

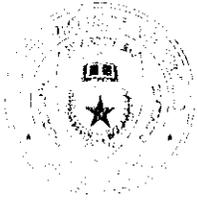


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Student Government Assembly Meeting  
March 18th, 2014

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guests
  - a. Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole
    - i. First of all thank you for being responding on the issue of occupancy limits, we are considering the issues known as stealth dorms on Thursday, considered it for second and third reading, email us for your response, set forth for grandfather provision, all residences between now and passing of this can have four or six people not relating living together, I don't know what is going to happen on Thursday and I don't know how I will vote, but the student voice matters, this provision comes up every two years, city council will revisit the issue every two years, it needs to be tweaked so make your voice known by Thursday,
      1. Houston- Second and third reading on Thursday?
        - a. Cole- depends, we will do this
      2. Aimuyo- Will it change in 2 years? What does it look like when council revisit these things?
        - a. Cole- ordinance will come up before council again for tweaking, the new council will have 10 members instead of 7 because of single-member districts, gets put on the agenda every two years, depends on clauses
      3. Maingot- how will grandfather clause work? We sign leases well in advance of moving it, like in August of the year before
        - a. Cole- yes, those leases will be included in the grandfather clause
- V. Open Forum
  - a. Mukund Rathi- town halls in student government, senate, college councils serve as town halls for this, increase in-state tuition 2.6% and out of state 3.6%, this increase not done by TPAC, not mandated by regents, again the email said that students supported this but that is not true, students voted against it and voiced opposition to it, UT regents decided not to increase it, used PUF to offset rise of costs, \$100 million spent on regents headquarters, paid Mack Brown \$3 million in severance fees, student costs go up, the regents and president demanding it, any student can tell you that you shouldn't have to take a part-time job in college, loans and tuition increases, think carefully about precedence set on this move, get back of the room filled up about this, we are done with paying more and more for school, have to pay fees for class resources, principle and precedent for it, 2.6% increase is not small, \$100 million for



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- regent building is not small, paying Accenture \$4 million for a smarter system is not smaller, \$16 billion in fund we can use, always seems like we are the ones we have to pay for, students expect to be poor, why is that precedent set, business leaders are the ones making the decisions, president powers endorsed that, \$23 million spend on upgrading seats to stadium, statistics show that there is money
- b. Nick Mitchell- student, echo what was said, if I was a representative I would be concerned that administration is just shoving this increase on yall, student government cannot just give us 5 minutes to speak and listen, need you to lead, TPAC was designed to be the student voice on tuition, invalidating student power on this, at least stand up for the principle that students should have a voice on tuition and how university is run, cannot allow university to make decisions without students, opportunity to make a stand,
  - c. Lucy Griswold- Next year we have make sure we are there, make sure that students can succeed here, ensure that what we are proposing is sustainable, I involved when John Lawler said that for tuition increase, he also said that student voice needs to be heard, this issue has come up before and there is a formalized process, many of you ran on slogans that you are representatives of the students, students voted against this, so make student voice is heard,
  - d. Scott Wahl- seeking other means to getting our voice heard, March 26<sup>th</sup> regents will discuss tuition changes and increases, showing up that day, none of us want a tuition raise
- VI. Ex-Officio Member Reports
- a. Graduate Student Assembly
    - i. Think carefully about tuition, listen to constituents, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GSA, talking about tuition, taking that up on April 11<sup>th</sup>, going to DC during the first week of April on student issues, immigrant issues for international students and student loans,
  - b. Senate of College Councils
    - i. In process of our transition, executive board, application for senate leadership team interviews this week, application for uwide and psac come out next week, ton of committees, policies around university, 2<sup>nd</sup> to last GA on Thursday, we are also talking about tuition, resolution on policy for 3 exams in a 24 hour period,
  - c. Events and Entertainment
    - i. Upcoming events, this Saturday is 40 acres fest, sleighbells is performer, food, games, I got soul, gigglepants, quiet company, tomorrow 6 pm, poetry on the patio which is a poetry slam contest, judged by a panel of judges, coffee and donuts, hogg auditorium, next tuesday at 7 pm, George takei, walking dead trivia, princess diaries 6 pm and 9 pm tomorrow
- VII. Internal Appointments



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- a. Student Advocacy Trip- Horacio Villarreal, Philip Wiseman, Joshua Tang, Ryan Wallace, Mackenzie Spaniol, Courtney May, Alayna Alvarez, Kimia Dargahi
  - i. Big 12 on the hill, just the UT, none of the money comes from our budget, we had to fundraise for this, span across university, student financial, student research funding,
    - 1. Brown- what does Wallace bring to the table?
      - a. Wallace- well-versed on federal issues because of my agency involvement
    - 2. Raza- how many people applied?
      - a. 11, so 3 were not chosen

VIII. External Appointment Reports

- a. Carson Jones- talk about what Sheryl talked, reducing people in a house from 6 to 4, affordability rates go up, this Thursday we are looking for opposition, but there has not been a lot of opposition, come to meeting or email council with your concern, looking to rebrand city agency, start a petition, strongly encourage you to sign petition, drive up housing rates,
  - i. Jordan- can we speak at the meeting?
    - 1. No, but we can show up and be present, you can bring signs or sign the petition

IX. Advisor Report

- a. Marilyn Russell – [marilynr@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:marilynr@austin.utexas.edu)
  - i. Congratulations to those who participated in the election, april 2<sup>nd</sup> 11-5 pm job fair at Gregory hosted by division of student affairs,

X. Executive Reports

- a. Horacio Villarreal, Student Body President – [hvillarreal27@gmail.com](mailto:hvillarreal27@gmail.com)
  - i. This is my last meeting, I want to congratulate everyone who won, lot of transition meetings, government relations transitions, please register for longhorn run, we could break the record, this is a proposal, not set forth yet, 2012-2013, general revenue was reduced, tuition rates did not decrease, TPAC recommended, regents approved 2.1% increase for out of state students, among similar institutions, we fall at the bottom of the pack, in state tuition lowest among similar groups, TPAC is the formal process that use for this, new instructions from UT system to propose an increase in both in and out of state, we have to submit a new proposal, old proposal from December was withdrawn, completely understand that this is not orthodox, UT system gave us this instruction, two other schools, A&M and Tech have gone through this 6%, 4.5% for instate, actual monetary impact, what is money spend on, faculty salaries to make them competitive, offering more courses, advisory committees, every college will be a little different, new instructions set on a year, HB 29 public institution, four year guaranteed fixed rate, use tuition rate,



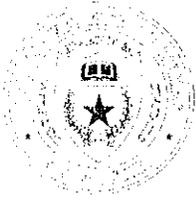
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rates are valid for 4 years, done by college, we must offer it because of HR 29, only entering freshman and transfer plan opt into 4 year rate, only undergraduate issue, 2.6% and 3.6% would be \$10 million recurring, help replace \$90 million,

1. Vincent- Did students submit a new proposal?
  - a. Clark- small tuition committee, committee expanded from 3 to 7, the proposal amongst the seven of us, we were not able to go through all colleges which was not ideal
2. Ahn- Could the chart be misleading since cost of living is higher than the compared to other schools? Income levels could be different
  - a. Clark- don't have statistics, cost of living in Austin is higher than tuition, among these schools we will be best value
3. Brown- what happened with chancellor's office?
  - a. Clark- all 9 schools got new instructions from UT system, new proposal has in state tuition and guaranteed tuition plans
  - b. Dan Slesnick, Vice Provost- Why we made this decision- budget asthmatic is straightforward, prices go up because of inflation, in general inflation is 3%, 3% is what we need to maintain status quo, that is \$39 million recurring to keep status quo, get further and further in the hole, state cut our budget, from a budget perspective, puts us further in the hole, we had to go forward with this proposal, president powers will decide this, need \$40 million each year to maintain our university, deeper in the hole, we will make a recommendation to the president who will decide
4. Vincent- noting that UT has a high rate of out of state students, is this proposal limiting for them?
  - a. Clark- that number has crept up considerably, point well taken, can be potentially prohibitive for out of state students to come here
5. Rivera (yielded time to Rathi)- process- in the email, a town hall was mentioned. Will it be more conducive to students? Budget shortfall claim is patently false, can we move money from permanent fund into the available fund, looking for a reason for increase?
  - a. Clark- UT system is responsible for \$12 billion endowment, tuition offsets, advocated that they would do that but they have not made that clear in instruction, first order of business in senate is this issue
6. May- what were the changes in 2011? Will this be an issue every three years?



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- a. Clark- that is been happening is 2005, considered every 2 years, real issue is that we lose a lot of money from the state and legislature, board of regents has the final say, this is not good, money is not coming from those sources, money from PUF and states, two of them have not been coming from us, those sources are not working, go through this process every two years, driven by TPAC and students but this year is different than with instruction
7. Vincent- As student representatives, what is the basis of your proposal based on your interactions with university status quo and students response?
  - a. Villarreal- we have to make up these shortcomings, we have to maintain the status quo, don't want to see us lose faculty and top name
  - b. Rady- we want to represent students obviously, we want to university to keep its top, other schools have increased by 6% and ours is only 2.6%, we have to keep UT top-tier,
8. Barth- when will this proposal leave UT? Can we have a JR with GSA and Senate to show student support?
  - a. Clark- due to transition, we can't do JR but we are looking for feedback,
  - b. Villarreal- President powers knows both sides of the argument, you can pass a JR if you want
9. Raza- state appropriations have decreased, we are exhausting our options, Can you explain how funds work?
  - a. Slesnick- Oil land in West Texas, land assets generate revenue, goes into PUF, has payouts to us and A&M, 45% of 2/3 of PUF comes to ut for operating costs, value of university fund went down, since recovered, makes it an unreliable sources, recurring funds needed,
10. Dimitroff (yielded to Rathi)- representatives don't understand bind that students are in. Wouldn't a joint resolution put a stamp of approval on this?
  - a. Wilson- JR can be either way, for or against issue
11. Brown- what is the ideal way to go about this process?
  - a. Moon- Proposal was given to us in a time constraint, would support in state tuition when given in a context,
  - b. Villarreal- we have not had enough student feedback because of when we got instructions

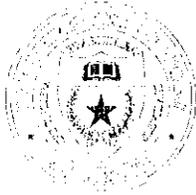


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- c. Clark- talking to other students about this, and state of university, when you look at numbers in its context, majority of college council presidents support this, other options have been exhausted, fight for this in the next legislative sessions
12. Barth- getting a resolution on this issue to have student voice, can be for or against?
  - a. Clark- cannot promise that we can get a JR, but we can try
  - b. Mishra- I have received emails from grad students about this, town hall about this tomorrow, we don't have time to take care of this, asked to consider this 3 days before spring break, we did not have time to reach yall, we can't promise JRs but we can try
13. Vincent- what would it look like if this proposal does not pass?
  - a. Inflation tax, if the budget is flat, expenses go up, not going to see budget cut right away, seeing salaries of other schools going up relative to other schools, cost of maintaining buildings going up, there are other avenues, state could come to the rescue, state support for public universities has been going down, we don't control the AUF, we had to make some difficult decisions, maintain quality of university or let it erode
14. Lueder (yielded time to Prof. Dana Cloud)- teach and do research of social research, see classroom becoming more homogenous, I don't want to see students bear the cost of my raise, why we can't demand more money to PUF?
15. Aimuyo- How is this going to change tuition with colleges and different rates?
  - a. Clark- happens at the same rate across the board, on paper, one rate higher than the other, UTD has a mandatory 4 year tuition rate
16. Carter- Can we have this information online?
  - a. Clark- yes, we can distribute
17. Vincent- Is quality of education worth losing diversity of university?
  - a. Clark- we are good with stretching dollar than our competitors, Texas A&M and tech are requesting large tuition rates, we are going to becoming uncompetitive, that should be a big deal in terms of diversity, we are a huge value compared to other comparable schools, we are not jeopardizing, tuition cannot be the only way for us to obtain money,
18. Raza- how other institutions in the UT system handling this?



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- a. Clark- not sure how others are doing it, big conference call, with academic campus presidents, they were not sure they could make this deadline, recognized as an issue
  - 19. Barth- can you talk to other UT schools about this issue?
    - a. Villarreal- we can talk to them about that for sure
    - b. Clark- none of us are happy about this, that needs to be clear, cannot promise anything,
  - 20. Houston- how will tuition affect 5 year program? How will the university will implement this and shared services?
    - a. Houston- some of the programs are exempt, some switch to graduate rates, will have pilot program
  - b. Ugeo Williams, Student Body Vice President - [michael.ugeo.williams@utexas.edu](mailto:michael.ugeo.williams@utexas.edu)
    - i. Tuition is a very important issues, not a part of the committee, created a transition manual, send Taylor and Kori draft of that for the future, will be sending out applications to appointments, student services looking to continue to use u-wide,
  - c. Chief of Staff, Braydon Jones – [braydon.k.jones@gmail.com](mailto:braydon.k.jones@gmail.com)
    - i. Starting conversations about tailgating on campus, but this is in the early stages, try our best to make this happen, transition phrase, my job during this phase, got a transition phase outline, continue on the growth we built this year,
  - d. Communications Director, Alayna Alvarez – [alayna\\_alvarez@utexas.edu](mailto:alayna_alvarez@utexas.edu)
    - i. Tshirts came in, stick around after meeting to get the shirt, send out email with times I will be in the office, PSAC/exec board application, will be recognized with city relations agency and ut with city of Austin, trip to dc, testimonials from students about getting financial aid and gets financial aid for our trip, will be my last meeting, such a pleasure to serve yall, doing impact report, doing some other side jobs
  - e. Internal Financial Director, Mackenzie Spaniol – [kenzieespaniol@yahoo.com](mailto:kenzieespaniol@yahoo.com)
    - i. Thank you for approving appointments, send us those as we finalize those, Phil and I have been working on one funding issue,
  - f. External Financial Director, Kornel Rady – [korirady135@gmail.com](mailto:korirady135@gmail.com)
  - g. Administrative Director, Joshua Tang – [tang.josh@gmail.com](mailto:tang.josh@gmail.com)
    - i. Email about end of year celebration, we will have a lot of people before this, feedback on what assembly meetings did and how they will improve, this is my last meeting, pleasure working with each and every one of you, sg listens to me,
- XI. Director and Executive Staff Reports
- XII. Judicial Report
- a. Philip Wiseman, Chief Justice- [wiseman.philip@utexas.edu](mailto:wiseman.philip@utexas.edu)



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- i. Opinions- obligations to advertise in Daily Texan, nothing about requiring us to advertise in the Daily Texan, it's just an option, Abel vs Lutz, outcomes of the case, constitutional challenges, ESB cannot create rules that the constitution does not state, they are not elected members of student government, go over one Texas and if can they go over us to appoint student regents and Texas higher education coordinating board, 3 vacancies on the court to appoint before them, application will go out next week,

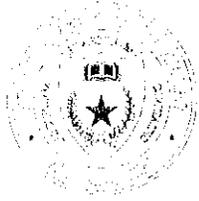
XIII. Unfinished Business

XIV. New Business

- a. AR 32- In Recognition of The Sanger Learning Center at The University of Texas at Austin
  - i. Ahn- simple and straightforward, thank them for being supportive for our initiatives,
  - ii. Villarreal- money is always tight, took a risk and helped us with our initiations,
    1. 9:29 pm appropriations
- b. AR 33 —In Support of University of Texas at Austin Community Members Affected by the South by Southwest Car Accident
  - i. Barth- we wrote this after the car accident, had on the facebook group, it is time sensitive, support ut members that were affected by this
  - ii. Vincent- very impactful, show support for UT at larger events
  - iii. Aimuyo- showing that UT gets behind big things like this, incoming freshman that was affected by this, brought this before LAC, they would like us to do more with safety week and other initiatives,
    1. Ahn- fundraiser for the sxsw cares drive?
      - a. Aimuyo- that's a good idea
  - iv. Barth- amendments: Nosa as an author, reps as sponsors, 2<sup>nd</sup> whereas- and one incoming freshman
  - v. Raza- add one junior to ones that were injured
    1. Amendments passed
      - a. Unanimous consent 9:40 pm
- c. Amending the budget
  - i. W-M: ABSA got left off by accident, they did come in and interview
    1. Approved by unanimous consent 9:31 pm

XV. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Committee – [kallen.dimitroff@yahoo.com](mailto:kallen.dimitroff@yahoo.com)
- b. External Affairs Committee – [nosaaaimuyo@utexas.edu](mailto:nosaaaimuyo@utexas.edu)
  - i. Couple of weeks ago got constituent reports legislation, lot of changes made, brought up as unfinished business



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- c. Financial Affairs Committee – [christopherjordan@utexas.edu](mailto:christopherjordan@utexas.edu)
  - d. Legislative Affairs Committee – [johntbrown@utexas.edu](mailto:johntbrown@utexas.edu)
  - e. Rules and Regulations Committee – [aghouston@utexas.edu](mailto:aghouston@utexas.edu)
    - i. Thank you for being patient, having a dinner at 6:30 next Monday
  - f. Student Affairs Committee– [carolinecarter@att.net](mailto:carolinecarter@att.net)
- XVI. Speaker of the Assembly Report
- a. Kenton Wilson – [Kenton.Wilson@utexas.edu](mailto:Kenton.Wilson@utexas.edu)
    - i. Working with Josh to get leadership celebration out
- XVII. Representative Reports
- a. Houston- architecture week, register for longhorn run, bring out friends, AR 21 passed against occupancy limits, please attend because it affects all students, affects all of central Austin, tuition increases and shared services, against privatizing that
  - b. Roberts- Josh is awesome, Kenton did a great job with his position, on tuition, keeping value at UT is important, want kids to come here
  - c. Carter- BBA legacy, giving campaign for mcombs students, work with business council to give back, if your college doesn't do a campaign like that
- XVIII. Announcements
- a. Barth- cousin is the next Bachelorette
  - b. Nalley- LBJ parking, engineering council organizing electronic waste,
  - c. Raza- longhorn run, great dialogue about tuition, take what you learned and spread it to constituents, we have been elected to do justice towards students, be guidance and mentor to next assembly, men of excellence is having a leukemia drive, focus on mentorship, one of our founding members was diagnosed with it, hot dog sale, 11-4
  - d. Rady- faculty council vote to have Wednesday before thanksgiving, Texas student media event, 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm, town hall next Thursday, vagina monologues tomorrow
  - e. Tang- thank you to everyone to sticking with us, AEI on campus, looking for new members, forward you application to be their member, former Harvard law school admissions dean is charge of it
  - f. Molina- fine arts week, having a talent showcase, email fine arts council for application
- XIX. Second Roll Call
- XX. Adjournment