



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY
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THE **108TH** SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, April 1st, 2014

- I. Call 108th Session of the Student Government Assembly to Order
- II. Swearing-in of 108th Student Government Assembly
- III. First Roll Call
- IV. Election of the Speaker of the Assembly- Braydon Jones
 - a. Jones- Starting 108th session on April 1st, congratulations, this is like the first day school, looking forward to a great year, set things straight, at first I didn't want to accept this position but realized this is an honor, you were elected and you will serve, this body has been inactive, lack of ability to come together, things are going to be different, attendance records will be different, will start at 7, we are not in the happy business, no way to make all students happy and agree but we should come together as a group, work together and get things accomplished, Jamie will keep me in check, accountability is my big thing, this will be the highest honor of my student career
- V. Election of the Standing Committee Chairs of the Assembly
 - a. Rules and Regulations Chair - Melysa Barth
 - i. education rep, second year in assembly, please come up and introduce yourself to me
 - b. Academic Affairs Chair - Chandler Foster
 - i. really excited to meet everyone, a lot of big plans, more communication between us and Senate, looking forward to working with yall
 - c. External Affairs Chair - Jessica Sherman
 - i. geosciences, 2nd year in assembly, learning a lot about committees, external affairs doesn't get a lot of action, make sure that committee is pulling their weight
 - d. Financial Affairs Chair
 - i. Shannon Geison- first-year, uwide, McCombs student, drawn to finance, seen the great work that appropriations done, member of senate of college councils, being a part of a lot of organizations that benefit from this position, talk to organizations and see why it's important, excited to work with yall on that,
 - ii. Rindler- uwide, bunch of great ideas, spent time talking to Chris about what they did last year, make sure people know to apply, talked to internal financial director about the position, want to give away as much money
 1. Clifford- to Rindler- How will previous involvement in organizations help in this position?



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- across the agency, worked on AR 16, sat through every committee meeting, passion is something I stress,
- b. Patel- worked with hook the vote, seen things they could have done better, a lot of things to effect change, sat in legislative affairs, lobbying different people in assembly on AR 16, I was trying to take issue into my own hands, something I am very passionate about, bringing student voice into committee and agency,
2. Cardenas- In regards to AR 16, I was an LLA on that committee. How do you handle getting student voice heard?
 - a. Patel- worked with ULI, make sure all voices in the positions were heard and were able to have voice heard, go to clubs and hear what they have to say, make sure all student voices are heard,
 - b. Cavazos- get public to come and speak on issues, some people weren't as involved because they didn't understand that, would like to make a briefing of legislation
 3. Bior- how will you use Invest in Texas?
 - a. Patel- chair would have to invigorate different levels of government, making that the most effective, working with those organizations, make sure we get them involved in the process, keep people updated,
 - b. Cavazos- work with Senate on this issue, we know ins and outs of committee, priority is getting students across campus involved, with committee have a standing committee to have students say what they want us to do, diverse group of students that care about committee that would work with committee,
 4. Barth- how will you stay unbiased?
 - a. Cavazos- had experience with this with judicial committee meetings, had experience in staying unbiased, have many people voice their opinions instead
 - b. Patel- I have moderated forums where I have to stay out of it, been doing that for a while, get people to committee and assembly meeting, having their voices heard, being an effective leader, hearing what everyone else has to say so people can make informed decisions,
- iii. 25-3 for Cavazos
- f. Student Affairs Chair
 - i. Patrick- sophomore uwide, was an LLA and had experience in committees, sat in student affairs committee, see dynamics and what needed to be done, assistant director of philanthropy, west campus cleanup, reach out to students, online



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questionnaire, blog to update and submit ideas, action directory, organizing deadline,

- ii. Nalley- was the parliamentarian last year, wide range of experience from SG to a lot of outside activities, on assembly board last year, offer experience from that and find ways to offer advice, should be done in an efficient matter, work with everyone to get things done, embodiment of student government, want to see everyone's initiative done
 1. Long- what distinguishes you from other candidate?
 - a. Patrick- LLA experience from multiple branches of student government, being able to push legislation and to push committee forward without being biased
 - b. Nalley- internal SG experience, ex-officio member, went to assembly board and committee members, can't take a position on anything, learned how we can lead, involved with engineering council, vice president of engineering institute, committee meetings are my life,
 2. Patel- what could student affairs doing better?
 - a. Patrick- need ways to reach out to students, send in responses in a timely manner, willing to use technology to talk to students, tabling is not efficient
 - b. Nalley- a lot of my ideas also involve technology, have a survey, logistical issues with that, create resource database for student government agencies, partnering with sg and other students organizations, newsletter could be linked and better, go towards students and bring them back

17-11-1 for Nalley

VI. Guests

- a. Longhorn Run Director, Charlie Adkins
 - i. Longhorn Run- agency of SG, Nike store, money goes to SG excellence fund, 2100 runners, get student government more involved, promo code offered, have LSOs offered, only 14 registrants from SG, come to yall and say that we need your support, benefitting SG, please register for the race, utlonghornrun.com, nike- 3000 runners by Friday, appreciate support, show it on social media and list serves, please help, silent disco treadmill event on Thursday, new flynet shoe, events all over country, tagteam on event, huge event, people outside running on treadmills, Nike always hooks people up, Horacio sent out email with information to promote longhorn run, water stations, 3 stations during the race, need organizations to apply for these, apply on website, 30 members from org on race day, get \$250 and IM team entry for being most spirited team
- b. UT Development, Julie Lucas



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- i. Thank you for having me, 40 hours for 40 acres, mostly virtual, get as many new donors as possible, students support each other, Friday event from 11-2 in front of Gregory, looking for 400 student gifts, 40for40.utexas.edu, fliers in the back,
- VII. Open Forum
- VIII. Ex-Officio Member Reports
 - a. Graduate Student Assembly
 - i. Columbia Mishra- fantastic working with SG, congratulations to each of your, seek advice for reps, shoot me an email if you would like to talk, students lobbied for graduate school issues, graduate professional appreciate week, let TAs know that you appreciate them, free massage chair, thank you for having me as an liaison
 - b. Senate of College Councils
 - c. Events and Entertainment
- IX. External Appointment Reports
- X. Advisor Report
 - a. Dean Lily- energy is high in this room, full agenda, this week met with longhorn network, want to focus on student government, talked about how hard you worked to get in, time, talent and energy, invested in student experience, make sure that I'm telling the truth, you are invested in student experience, I know that you can do this, located on the 3rd floor of this building, go out and change the world
 - b. Marilyn Russell, *Deputy to the Dean of Students* – marilynr@austin.utexas.edu
- XI. Executive Reports
 - a. *President*, Kornel Rady – korirady135@gmail.com
 - i. Incredible to hear you vet for chairs, excited to work with chairs, let me know if you have any questions, transition meetings, working with Braydon on tailgating on campus, get that done before summer starts, proposal for extended thanksgiving, only senate has passed legislation on it, want to make sure sg gets credit for it, uride will have 3 approaches, freshman can use it as a chauffeur, monthly fee, 24/5 service through pcl, safe ride program, working with legal to making sure that we can work on those,
 - b. *Vice President*, Taylor Strickland – taylor.strickland@utexas.edu
 - i. Last week I sat where you sat, transitioning, upperclassman shadow day, see what's expected of them in major when they are freshman,
 - c. *Chief of Staff*, Braydon Jones – braydon.k.jones@gmail.com
 - i. Introduce you to exec board, monitor operations of internal branch and executive staff, next week you will be approving next exec board, please look at their applications, they are some of the powerful people in SG, last year I worked on branding agencies, working on constitutional edits
 - d. *Communications Director*, Alayna Alvarez – alayna_alvarez@utexas.edu



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- a. Not going to be here next meeting, going to DC on behalf of university, appointing executive board and PSAC, I will make sure that you receive the 7 applications, read each and every single appointment, will be vocal, make sure I will know about parliamentary procedure, Thursday at 6 in sg conference room I am having a workshop about writing legislation, will provide pizza, 31 of you guys, passed 37 legislations last year and 15 bills, want to double that number, big fan of quality but numbers do speak, Dr. James Vick, teaches a math class here, if he can't tell you your name when he walks in, he gives you a quarter, if I can't tell you your name at lunch, I will buy your lunch, shoutout to Andrew Grant Houston and Ali Raza, he is one of the dean's dozen, resources for you,

XVII. Assembly Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Committee
- b. External Affairs Committee- changing, legislation on table to do so,
- c. Financial Affairs Committee
- d. Legislative Affairs Committee- committee changing to governmental affairs, work with invest on Texas,
- e. Rules and Regulations Committee- you will pref committees, keep that in mind, encourage you to read exec appointments,
- f. Student Affairs Committee

XVIII. Representative Reports

XIX. Announcements

- a. Jordan- Texas cowboys, leadership series with founder of Toms shoes, free with ut id, opens at 7:30 at hogg tomorrow
- b. Long- University Democrats hosting Van de Putte on Monday, someone left glasses up here,
- c. Patel- take back the night event for survivors of sexual violence, next week
- d. Spaniol- orange jackets has Texas tea on April 14th, rsvp on orangejackets.com
- e. Albrecht- Texas round table is hosting event, pancakes for Parkinson's, you get pancakes and shirt
- f. Raza- pancakes for Parkinson's is a great cause, student affairs volunteer and job fair Gregory plaza and gym, Thursday and Friday, lights out for leukemia with men of excellence, taking place on April 17th, really excited to see energy for your positions, please remember that it is an honor to serve in this position, take your job seriously, feel free to reach out

XX. Second Roll Call

XXI. Recess