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I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05pm**II. Roll Call #1****III. Minutes Approved****IV. Open Forum**

Arun – Longhorn Speak: first informational meeting in the GSB 2.126, talking about goals and objectives of the organization

V. Guests

Bob Harkins – PTS: Campus safety, be careful before you leave for the break, there have been numerous instances of serious crime in the fall

Chief McMahan – UTPD: drugs and alcohol are usually involved in crimes, need awareness raised of your own personal safety

Holstad – UTPD: This has been one of the most active Student Government in recent years, we have tried throughout the past years to increase safety, but the students need common sense and good judgment, look to the Campus Watch to find out what is going on regarding crime on campus

Allmon: Can anyone steal your identity through a drivers license number?

Holstad: Yes, you have to be careful with your information, freshmen are some of the most vulnerable in these cases

APD: Crime is really about education

Stanis: Can we expect to see increased patrols in heavily student populated areas

UTPD: I can't guarantee that we will, but we do routinely patrol those areas

Office Nash – APD: APD has been working with UTPD in the past few months to make your lives safer, many of the problems we have been experiencing revolve around parties, we are trying to work in conjunction with students to show that safety is important,

Rugoff: Is there anyway we can get call boxes set up in Riverside or West Campus

Harkins: That would be something that the apartment management would have to address, we are looking to have more on campus through

McMahan: We can usually get there in two-three minutes

Stanis: A lot of students read the Daily Texan, especially the oped page and it would be great if yall could do a guest column there, also, is there a way yall can do more positive impact with students throughout the week

Nash: We have tried that and not had very good attendance, but the information is very useful

Falola: The placard on the bus is a very good idea, also placing them in coffee houses would be beneficial. Also, is the information of this presentation online?

Harkins: We will be sure to put it up on the PTS site

Stanis: Would you be willing to work with us on a Riverside blitz

Harkins: The next thing I would like to do would be to have focus groups in those areas, we are also looking into having the Ride-A-Long program reinvigorated

Frankel: It would be great if you could work more with local media to have crime prevention tips in

Stanis: Is there any way you can do a pop-up from Blackboard

Harkins: We can try, but it is already very difficult just to get on the homepage

Bennett Dononvon – ITS: The original idea was to put the Longhorn Living guide online and make it interactive, we will link this to an application called to the UT Student Community that will allow you to view comments made by other UT students about that property, this should be a profitable venture

Monica Rios – UT Basketball: The first thing going around is the schedule of both men's and women's basketball teams, we have an incredible team of players for the men and the women, students aren't currently filling the seats that are allotted to them, students have until January 14 to determine if they are having problems with their ID scanning, there are numerous ways for students to sit together at the games monica.rios@athletics.utexas.edu

Christianson: Have they done anything to get a new scanner

Rios: Unfortunately no, the id is something that will have to be replaced

Diaz: Do students that sit together have to have the LASP?

Rios: Yes, but a general admission ticket is only \$6

PTS: I am here to see if students are interested in taking a bus to the Rose Bowl. We can organize it if students are interested. It will be a 25 hour trip cestoll@mail.utexas.edu

Ross: Are we allowed to bring our own food and drink on the bus?

PTS: Yes

Stanis: Move to limit all reports to only two minutes per person

Seconded

Motion Carries

VI. Ex Officio Reports

University Residence Hall Association – Sarah Pratt: We did AIDS day on December 1, we are submitting 7 national awards bids to the national organization, will find out June 1, looking at doing a Polar Bear Splash in the pool in February, in March we will likely be hosting a Texas Residence Hall Association meeting, looking at having a different structure of the organization

VII. Executive Reports execsg@lists.cc.utexas.edu

President: Omar Ochoa - omar.ochoa@bba02.bus.utexas.edu

- Campus Conversations

- Winter Goal Assessment/Setting

- Paperless Office

-If you have specific questions about any of these items, please let me know. We have done a great job as an organization, keep up the work

Vice President: Elizabeth Brummett - ebrummett@mail.utexas.edu

- Texas Student Government Conference in the Spring

- Midyear Review

- North Campus Ebus – meeting tomorrow

- Tuition Website – need students next semester to go over the website

- Rep of the Week – Christine King

Executive Director: Dan Paschal - dapaschal@mail.utexas.edu

-SAC Update – had a great meeting today with President Faulkner, will probably have another meeting at the beginning of next semester, will be having another meeting for the SAC campaign

- Housing Guide Presentation – AB 27 fronts the money for the website, SG will be paid back

- Discount Program Contract Signed!

Internal Financial Director: Henna Tayyeb - hennat@mail.utexas.edu

- Consolidated Funding Application

- Spring Appropriations Process

- Go to the Dean of Students forums

-Farewell party for Dean Brett – program will be from 4-4:30 if you can't go to the entire program, come by the office if you are interested in participating in the video

External Financial Director: Clayton Stewart - cstewart@mail.utexas.edu

-Boots – the boots subcommittee, a few options have been presented, will be meeting in the office next week

Communications Director: Stacy Torres - torres_sm@mail.utexas.edu

- Bulletin Boards – thanks to the reps that have contacted Stacy about the space that is open

- Rep/Agency Semester Accomplishments – need to know what all reps are working on

- Website

Secretary: Stephanie Weaver - stephanie_weaver@mail.utexas.edu

- SG Holiday Party

- Dinner After the Meeting -

VIII. Representative Privilege and Committee Reports sgr@lists.cc.utexas.edu

Falola and Golden: We came up with a lot of ideas about SG accessibility, Natural Science Reps are hosting a study break in Welch on Thursday morning

Ceniceros: Will be passing around the Campus Watch email list again, looking at setting up a meeting for west campus safety

Solomon: Downloadable, audio books, really expensive to buy it for ipods, looking at net library where you would be able to download it straight to your computer

Interiano: Bill coming up for vote tonight

Hardt: If you have any strong feelings about the allotment for bowl tickets, please let me know tonight

Rugoff: We think that AR 22 would be stronger if we footnote the whereases and address the resolution more

IX. Agency and Director Reports lga@lists.cc.utexas.edu, sgcom@lists.cc.utexas.edu

McCook: Sent out the last alumni newsletter of the semester, will be doing more research about homecoming over the break, still working on the project

Reep: Thanks to everyone who came out to the west campus blitz, email Elliott if you want to get involved with Safety Week

Hayes: FLO will be having a talent show on Thursday

LLA: Katie gave the LLAs the night off, go to basketball games, SG polos are here if you ordered one

Johnson: Election Forum went really well last week, will start brainstorming ideas for next semesters forums very soon

X. Roll Call #2 for Agency Directors

XI. Appointments

Lauren Rodriguez: LBJ Representative

Ochoa: Lauren was appointed by the LBJ council

Lauren Williams: Fine Arts Representative

Ochoa: There is not an existing council for that college

Williams: I am a theatre and dance major, I think we need a fine arts council and possibly a career fair

Rugoff: Move to approve by acclamation

Seconded

No Objections

Approved

XII. Unfinished Business

AB 19: Creation of Temporary Vacancy Proxy Vote

Stanis: We discussed this bill at an earlier meeting, we tabled it in committee, did some work and made changes to the bill and now will bring it back up, this bill clearly defines the intent of the bill, this will allow more students to participate in the organization, the president would appoint through normal appointment process with the approval of the assembly, you will receive a half absence for each meeting missed

Holman: What happens to the person that takes that spot?

Stanis: They will know they are only the interim representative, I would say that the interim rep should continue working on any projects

Sanchez: Why limit it to seven meetings?

Stanis: We wanted to put a cap to it when we discussed it in the committee

Longoria: Are you establishing guidelines for the interim?

Stanis: There are ways for reps to go around the current process

Longoria: I think we should keep it consistent throughout our constitution

Longoria: Move to amend the bill that the number of meeting be six rather than seven

Seconded

Amendment passes

Paschal: There is no precedent for this

Ross: Typically speaking a proxy vote would include someone to represent the representative's vote

Ross: Can we change the title then: Creation of Interim Representative (friendly amendment)

Ginn: Suggest you specify when the representative submits notice to the president (friendly amendment)

Holman: If you know ahead of time that you are going to leave for an extended period of time, why...

Sanchez: Move to go into debate

Objections

Back into questions

Stanis: This bill wasn't to be used for the slacking rep, it is for people that know they will be going to still be involved

Quezada: Is there a way to amend this

Stanis: I am going to table this until the end of new business to work on this bill.

Seconded

Motion carries

AB 23: UT System Student Regent Selection

Stanis: The rules committee met last night and voted out the next two bills 4-0

Paschal: Some of these things are mandated by law and we cannot change.

Clifford: Move to approve by acclamation

Seconded

No Objections

Approved

AB 24: Student Community Coordinating Board

Paschal: Three at-large positions were added, small change where the bill repeats and typos to the bill, separated this from the regent process as a way to promote communication between the SG president and other areas of campus, a more open process, there is a Section 5 stating that the board would not make any policy regarding SG

Holman: Could you explain to me which organizations were included and why?

Paschal: There were all organizations that serve as umbrella organizations for those communities

Cook: Is there a reason the Greek councils rotate?

Paschal: We are trying to keep the ratio of those that are on the board representative of the UT community. This would not be an exclusive thing, and if the president deems so, other entities would be able to come

Clifford: Move to approve by acclamation

Seconded

No Objections

Approved

XIII. New Business

~~AR 20: Resolution Honoring Dean Teresa Brett (fast-tracked)~~

Holman: Thought of the idea last week, Dean Brett will be leaving on December 31, so this is time sensitive

Brummett: I did approve this fast track

Motion to fast track approved

Holman: Move to approve by acclamation

Seconded

No Objections

Approved

AR 21: Resolution in Support of University Disassociation from the Dow Corporation

Pragua Bhagat: The battle is still very much alive for the people that are in India, people over there are still suffering, we are urging that the president write a letter the Dow Chemical

Stanis: Did the university receive money from the foundation or from the corporation

Bhagat: Dow is very much a part of the campus life

Bradley: Wouldn't this hurt engineers during career recruiting?

Bhagat: You do have a good point, but there are other ways for engineers to become employed

~~AB 26: Creation of the Student Government Philanthropy Agency (fast-tracked)~~

Interiano: I wanted this to be fast tracked so we can get the agency formed and have the first meeting before the semester ends

Brummett: I did approve this fast track

Motion to fast track approved

Longoria: I noted that representatives are not required to go to these meetings

Interiano: I thought this might be a way to receive attendance credits

Paschal: This is kind of different from the traditional way that agencies operate. Is there a reason for this? Would you be open to opening this agency up to other participants?

Interiano: Yes

Clifford: Why wouldn't we have a director that organized community service events for SG?

Interiano: I really wanted to open up the process, membership in the agency would be open

Trinh: Move to approve by acclamation

Seconded

No Objections

Resolution Passes

AR 22: A Resolution to Establish Equality in the University's Grading System for Students with Disabilities

Rugoff: What is at the heart of the resolution can greatly affect students with disabilities on our campus, not really changing anything but this would be something that could greatly affect this community on campus

~~AR 23:~~

Windle: This resolution is fast tracked because it is a time sensitive issue

Brummett: I did approve this fast track

Motion to fast track approved

Windle: This resolution can greatly affect the weight that APO has with athletics, small changes made to the bill

Stanis: Move to approve by acclamation

Seconded

No objections

Resolution passes

AB 27:

Paschal: This bill is fast tracked because it fronts the money that is given to ITS so the Longhorn Living site can be built, have to have the money in by February

Brummett: I did approve this fast track

Motion to fast track carries

Paschal: Kunal is also a sponsor for this bill, there are a few agreements made between SG and TSM, this is more of a loan than an expenditure, there will also be revenue sharing between the entities

Stanis: Is there a timetable for when this would be paid back

Paschal: We would have it by April 1

Holman: Move to approve by acclamation

Seconded

No Objections

Approved

Back into AB 19

Stanis: This bill is subject to debate and approval by the assembly, notice must be given to the president six days before the beginning of the absence, the interim rep would be given full rights

Sanchez: Move to strike subsection 2 and make it a maximum of one semester

Seconded

Solomon: In principle, I think it is important to go ahead and vote for the amendment to include all internships

Rucker: I think this changes the whole intent of the bill, just having someone fill in for them is not a good option

Rivera: I don't see an issue with allowing this process

Longoria: To be gone for an entire semester would be misleading our constituency and would destroy the relationship that was made, this would be counterproductive to the work SG does

Sanchez: How can you be for missing 6-7 weeks and not be for allowing someone to miss a semester.

Ross: I look at this as something that students do to advance their career and do not think it is fair to discourage other such programs

Stanis: PPAs don't know when they are elected if they will be going on an internship

Solomon: The semester amendment is a good thing regardless of whether or not you want to vote for the bill

Holman: I yield my time to Mario

Sanchez: It's only logical to support this amendment

Amendment carries 22-7-1

Longoria: Move to amend the part of the bill, striking "subject to debate and approval of the assembly"

Seconded

Motion carries

Ross: Move to strike subsection 7

Stanis: Accept it as a friendly amendment

Move into debate

Stanis: If anything, this bill gives more people the opportunity to serve in this room and allow colleges to be represented in this body, we need to have representatives that will be able to serve and in the same term bring people in to the process, I highly encourage you to vote for this bill

Holman: I think this is a great bill that will allow students to continue to serve the body while pursuing individual opportunities

Rodriguez: There are things that you don't know will come up and this is a way to allow students to serve and continue to serve

Bill passes

XIV. Announcements

Stewart: The next phase of the discount program will be its implementation, this is going to take a lot of work, SG gets a dollar for every student that signs up, beginning in January

Paschal: If you got polos please pay for them now

Torres: Tomorrow from 1-4 and Friday from 12-4, we will be videoing people for Dean Brett's tape

Das: Grade A Books – buying books back, offering discounts to student organizations that use the company

Clifford: DM will be selling smores and hot chocolate for \$1 on the West Mall tomorrow, be careful tomorrow during the weather

Rugoff: There is a new Hillel building, any student organization can reserve any of the rooms in that building, will be having an open house at the beginning of next semester

Stewart: Go to Players

XV. Roll Call #2

XVI. Adjournment

