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Student Government Assembly Meeting  
February 26, 2013

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes Approved
- IV. Guests
- V. Open Forum
  - a. John Brown, IFC
    - i. Good evening, I would like to thank you for having me out.
    - ii. Director of Greek relations for IFC
    - iii. In years past the IFC has been quiet as Jay McNamara can tell you
    - iv. Revamping our efforts to team up with SG, John Connaly, Chris Bell IFC and Student Government, Propose we join together in building up UT and moving Texas forward. We can move more together than we can divided.
    - v. May 2<sup>nd</sup> IFC is hosting our annual golf tournament, and we would like to see SG come out and cosponsor, proceeds go to charity, impact on the great Austin.
  - b. Kent Kasischke, Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship
    - i. Locked down the speaker
    - ii. Organization out of the union to bring a big speaker every year to UT. 2 dollar optional fee, tell constituents about the fee
    - iii. April 3, Biz Stone (twitter co-director and communications director) in hog auditorium. I have flyers
  - c. Alex Siebel, COOP Board of Directors
    - i. Running for COOP board of directors
    - ii. Work with LEA and Austin Technology incubator, do marketing. Coop is in a place where it can grow (REBATE program, shouldn't have to have receipt, just UT ID) should be more
    - iii. Textbooks, prices need to decrease, higher tradein retail value
  - d. Billy Calve, Friar Society
    - i. Here to talk about the centennial teaching fellowship award, applications are due on Friday, 25 thousand dollar award, application will be available on our website tonight, text me call me face book me, any way come to my house to get the application, want to recognize an outstanding professor
  - e. Joshua Tang, Students for Equity and Diversity



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- i. Announce a program tomorrow in the ballroom north, set up a scholarship fund for a program that was established by the obama administration to help alleviate the pressure put on the children of undocumented people in the US. Obama administration decided to change the rules to allow those that came here before they were 15 to apply for a work visa, deferred action (450 dollars, want to meet the needs of people) community speakers, DREAM Act, Immigration reform, near and dear to my heart, best friend with someone who is very active in this movement, detained by immigration, detained for two weeks, took a lot of action by their lawyers, clerical error, take a flyer if you are interested.
  - f. Jean Vale, Student Veterans Association
    - i. Resolutions through Love, we sat down with the coordinator to identify areas of improvement to help the veteran population (750, 1.5 percent) large number compared to vets in other school, Veteran liaison legislation, getting into classes, strictly defined by degree plan. Trackng veterans (we cant track them, it is on the application, can be easily transferred)
    - ii. Track graduation rates, get them through quickly, connect them to services that they don't even know exist. Did my undergrad here and now im in public affairs, had no ideas about the different resources, CMHC, who to go through to get my va certification, go further to thank the vets for their service
  - g. Robert Love, Sleep
    - i. I know this is exam time and everyone is running short on sleep, im not gonna say you need sleep.
    - ii. How to make the most out of your sleep. Sleep cycle is 90 minutes, end with rem sleep, if you wake up at the end of the rem cycle, you feel refreshed, remember your dreams, cut it off in hour and a half increments, remember your dreams better, full sleep cycle, more beneficial to your body and mind
- VI. Ex-Officio Reports
- a. Michael Redding, GSA
    - i. Dissertation legislation working through graduate school, expect a lot of debate, opened up a can of worms, dissertation -> grad school. I will be talking about this for a long time. Be knowledgeable about the subject, it affects your colleges
    - ii. Stipends stuff (internal reforms)
    - iii. Appropriations stuff
    - iv. Veterans Legislation is coming through our assembly
    - v. 7 pieces of legislation next week.



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### b. Michael Morton, SCC

- i. Last Thursday we had our elections, lasted three and a half hours, also turned into a telethon. Ryan Hirsch is PE, Keifer Shank VPE, Phil Wiseman FDE
- ii. Passed veterans liaison resolution
- iii. Next week is Faculty Appreciation Week, write a letter to professors and faculty members, tiffs treats, tshirt and chipotle for certain number
- iv. Legislative Day sign up, please do so, you don't have to stay the entire day, so if you can pull a half day that is fine, check it on there, we will make arrangements.
- v. IF you are interested in being a group leader please check that.
- vi. It is an excused absence for class (thanks to DoS)

### c. SEC

- i. Mexican American Culture Committee day today
- ii. Night in Vegas, final call at 10:30 in the union ballroom tonight
- iii. No films this week, texas union film festival, 6:00 on the patio, 7 in the union, austin film festival judging, Charlie Ramirez berg
- iv. Next Tuesday Game of Thrones Trivia

## VII. Deputy Advisor Report

### a. Marilyn Russell – [marilynr@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:marilynr@austin.utexas.edu)

- i. Good to see you all again, great job at the candidate debate, saw a lot of you there, great job supporting
- ii. It's a busy time obviously for lots of us. Voting starts tomorrow at 8AM, [utexasvotes.org](http://utexasvotes.org), I emailed crystal an image, running through Thursday at 5PM
- iii. Announcement on main mall at 6:30, typically been at 6:00
- iv. [Utxasvote.org](http://Utxasvote.org)
- v. Another invitation that has been sent to all of you, Thursday in this room at 2pm, conversation regarding higher education policy, david Bergeron, RSVP, love to have you in the conversation Higher Education Secretary
- vi. Good luck to all of you that are participating in the election

## VIII. Executive Reports

### a. Thor Lund, Student Body President – [thorlund@utexas.edu](mailto:thorlund@utexas.edu)

- i. Marilyn Russell, Arcelcim Gaige Paine, Tom Dison, DHFS, TSTV, Daily Texan, Shoutout to lovely LLAs, as always we have some work to do in my office
- ii. Project 2013, vince young was there, it was awesome, I spoke twice



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- iii. I wont be here this week, I will be in DC for big 12, have fun with elections, good luck to those of you running
- iv. Wills and Nick are meeting with the libraries tomorrow to talk about entrepreneurship space
- v. Verbal commitment
- b. Wills Brown, Student Body Vice President – [wkbrown@utexas.edu](mailto:wkbrown@utexas.edu)
  - i. 24 hour pel march 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm Monday (look out for face book group, 350-400 kids showed up) pizza, prizes, I live in the pel tshirts.
  - ii. Cupcake Challenge guys that came in ehre, really outgoing, its tomorrow at 5pm in J2, Im a judge, if you want to come see me rate cupcakes come
  - iii. Met with the mayors office to support safety, affordability, we talked about police help call boxes, will be talking with the chief of APD soon to talk about that
  - iv. PTS and McCliff to discuss healthy vending
  - v. Today we will have legislation in support of exterior waterfounstains, still working on GA seating and later J2 Hours, josh Kenton and Ali if you want to help still please send me an email, wont be here next week, be in DC for APAC and big 12 on the hill
- c. Jordan Metoyer, Chief of Staff – [jordan.metoyer@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.metoyer@gmail.com)
  - i. Matt HAvaln, Kent Kasiske, nick spiller, braydon and Maggie, thanks for being here
  - ii. Committee chairs be on the email for impact reports stuff, direct questions to crystal chris and arj, yalls input is extremely important to that, please submit
  - iii. [Info.utsg@gmail.com](mailto:Info.utsg@gmail.com), by next Wednesday (paragraph about what you have done) agency and executive staff
  - iv. Mayor meeting was awesome, AB 16 states that student government supports the continuation of the city relations task force and the idea that they serve on the mayor's student advisory council.
- d. Laurel Pugliese, Communications Director – [laurel.pugliese@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.pugliese@gmail.com)
  - i. March 18 – what can SG do for you? Will be sharing things with you, also the release of the last state of the 40 acres, keep sharing the old video, finish that on march 18<sup>th</sup>. Tabling that week, will need to have tablers.
  - ii. Tabling this Thursday and Friday for ring sale promotion, just need one person there, they appreciate our help
- e. Nash Horne, External Finance Director – [nashhorne@me.com](mailto:nashhorne@me.com)
  - i. Tomorrow morning at 8am we will be deliberating the excellence fund applications, 14 applications and 8,000 dollars, will let yall know next week



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- ii. Meet with Chris Plonsky, have been working on trademark policy for a long time, today we finalized that contract and will have it in effect next year
- f. Nirali Shah, Internal Finance Director – [nirali.shah@utexas.edu](mailto:nirali.shah@utexas.edu)
  - i. Appropriations are over, they have been amazing, you have done an awesome job, gave up their entire weekend and a lot of nights, thanks to LLAs who came out, glad you were a part of it, hope you learned something.
  - ii. Have time and money left, working on initiative, directors if you have money left in your budgets, start working on it, collecting money for special projects, I will be in DC next week
- g. Taylor Ragsdale, Administrative Director – [taylor.ragsdale@utexas.edu](mailto:taylor.ragsdale@utexas.edu)
  - i. Thursday at 6:00 you will find out if there is a runoff, which will tell you if mix at six is next week or after spring break
  - ii. Leadership celebration should come out soon (invitations)
  - iii. Longhorn run – exec team, will be pumping that up a lot soon

### IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Robert Milligan – [rmilligan2@gmail.com](mailto:rmilligan2@gmail.com)
- b. External Affairs – Kori Rady – [korirady135@gmail.com](mailto:korirady135@gmail.com)
  - i. We passed the Veterans Liaison Bill, plan to suspend the rules to hear that
- c. Financial Affairs – Sam Leonard – [samuel.leonard@utexas.edu](mailto:samuel.leonard@utexas.edu)
- d. Legislative Affairs – Horacio Villarreal – [hvillarreal27@gmail.com](mailto:hvillarreal27@gmail.com)
- e. Rules and Regulations – Garrett Riou – [garrettriou@yahoo.com](mailto:garrettriou@yahoo.com)
  - i. Met Sunday to talk about AR 25 26 and AB 16, first two were voted down, if you have any questions I can answer them. They were supporting the texas state law 72 hour meeting law, making constitution liable to those above it. Those are changes that are going to be made by ut legal anyways, there wasn't a reason to say that we supported it since we don't change the constitution unless there is a referendum, and we cant do that, since its going to be changed by UT legal, just notifying the student body, its not important to support that change since it would happen anyway
  - ii. Smith: We felt it was meaningless, we can spread the word ourselves rather than passing a resolution on it
  - iii. Zhao: Can you guys explain why AR 26 got voted down?
  - iv. Riou:
  - v. Zhao: The amendment states explicitly that we have to follow higher law, the constitution says we have to follow board of regents law, which implies the rest



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- vi. Vincent: Regarding AB 11, what is the status of those pieces of legislation?
  - vii. Riou: Voted them down in committee, AB 11 was pulled out last week
  - viii. Love: We felt those were very big changes that needed careful consideration, and we felt very uncomfortable dealing with that issue with such pressure and time constraints, we wanted a discussion that considered all of the ramifications, too fast and substantial to make in a hurry
  - f. Student Affairs – Josh Gold – [jag518@utexas.edu](mailto:jag518@utexas.edu)
- X. Executive Staff Reports
- a. Nick Spiller, LEA
    - i. Next week is entrepreneurship week, we have achieved our goal of creating a transdisciplinary event on campus, over 5 different departments and units, want to get promotions and RSVPs, find out who will be there for food and stuff, people say they will be there but not rsvping. [Utew.eventbrite.com](http://Utew.eventbrite.com) RSVP, please come out, its what we have dreamed of, inspirations student org on campus as far as entrepreneurship goes, excited, good lineup of events, execute and get students in the doors
    - ii. Smith: I don't know if you mentioned this, but is there like an outdoor main event?
    - iii. Spiller: Keynote by Rudy Garza, big Austin tech investor, graduated from UT MBA, Wednesday 6pm in ATT center room 203, that's our only speaker of the week, the rest are interactive workshops to help students who are entrepreneurs
    - iv. Focus on working out development project in building an entrepreneurship lab, looking for groups to partner with, had a commitment from someone to keep the thing running, take more than that, 50,000 a year for 10 eyars to keep it running
  - b. Matt HAvalan, Health and Wellness
    - i. National public health week is first week in april, annual, if you have orgs that have anything to do with public health, even tangentially, get them in contact with me, I will send crystal the layout of the weeks events, we have reached out to over 3000 students throughout the weeks events last year
  - c. Kent Kasischke
    - i. GSC EVENTS:
    - ii. This Thursday and Next Thursday 7, Phara and a movie on asexuality
    - iii. Queer jeopardy in history, locking down pride week, kickoff rally on april 15<sup>th</sup>, I wont be here because I will be at DC, [Texasqsa.blogspot.com](http://Texasqsa.blogspot.com)
  - d. Terry, LLA



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- i. Working on campaigns, a lot are running as reps
- ii. Working on SSB surveys for Jordan
- iii. Eweek is next week, helping with that, plan on tabling
- iv. Working on getting prizes for the PCL kickoff
- v. More Workorders

XI. Representative Reports

a. Houston

- i. This Sunday box city, elementary students can take cardboard boxes to design a building, we need more cardboard boxes, drop them off in front of the architecture office in goldsmith

b. Dimitroff

- i. Sanger Learning Center Initiative, Met with department heads in psychology and economics, want to get the ball rolling on this.

c. Gold

- i. Task for to talk about safety legislation, no one has contacted me, I hope that yall have been taking the week to think it over and its something you are interested in doing, get back to me if you have something htat you are interested in, I know it was on my platform, I would love help

d. Rady

- i. Fall Break Protest Form has been sent out, haven't gotten 25, it should though, but if it does it goes to a general faculty vote, talk to your professors about it, want to create a task force and get this done.

e. Smith

- i. I found an initiative in the college, women's contraceptive educational course, we had our first event last night, thanks to ZETA for inviting us, looking for more stuff, if you have a sorority our group that would enjoy it let us know

XII. Old Business

a. AB 16 - Inclusion of the City Relations Task Force in the Internal Rules of Procedure

- i. Houston: Questions (while its being pulled up)
- ii. Riou: Sunday we met to talk about this and passed it unanimously, there were just a few changes made since last week, proposed as a friendly amendment, there is more to be amended
- iii. Houston: Under the second article, section 2, change Mayors Supervisory Board to Mayors student advisory board
- iv. Add sponsors: Robert Love, Steven Michael Vincent, Sunny Das, Nick Mitchell, Nick Smith, Garrett Riou, Josh Gold



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- v. Approved by unanimous consent
  - b. AR 24 - In Support of the City Relations Task Force and its Sustainability
    - i. Houston: Just supporting the task force, will be the Mayors Student Advisory Board, as it used to stand during the parks kabir term
    - ii. Approved by unanimous consent
  - c. AB 17 – Spring 2013 Appropriations Round 2
    - i. Logan: Appropriated all last weekend, these are the amounts we came up with, you have had a week to look it over, anyone have any questions?
    - ii. Walker:: What was the amount compared to previous years, it seems like people are asking for more money than usual
    - iii. Logan: It was a lot, they are asking for a lot.
    - iv. Walker: Like this event with the tshirts
    - v. Logan: That happened because we didn't reach quorum on the 22nd
- XIII. New Business
- a. AR 28 - In Support of Exterior Water Fountains on Campus (*fast-track justification attached*)
    - i. Wills: Will be applying for green fee funding for this, which is why there is a fast track justification
    - ii. Nosa: Research: It takes 3 times as much water to create water bottles to fill, since our campus tries to be green, this is important to campus so students can refill their water bottles, convenient, they use water bottles, it counts the number used, there are over 125,000 water bottles saved in a month and a half. Except Clark field, there are none
    - iii. Gold: Where are yall proposing?
    - iv. Wills: 1 free standing in front of the PCI and on by the RLM on speedway
    - v. Aarons: In front of Gregory?
    - vi. Wills: Starting with 2 or 3, might be more than that eventually
    - vii. Love: I support this, but what does this bill do in respect to what yall are already doing?
    - viii. Wills: More student support, not just me and thor, assembly as well
    - ix. Smith: Is there a funding problem? Why only 2-3?
      - x. Wills: Pilot program, didn't want to put on ten and have them not get used accordingly
      - xi. Houston: Move to suspend the rules to move to old business
      - xii. Motion passed
      - xiii. Houston: Move to approve by voice vote



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- xiv. Approved
- b. AR 29 In Support of Keeping the Daily Texan Daily (rules suspended)
- i. Houston: The reason for this we can go through it, also fast-track justification, TSM is meeting this Friday in regards to the future publication of the DT from M-F to 4 days of the week, more student opinion and other options explored before the move to cut it, prestigious and well known
  - ii. Milligan: What is this saying that we are supposed to do, how are we going to help?
  - iii. Zhao: Its in the be it resolved
  - iv. Houston: We are asking them to exhaust other options to get funding, reach out to students, we would partner with them to have a discussion regarding possible actions, reach out to alumni
  - v. Redding: Have yall consulted with veronic seng, who is SGs appointee to the TSM board?
  - vi. Houston: We have not, it was written overnight, quick turnaround, with the assembly's approval it would be more than enough time to meet with them
  - vii. Walker: Is this just the TSM enforcing this or are DT people okay with it happening (writers and editors)
  - viii. Walker: Are we speaking out for them or are we telling them they should be writing this every day
  - ix. Houston: Part of our research is the editorial in the DT that says that they should try exhausting other methods, person running for DT Editor supports it
  - x. Zhao: It's a preventative resolution, they haven't made a decision or discussed it
  - xi. Vincent: What are other things that they fund that they might have to juggle in terms of distributing money that we should be aware of?
  - xii. Houston: You mean the TSM?
  - xiii. Vincent:
  - xiv. Houston: KVRX, DT, TSTV
  - xv. Vincent: Would money have to come from them?
  - xvi. Logan: Physically Daily?
  - xvii. Houston: Yes
  - xviii. Zhao: Can you explain that 95 percent of their funding comes from printing ad revenue
  - xix. Redding: Since TSM has been in a declining state for awhile now, Natalie was very involved in this when she was Student Body President, in what other



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ways can SG support the DT without saying oh we support the DT, I work for the TSM web developer, at the end, what other way can we help without saying don't make changes

- xx. Houston: Resolution is the first step, want to have student discussions and partnering with TSM and aid them in another way
- xxi. RAdy: I feel like the DT is one fo the way SG gets its initiaves out, having it move to four days would hurt our publicity, beneficial for our organization
- xxii. Vincent: I agree with this as a preface, but at the same time Im not quite sure by exhausting all efforts to support the DT, we are taking away money that would be used to support TSTV or KVRX, how do other students see these other sources, indirectly hurting them?
- xxiii. Houston: This never explicitly states we should take away other funding, one of the be it further resolves says that we would get student opinion, I will be attending the meeting on Friday and voicing my opinion, part of the resolution, passing it will create more buzz for the meeting on Friday so that student
- xxiv. Das: I understand that you say there will be more of a buzz, before we make a stance on it we should get the student opinion
- xxv. Rady: The decision will be made at that time
- xxvi. Zhao: The quote that I quoted from the DT article basically implies that they will try to find funding sources without stepping on other peoples toes.
- xxvii. Vincent: If what Michael is saying is true, then what this legislation seems to suggest is that their only option is to appropriate the different sources of funding,
- xxviii. Houston: From my understanding is that there are other options available, I don't know if we are bordering on debate
- xxix. Redding: I can answer that question. IF you look at the DT over the last week, there is not a single ad in their, the only ad is SG, they aren't in the black, haven't been in a along time, 300,000 annually, they don't have, money, cut staff members, sold off a printing press, might not have enough money to end the year
- xxx. Milligan: Natural Selection – online copy – quick and easy, why is that not yalls solution, why don't they move digital, why do you think it isn't an issue?
- xxxi. Houston: I don't feel that currently the way the website is structured or the way things are structured, its not there yet, its not the huff post, online is the future but I don't feel that the online presence of the daily texas is where it needs to be to move strictly to online



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- xxxii. Vincent: 5 minute recess
- xxxiii. Houston: The consensus is that SG should weigh in, but it seems that there are disagreements over whether the legislation is the best way to go about doing it
- xxxiv. Fast-track vote: Approved
- xxxv. Friendly Amendments: Added to bill (changed from preserving frequency to postponing decisions in regards to the discussions)
- xxxvi. Zhao: WE made our friendly amendment, it just encouraged the TSM BOD to postpone and continue discussions on how they would adjust the publication frequency
- xxxvii. Smith: Arent they doing that already? You are asking them to assess the situation but the
- xxxviii. Houston: It was from our understanding that the decision would be made on Friday after the discussion, that's what we are saying in our amendment. Wait on having the decision before we have the full discussion, SG should be involved in it
- xxxix. Vincent: When do they have to make their financial decisions by in regards of this issue? It has to be done this Friday Does the intent of the resolution change nowing that?
  - xl. Redding: Rules state that before the march meeting, substantial change needs to be done by march, they have done creative budgeting in the past.
  - xli. Vincent: They have to set the budget by March 1<sup>st</sup>, whats the course of action over the next few days?
  - xlii. Redding: IF they make the decision Friday to not cut the schedule and can balance the budget, they can still in retrospect cut the publication frequency. If they can project income and the board buys it, the budget is balanced, the board can accept that. There are delaying tactics they can use.
  - xliii. Zhao: Amendment
  - xliv. Houston: So many what ifs, discussion can be held Friday
  - xlv. Das: Want to add a whereas clause to say that we support the other TSM entities to ensure that they are protected.
  - xlvi. Houston: We would make that point at the meeting
  - xlvii. Das: We want to make it a point that they do make it available to alumni as well, should reach out to alumni for funding considering current circumstances
  - xlviii. Das: 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas inaccuracy, stricken from the bill. Don't want to introduce inaccuracies.
  - xlix. Zhao: My footnote cites it from the editorial board



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- l. Vincent: Would the representatives be in support of pulling this legislation and drafting a letter to express its support
  - li. Zhao: Isn't that the same thing in regards to passing with majority and not?
  - lii. Vincent:
  - liii. Redding: Ideally, I don't know if I can, this might be debate, but you would do both. A resolution from SG says the Student Body believes this. A letter would be a great way to accompany that legislation to prove that you were intending to follow up with it.
  - liv. Love: I agree that the point is misleading (95 percent of revenue comes from ads, most of it is straight up from the school, I understand that it is footnoted, but so what). I would like a be it resolved that says we don't want any money taken from anywhere else, they get the vast majority and it should be clear that currently it says any measure, which his misleading. We don't want any money taken from the other media.
  - lv. Zhao: I believe that was two separate amendment motions?
  - lvi. Love: Be it further resolved that student government does not support.... Redistribution of funds from KVRX (other TSM outlets) KVRX, TSTV, TRAVESTY, Cactus Yearbook
  - lvii. Vote on amendment: Passed
  - lviii. Vincent: Point of Information: Let me preface this, in meetings with administrators they often just read the title, don't you think it would be more effective to adjust the title to
  - lix. Millikan: Why does a motion to end debate not do anything?
  - lx. Das: Amend the resolution by striking the 5<sup>th</sup> whereas because it is misleading, after looking the numbers up online, does not help our cause
  - lxi. Amendment passed
  - lxii. Love: Friendly amendment be it further resolved (especially daily Texan alumni)
  - lxiii. Amendment Passes
  - lxiv. Gold: Vote by roll call, Passes
- c. AR 30
- i. Love: This does what gene talked about early, tracks veterans so they can get info to get what they need, money, communicate better, graduate faster
  - ii. Committed to Academic

XIV. Announcements

XV. Second Roll Call



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XVI. Adjournment