



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Student Government Assembly Meeting
September 4, 2012

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Jaclyn Rosenthal, Former Nursing Representative
 - i. Here to announce the launch of the longhorn internship connection, it's a project that I launched last year to get internship feedback and give students an opportunity to get information about internships from other students. The launch is tomorrow, the student body will be getting an email, instructions are very clear. It is in a basic state right now, give it a little time, we will be going through submissions, if you have any internship feedback please submit it. I would really appreciate it if you would help spread the word to your constituents, announce the project at council members. I am looking for people to join the committee, its me and Julia Wang, we need one more volunteer, task would be minimal, just help me screen and promote, I meeting a month, if interested, please contact me at Jaclynrosenthal@utexas.edu
 - b. Billy Calve, Hook the Vote Director
 - i. This Thursday at 6:00 pm someone from Travis county will be here in the Legislative Assembly Room to deputize voter registrars, please drop on by and get deputized to join our volunteer group
- V. Ex-Officio Reports
 - a. Michael Redding, Graduate Student Assembly
 - i. We have had a really eventful summer, good to see everyone back
 - ii. Tuition assistance benefit, there is a campus wide email that was sent out today to explain changes, we have been working really closely with the Dean of the Graduate School and the Provost's Office
 - iii. Looking at honor code task force, wont steal michael's thunder
 - iv. Been working on the UTIRC career center
 - b. Michael Morton, Senate of College Councils
 - i. This summer we have been working hard on core curriculum reform, core curriculum screens, I will be mentioning this throughout the entire year, if you get sick of hearing me talk about the core curriculum, because I will be talking about it a lot this semester, let me know.
 - ii. Honor board and honor code, powers charged senate with re-writing the honor code, will be passing the official copy by the end of the semester, if you have input feel free to shoot me an email or drop by



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who study abroad who also do government, I think I would bring positives from the way that McCombs works, I hope to improve the university's study abroad programs as a whole.

- iii. Gold: Move to approve by unanimous consent\
- iv. Approved
- c. Invest in Texas Co-director – Thor Lund
 - i. My name is Thor. Over the summer the heads of the LSOs met to discuss the future of IIT, we thought we would appoint a co-director, I took up that position, I will be continuing to do that over the course of the year if you guys are okay with that, I will be spending a lot of time at the capitol.
 - ii. Gold: Mr. Lund, are you involved in any extra-curriculars?
 - iii. Lund: Yes. One of them is student government
 - iv. Gold: Move to approve by unanimous consent
 - v. Approved
- d. Women's Athletic Council – Julie Olschwanger
 - i. 3rd year sports management student, served on the volleyball team, major in kinesiology and psychology
 - ii. Leonard: What are you most excited to do if you are appointed to Women's Athletic Council?
 - iii. Olschwanger: Make a Difference in the Women's athletic programs
 - iv. Rudy: Move to approve by unanimous consent
 - v. Approved

VIII. Deputy Advisor Report

- a. Melinda Sutton, Deputy to the Dean of Students – msutton@mail.utexas.edu
 - i. Welcome back! Did you have a good summer? We are really glad to have you back. Wanted to officially welcome you back from the DOS Office, wanted to update you all if you are not already aware, how many of you served on the governing documents reform taskforce? We conducted a thorough review over the summer, were planning to have some town halls in October for students to provide feedback for some of the things we are discussing, hope to get some good feedback, if you do have questions ask any of those who raised their hands or myself

IX. Executive Reports

- a. Thor Lund, Student Body President – thorlund@utexas.edu
 - i. Dean Lilly is in the building. Wills and I are going to run through our exec report together
 - ii. Lund: We were working on getting library hours opened a little bit later, starting with the 24/5 program we will be launching in October



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- iv. Tabling in the West Mall, thanks for being out there, I would love to see us tabling every Tuesday this semester, Im willing to mix it up but I want to say that every Tuesday we have some rep out there
- v. Keeping track of points – Google Doc, yall can see but not edit, email list has been made, if you filled out survey, I gave you those, I will email those to yall, if you have any question about points, let me know
- e. Nash Horne, External Finance Director – nashhorne@me.com
 - i. SG Boots – Worked with Luchesse, redesigned the girl boots, coming out in a few months
 - ii. Trademarking – Researching and working with the office to resolve the issue
 - iii. Orange Outreach – We will be out tomorrow at party on the plaza, if you want to find out how to get involved talk to me
- f. Nirali Shah, Internal Finance Director – nirali.shah@utexas.edu
 - i. Working on the budget, if you want to talk about anything, if you have basic questions, want to see last year’s budget, any questions about funding, events, planning, please come to me since it’s a really short time until the application is due, Sept 14th at 4 pm
- g. Taylor Ragsdale, Administrative Director – taylor.ragsdale@utexas.edu
 - i. Welcome back; hope yall had a great summer, wrapping up welcome week, had a great turnout to all events, thanks to all of you who showed up. Great retreat on Sunday, thanks to all of you who showed up to that, if you didn’t make it, I will email the packets to you so you can have the documents electronically
 - ii. Party on the Plaza is the last welcome week activity, if you haven’t signed up yet you still can, please get involved
 - iii. Been working with Jordan Tanoury on how to get external appointments more involved, we will be having them come speak at meetings regularly so that if you have common interests or are working on similar things you can work together.
 - iv. Paige Velasquez has done an awesome job of getting stuff set up for yall, ice cream after next Tuesday’s meeting
 - v. Suicide Prevention week is coming up pretty fast, 24th-28th of sept, you will see some legislation, sign up for events

X. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Robert Milligan – rmilligan2@gmail.com
- b. External Affairs – Kori Rady – korirady135@gmail.com
- c. Financial Affairs – Sam Leonard – samuel.leonard@utexas.edu
- d. Legislative Affairs – Horacio Villarreal – hvillarreal27@gmail.com



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- i. Schifflitt – Director of LSS – We are in the SSB 4th floor in DOS office. The message that I want to give you is im going to tell you what we do but I want you to go back to your constituents. We are here to help you. We can help you with any legal questions you might have as long as you aren't trying to sue another student or UT. Family law/landlord tenant/employment. We have been here since 1969. We want to advise you, we can write demand letters, representation, and mediation. I need your help. One of your representatives, Philip Wiseman came to us to promote Landlord tenant services we offer because a lot of you will live off campus a lot of the time you live here in Austin while attending UT, and a lot of you will end up running into these sorts of problems.
- ii. Holmes - I don't know if landlord tenant resonates with you as much as it does with us lawyers. RENTING. We want to have a social media program because a lot of students come to us with questions and ask if our handbook is online. Find an apartment. Live there. Security Deposit. Three phases. Several thousand-dollar obligation, you need to understand those terms. We want to have three areas. The first one will be living. Do you think its efficient to email your problem to your landlord? It isn't legally recognized in Texas. Share the three-phase advertisement. Help make us viral. Youtube videos
- iii. Smith: Fees for your services?
- iv. Williams: As of now, we are free
- v. Committed to Student Affairs
- b. AR 2 – In Support of Installing Swipe Card Access on the College of Fine Arts Campus Buildings
 - i. Ferguson: Fine Arts buildings are in the boondocks, not great to be in there at night, I don't like to be there alone. We met with Dean Dempster about doing swipe card access, because back in February because all of the students of music got a safety alert because a girl was being harassed in a practice room. The music building has been left out of the system. The funds are not in place exactly, but this is asking for them to put the swipe access on the music buildings
 - ii. Gold: The last whereas: What is the cost?
 - iii. Feguson: What did he say, about 10,000 dollars?
 - iv. Zhao: I'm not sure
 - v. Gold: Where is this coming from?
 - vi. Ferguson: The budget isn't currently there. They have some amount of money set aside for that, I was hoping we could help them reach the amount they needed to start the project.



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- xiii. Ragsdale: Does this affect West Campus or the areas outside of it? The wording says areas outside of West Campus but the title says it includes West Campus.
 - xiv. Houston: It does include West Campus but most of that area is developed and previously owned
 - xv. Villarreal: I think we got an email about it being delayed? This is asking for us to not support it, go down to city hall and express that?
 - xvi. Houston: Yes, the date was changed.
 - xvii. Representative: Why was this proposed?
 - xviii. Houston: Certain families in these areas and commercial developers do not like the idea of the area being filled with these types of housing options. Families and single-family residences think it removes value from the area, and commercial developers could possibly lose access to certain lands that would otherwise be available.
 - xix. Committed to Legislative Affairs
- d. AB 2 - Creation of the Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency
- i. Metoyer: Do you all remember when Nick Spiller came and spoke to us last semester? He was advised by Mindy and others to take some time and write up a plan for the agency and he did just that and has come up with a well thought up plan for this agency
 - ii. Three criteria for new agencies: 1. Must do programming. Must have the potential of becoming an institutionalized or partnering organization with an arm of the university. 3. Must have a long standing policy need
 - iii. How will Entrepreneurship fulfill these? Eweek, want to reach out and help Austin become the silicon valley of the south, want to reach out to entrepreneurs and help them fulfill their needs on campus
 - iv. Rady: The fact that it's a for-profit agency, would SG get any benefit since we are funding it, would we get credit or publicity?
 - v. Metoyer: Section 1, the reason we included for profit entrepreneurship is to include both for-profit and not for profit, and your question is what happens when a student creates something that eventually becomes profitable, how is that handled, that is something that will have to be explored by DOS, VPSA, other entities
 - vi. Lund: The main thing is the agency provides that week and connecting the start-up agency not looking to take a cut, a week to bring students around campus together, some of the new buildings going up around campus will be allowing spaces for student entrepreneurs, we want to help students connect to that