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Student Government Assembly Meeting
January 29, 2013

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes **Approved**
- IV. Guests
 - a. Mark Forsyth – A Short Lesson in Political Speak
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Robert Love, LBJ Representative
 - i. Thank you for that wonderful applause.
 - ii. That was really interesting. You know another thing the government said was supposed to be temporary? Income tax
 - iii. Last week I was in San Francisco.
 - iv. Actualize, Self Development. Better self for all of us. Its our job as responsible human beings to try to become the very best version of ourselves.
 - v. Here is the equation for enjoyment in your life. $\text{Enjoyment} = \text{experience} \times \text{awareness}$
 - vi. Who has eaten a candy bar? The amount of enjoyment in that candy bar varies depending on what you are doing.
 - vii. Had us eat a strawberry for 10 minutes, look at it for 8, eat it for 2
 - viii. Experience things in your life. Eating, talking to people, look them in your eyes. This world is so much more enjoyable when you give whatever you are doing your complete focus
 - ix. Exercise: Everyone take a look around the room. You know what I see? I see an entire room filled with beautiful faces. I think if you take the time to really look at someone you will say my gosh that person is beautiful. Take the time to look at peoples' faces and recognize their beauty. I did this on the bus. Its amazing
 - x. Delay gratification. Cookie jar? Just made the cookies. They smell wonderful, look delicious; you want to eat them right now. What if you went and did 5 minutes of homework or something else and delayed the gratification. It will taste that much better.
 - xi. Gratitude. I got in the habit of before eating any meal to think of three things I was thankful for that day. It's not hard to think about. IT was a rush of wonderful when I thought about it. I thought about it more and more. Tree, apple, friend. Really acknowledge gratefulness. Thank the universe, whatever



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- iii. Fall break passed faculty council last week, we had been working on it for about a year as well
 - b. Michael Morton, SCC
 - i. First GA last Thursday, new legislation that would expand the program for underserved communities from engineering to all students, moving it into the college of education which has expressed a lot of interest in it. You would take a course in fall and spring semester about developing underserved communities, two month trip with faculty advisor to implement some of the things you have talked about
 - ii. Election code this week
 - iii. Faculty Council passed the honor code, Powers will issue executive order
 - iv. Invest in Texas – Sign up, Orange and Maroon Day
 - v. Thanks to Michael, Jordan and Thor for testifying at the Senate Finance Committee yesterday, they did a good job.
 - c. Shah, SEC
 - i. Wednesday, perks of being a wallflower, 6 and 9
- VIII. Deputy Advisor Report
- a. Marilyn Russell – marilynr@austin.utexas.edu
 - i. Save the bigger announcement for announcements, chair of esb will be here to announce it
 - ii. Swing out awards applications are online, apply for most outstanding organization, most improved, and 9 categories
 - iii. Legends of China – Now all of you can hear about it, educational exchange program, lucky to have the relationship, you serve as ambassadors for short term programs, cost is manageable, learn something about another country without spending too much time in the country. There are info sessions coming up
 - iv. Registration deadline for Leadership Summit is this Friday
- IX. Executive Reports
- a. Thor Lund, Student Body President – thorlund@utexas.edu
 - i. Tom Dison, Gage Paine, Dean Lily, Marilyn Russell
 - ii. Just came from the Barbara Jordan rededication, statue of her under the oak trees, I remember being at the original one listening to Liam O'Rourke speak
 - iii. We went to senate finance committee yesterday, those are really exciting, comments were well received, laughed at my joke about angry birds.



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divine essence you believe in for the things that you have. You will feel that much better.

b. Angga Pratama

- i. Longhorn Run Director – Updates.
- ii. Most important – Luke’s locker is having a running sucks program for people that haven’t trained.
- iii. Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6:00, running sucks when you don’t know how to train, what to eat, right type of gear, right type of shoes, and every week we will come up with a new one. I will be there 4:30-5:15, talk chat, students who work at the victory store are really helpful
- iv. Promo deal going on, registration opens up tomorrow morning. Jan 30- Feb 14th gets customized race aid t-shirts for the race if they sign up the most people
- v. Villarreal: April 17th
- vi. Pratama: Over 2200 runners last year, trying to get up to 3,000. Spirits has a running club. Do that with your organization.

VI. Appointments

a. Nick Mitchell – College of Natural Sciences Representative

- i. Pickei: We had a NSC meeting yesterday, we needed to fill a spot, one of our reps quit, we filled up an entire auditorium, we had a vote for our new member Nick Mitchell, he was in SG at Baylor and transferred to UT
- ii. Mitchell: Really look forward to having any chance to help out, a lot of difference between working in SG at a small Baptist university and SG here, but there is a lot of value in the difference
- iii. Love: Are you graduating this spring?
- iv. Mitchell: Next winter
- v. Love: What makes you want to do that?
- vi. Mitchell: Natural sciences came and asked for someone, I felt I had the skill set and qualifications.
- vii. Approved by unanimous consent
- viii. Sworn in

VII. Ex-Officio Reports

a. Michael Redding, GSA

- i. First meeting last week, passed election code, constitutional reform
- ii. Introduced legislation regarding dissertation policy, think we will get something good done



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- iv. UT System student advisory council meeting this week, good to see other presidents, see how good we have it
- b. Wills Brown, Student Body Vice President – wkbrown@utexas.edu
 - i. Fall break legislation passed, thanks to Kori Rady, huge win, isn't done yet, has to go to general faculty
 - ii. Have to thank everyone who came out to show support for fall break
 - iii. Last week we met with UHS about healthy vending
 - iv. Met with Kori about Safe Ride program, we got approached by someone from Austin Greenrides, he has been working with UT Legal, preliminary stages
 - v. Last week we met with PCL staff about rolling up PCL 24/5 (big celebration)
 - vi. Sustainability is going well
 - vii. Met with reps from athletics to discuss better ways to get students involved on game day, show up late, leave early, want to create an atmosphere where we come early and stay and cheer. Called presidents from other schools to learn about general admission seating (general admission front row seats, 90 minutes early)
 - viii. Student Tailgate Area – Setting up with LBJ team to use the whole lawn as a mini grove here at UT, probably years from now
 - ix. Met with facilities to talk about water fountains, more expensive than we once thought, free standing outside PCL
 - x. Texas Sports Committee Coaches Nights, Volleyball, Swimming/Diving will be moderated (first 40 minutes) and last 20 is Q&A and the national championship trophy will most likely be there Feb 12th 7 pm
 - xi. Wellness Network, Bystander intervention work-group, looking for student to sit on that
- c. Jordan Metoyer, Chief of Staff – jordan.metoyer@gmail.com
 - i. Agency Acknowledgements – Sandra Ogenche, Katie Kornegay, Matt Havalan, Longhorn Run Agency Director, Preston Covington, Ben Johnson, Nick Spiller, Braydon Jones and Maggie Widodo, Jenny Melani with City Relations Task force, they are here to be identified, they were thrown into a room together, they have done tremendous work
 - ii. Jenna Milani – We have been working with various neighborhood, greek orgs, coops, municipal organizations, February 28th MF4 creating awareness, petition, goal is to get 2,000 signatures, getting pretty close, we will send out a link
 - iii. Green initiative in west campus, want to hold major complexes available for city regulations on recycling, incentivize recycling in west campus, hire



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freelance guy to come pick them up, create incentivize programs to motivate frats and other entities to recycle aluminum

- iv. Jones – UAP – I don't know how much she bragged about our group, we formed this to oversee all city issues that affect students, regulations, Uno overlay, MF4 zoning, keeping it a task force composed as these members, want to protect student safety and living
 - v. Houston – What I have been doing is help spread the word about MF4 and affordability issue and looking at how we are going to react in the future as students who live near campus with non-students, look for legislation to possibly get student representation for riverside
 - vi. Pickei: I am managing one of the MF4 petitions, COOP and IFC petitions, we are trying to increase the numbers, I want to hit 3,000, there will be a huge campaign blitz in West campus in the next two weeks, I will send it out
 - vii. Barbara Jordan Rededication – Importance of higher education be actively involved with Invest in Texas and Orange and Maroon Day
 - viii. SG had an instrumental part in making sure the Barbara Jordan statue came to campus – Delta Sig and Orange Jackets
 - ix. Don't be limited in your scope in the end of your terms
 - x. Looking at internal documents, agency directors looked at their sections, only one that is changing is underrepresented students, will have updates and
- d. Laurel Pugliese, Communications Director – laurel.pugliese@gmail.com
- i. What Can SG Do for You? We sat down with our PR guy John Robinson, set out a timeline, want to get yall some information now, it will happen the week after Spring Break, last day for Thor and Wills to have their YouTube address, there will be fliers, face book banner, newsletter, website, other organizations will put it on their website, banners, tangible sign onto the tangible things on campus that could be done. Thor and Wills will probably be tabling, would love to see this stuff last.
- e. Nash Horne, External Finance Director – nashhorne@me.com
- i. Shout out to Angga, he has been working tirelessly with his committee and Recsports, he has been working all summer and all fall.
 - ii. Excellence Fund – Changing the application to electronic, due the 22nd, will be sending it out tonight. This is the larger allocation, want enough people to apply appropriately
 - iii. Trademark Licensing Change, about to form an implementation committee, if you are interested in working on this shoot me an email
- f. Nirali Shah, Internal Finance Director – nirali.shah@utexas.edu



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- i. Finance Committee had interviews this last weekend today, ill let Sam and Finance Committee talk about that, thanks to LLAs for coming out
- ii. Big 12 on the Hill application will be released by midnight, due next week, look for application if you are interested
- g. Taylor Ragsdale, Administrative Director – taylor.ragsdale@utexas.edu
 - i. Document Review – trying to finish it up, will be meeting this week or next to finalize everything, we want it to be on the ballot.
 - ii. Paige our Social Activities Director is setting up the next Mix@6, also planning the leadership celebration for you guys in April
 - iii. I know I said we came up with an open meeting time, were working on it
 - iv. We had an info session this evening at 6 in this room for people interested in running next year
 - v. Big shout out to Laurel for working hard at putting everything up on the website

X. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Robert Milligan – rlmilligan2@gmail.com
- b. External Affairs – Kori Rady – korirady135@gmail.com
 - i. Outreach points – turn those in before Feb 19th so we don't recommend your removal
- c. Financial Affairs – Sam Leonard – samuel.leonard@utexas.edu
 - i. We met this weekend 12-6 Sat, 12-6 Sun, 7-12 last night, thanks to the LLAs who came when you could, thanks to financial affairs for late hours
 - ii. Timeline: I will suspend the rules today to bring it to the floor and take general questions, next week you can ask about specific amounts, short finance meeting right after this, finance committee spent a long time on this, it wasn't random, a lot of work was put into it, best round in terms of how smoothly it went
- d. Legislative Affairs – Horacio Villarreal – hvillarreal27@gmail.com
 - i. Todd Storm, Co-chair for IIT legislative outreach reached out to me for help with contacting reps offices and finding out how many went to Texas or Texas A&M, as soon as I know the time and place I will let you all know
- e. Rules and Regulations – Garrett Riou – garrettriou@yahoo.com
- f. Student Affairs – Josh Gold – jag518@utexas.edu

XI. Executive Staff Reports

- a. Sandra Ogenche



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- i. QSA – GSC and MEC will be having open house tomorrow from 2-4 pm, please stop by
 - ii. Gender Inclusive housing, meeting with DHFS and feasibility consultants
 - iii. Vagina Monologue auditions – have cast
 - iv. Prop 3 was passed, want students to participate in a redistricting commission, looking for student voices on that.
 - v. Met with the directors of LLC regarding the diversity training initiative, we are making great progress on that
- b. Katie Kornegay
- i. UT Outreach is having annual leadership conference this Saturday at 11:30, if you want to go let me know, the theme is how leadership has helped you succeed,
 - ii. TLS – Sign up, great speakers, giving away Ipad minis, registration is due by Friday
 - iii. Book fair is coming up with UT Elementary in February, no date set
 - iv. Meeting with LEA, LLA and FLO
 - v. katiek@utexas.edu
- c. Nick Spiller
- i. Tomorrow, if you have a startup idea, the Scientific Entrepreneurship Organization is having a practice pitch workshop, vote on best pitch, most votes gets a prize, good opportunity
 - ii. Longhorsxsw.com
 - iii. Business committee – Technology commercialization and entrepreneurship, I will be looking into that, committee recommended more entrepreneurship
 - iv. Eweek is in the beginning of March, DoS and VPSA and Metcalf all offered to be sponsors of the event, halfway there, need another 5,000 to reach their goals. Keynote speaker is Rudy Garza, speaking on March 6th in AT&T center, hosted by McCombs, right after that we will be having the longhorn entrepreneurship awards dinner.
 - v. Next week we are rolling out the LEA student startup Digest, you can sign up for that at LEADigest.launchrock.com
- d. Arjun Mochlera
- i. Great LLA bonding at Rudys and Hey Cupcake
 - ii. Meeting with exec mentors
 - iii. Little war going on about which exec team is best, Jordan is best
 - iv. File work orders, we are pumped



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XII. Representative Reports

- a. Nicole Logan – Filmed the McCombs videos, will be editing it, great idea, other colleges should do it
- b. Pickei – Natural Sciences are moving towards changing our curriculum throughout the college, two new things – add a bachelors of arts in the sciences and add more certificate programs. If you have input, the deans would like to hear what you have to say
 - i. Smith – Bachelor of Arts in Sciences?
 - ii. Pickei – Yes. Liberal arts is upset, noone is going to stop Dr. Kopf
- c. Dimitroff – Today I met with Ed Fernandez to talk about my initiative to get economics added at Sanger, recommended I got a resolution, me and Nicole will be working on that
- d. Rady – Most of you already know that fall break passed, that's a big deal. Looking to create a committee because we are going to have to email tons of professors, tenure or tenure tracked faculty, we can really push this, make sure they come out to vote, if you are interested in joining please let me or wills know

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

- a. AB 9 – Appropriations
 - i. Leonard – This is FA, missing two reps, we worked really hard this weekend, accommodating late requests and misschedules, trying to get the most people interviewed and get the biggest bang for our buck

XV. Announcements

- a. Truc Nguyen: Chair of ESB, Robert Tetto, member
 - i. Filing has begun for all five entities, including TSM, GSA, COOP, SG, and Union, if you are interested in serving, please file, it will end on February 12th at noon, seminar that day at 5pm
 - ii. Trying to have a new image of ESB, not big fat scary disqualifiers.
 - iii. Utxasvote.org, you can find all of the information, homepage, timeline, important dates, how to file, etc.
 - iv. Pickei: How are you guys promoting to file?
 - v. Nguyen: In the past its not really ESB duties, but in the new election code there is a stipulation, senate, GSA, SG, campus wide email, tell your friends, roommates, classmates.
- b. Jay McNamara: IFC President: trying to get food from Frats and Sororities to get to homeless people to feed 1500 a week, trying to get the infrastructure, if you know orgs that might be interested let me know



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- c. Houston: Visual Arts Center is having Spring 2013 opening this Friday from 6-8pm, I have the honor of helping with an exhibit, in the Art Building
- d. Ferguson: I encourage you to go to that. In addition to being the COFA representative, I am also in charge of the bells in the tower, if you haven't noticed they have been out of commission and not sounding in 5 months, its supposed to be done on March 15th, I am going to do a huge rededication recital, March 21st at 7pm, free cake, Monday the 18th.
- e. Gold: I am in Texas Cowboys, Honorary Service and Spirit org, application is now up, texascowboysalumni.org, any male that has completed two semesters at UT to apply, meet and greet this week, applications are due Friday Feb. 8th at noon in FAC 302 in the SA office
- f. Rady: Formally invite all of you to Tejas Coffee this Thursday to Newman Honorary
- g. Metoyer: 1923 OJs Honorary Womens Org, MCB Scholarship for sophomore women with at least 24 hours in residence and no more than 3 semesters, honor of MCB, members of Ojs in the assembly, application is open yesterday, know women from this organization who would be great candidates
- h. Love: If you have questions about the conference I went to I would be happy to do it
- i. Patel: Please apply for rappaport scholarship.

XVI. Second Roll Call

XVII. Adjournment