ethel Young Minor, Ahmet Yukleyen

**Senators absent with prior notification:**

Amanda Johnston

**Senators absent with replacements:**

Brian Reithel replaced by Milam Aiken  
Don Summers replaced by Emanuele Berti

**Senators absent without notification:**

Chung Song, Bill Chappell, Ronald Schroeder, Mark Dole

## Agenda

- Senator Albritton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- First order of business: Approve minutes of last meeting
  - Moved by Sen. Lobur
    - Seconded by Sen. Barnett
    - Approved unanimously
- Second order of business: Committee Reports
  - Executive Committee
    - Some senators have expressed a need for more detailed agendas.
    - This should be brought before the senate as a whole
    - Issue of representation for nontenured faculty
    - AAUP has recommended that chair of AAUP governance committee come and speak to us in February on this issue
    - Move to table representation issue until February
    - Seconded by Senator Barnett
    - Approved unanimously
    - Sen. Lobur: Can we get some numbers?
    - Sen. Albritton: Yes
  - Academic Affairs
    - University tobacco-free campus
    - Adoption of a resolution in support of this
    - Passed unanimously in committee
    - Move to adopt said proposal
    - Seconded
    - Comment: resolution has no teeth
    - Sen. Lobur: Should be some provision made for people who are addicted
    - Sen. Harker: Will place an undue burden on 9-5 staff workers
    - Sen. Barnett: Concerns about disadvantages in hiring
    - Millions of potential candidates could be turned off
    - 14 MS schools don't have such bans in place
    - Stricter enforcement preferable to outright ban
    - Background and rationale explained and summarized from resolution by committee chair
    - Would include no smoking in the Grove
    - People encouraged to take advantage of "cessation programs"
    - Violators will be "verbally warned" with "reasonable fine" as an ultimate penalty
    - Question: Who would issue the fine?
    - Unclear; perhaps the campus police
    - Division of Student Affairs authored and endorsed proposal
    - Staff council has done so as well
    - Comment: Under existing system, certain areas are designated for smoking. Have campus police refused to enforce it?
    - People have been flaunting it
    - If the current policy is not enforced, who is to say that this new one will be enforced?

- Question: Does this include snuff and chewing tobacco?
    - Yes
    - Move the previous question: Moved that the senate endorse the DOSA proposal for a tobacco-free campus
    - Seconded
    - Yea 15
    - Nay 13
    - Motion passes
    - Request that vote totals be forwarded along with resolution
  - Academic Support
    - No report
  - Finance
    - No report
    - Subpoint2
    - Subpoint3
  - University Services
    - Report on distracted driving (e.g. cell phone use)
    - Mississippi state law prevents local distracted driving laws; state laws are only route for this
    - Multiple such bills have died in committee
    - Education campaigns are only possibility at present
    - See attached for full copy
    - GOVERNANCE: No Report
- Third order of business: Old business
  - Electing COIA representative
    - Will Berry from Law volunteered
    - Nominated
    - Moved
    - Approved by acclamation
- Fourth order of business: New business
  - Nontenured representatives tabled
  - Cell phone use addressed above
  - Support for "green fund"
    - Students pressing for small fee to tuition for funding projects for an energy-sustainable campus
    - MS State has a similar program
    - Sen. Watson: How can a fee be charged when Chancellor has said that fees cannot be charged?
    - Would go to IHL for "tuition increase" with the new money going into the fund
    - Sen. Lobur: Would be a student-controlled fund
    - Sen. Doerksen: ASB president has vetoed item according to DM
    - Has actually been sent back for clarification
    - Sen. Albritton: Should be tabled for now; perhaps a representative could brief us
  - Sen. Harker: \$2 mil to athletics; Faculty should move to stop this

- Sen. Albritton: Used to be a fee; is now a tuition deduction
- Should be referred to a committee, perhaps Finance
  - Comment: much of money subsidizes student ticket prices; committee can look into it
  - Sen. Barnett: Should that include all "tuition fees" including, for example, subsidized tickets for theater events?
  - Sen. Harker: No, just athletics
  - Comment: All sports, or just revenue-generating sports?
  - Sen. Harker: specific concern is for tuition money going to athletics in a time of high athletic income (e.g. from TV)
  - Comment: What about the rifle team and other low-profit to no-profit teams?
  - Sen. Harker: Information would be welcome
- Provost Stocks' slides from several meetings ago: Need to be circulated as promised
- Fifth order of business: January meeting
  - Motion to forego late January mtg. in favor of February only
    - Moved
    - Seconded
    - Approved unanimously
- Senator Albritton closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.