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- a. Brackenridge Track
 - a. Passed resolution that rents should stay affordable for grad students
- b. SAFGE
 - a. Forum for Student Advocates For Graduate Education
 - b. Fellowships, scholarships, debt, other issues that effect students
- c. National Night Out
 - a. 3:30-6, tomorrow (November 4)
- B. Senate of College Councils
- C. Student Events Center

VII. Appointments

- A. Megan Stanfield, Student Athlete Affairs
 - 1. Agency is 1year old, liaison between SG/Students/Athletics
 - 2. Rower, freshmen- ½ student ½ athlete- diversifies other appointments
 - 3. Questions
 - a. Bunch: Forum? Yes, bring athletes down to a forum to create companionship. Want more athletes in volunteer situations.
 - b. Komonibo: what do athletes need? To know that they are students first!
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent

VIII. Deputy Adviser Report

- A. Melinda Sutton- msutton@mail.utexas.edu

IX. Executive Reports

- A. President: Liam O'Rourke- orourke.liam@gmail.com
 - 1. Risk Management
 - a. Presentation about risk management
 - 2. TPAC
 - a. In next two weeks, will be done with report
 - b. Deliberating on where to set tuition
 - c. If you have a question/ want to talk about what college is doing, let Liam know!
 - 3. Graduate spot is open, please apply
 - 4. Delegation from Latin America
 - a. Went to DC, Austin, and Albuquerque
 - b. Representatives from all L.A. countries
 - 5. Liam and Dr. Gonzalez is setting up advisory board with former presidents
 - a. If you want to get involved, talk to Liam
- B. Vice President: Shara Ma - shara.ma@austin.utexas.edu
 - 1. November 10 Meeting location change – Blanton
 - a. Meeting is starting at 6
 - b. First hour is about arts, hosted by Blanton
 - c. After 7, there will be a second role call and normal meeting

C. Executive Board

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