

## Minutes for October 2, 2007 Meeting

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Meeting commenced at 7pm
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes- September 25, 2007- Minutes approved
- IV. Guests
  - A. Dr. Chris Brownson, Director of Counseling and Mental Health Center
    1. Most significant impediments to academic success:
      - a. Stress
      - b. Relationship problems
      - c. Upper respiratory problems
      - d. Sleep problems
      - e. Three out of four of these are mental health issues
    2. Overview of Services
      - a. Individual services
        - i. Call for an appointment (471-3515)
        - ii. Initial consultation → Treatment plan
        - iii. Short-term counseling option
        - iv. Same Day Appointments available for emergency situations
      - b. Telephone Counseling
        - i. 471-2255
        - ii. 24 hours/day operation
        - iii. Accredited by American Association of Suicidology
        - iv. Services:
          - a. Non-crisis counseling
          - b. Crisis intervention
          - c. Mental health information and referral
          - d. After-hours access to CMHC
      - c. CMHC Groups- Both general and specific
      - d. Voices Against Violence
      - e. Integrated Health Program
        - i. Behavioral Health counselors work in UHS General Medicine Modules
        - ii. Mind-Body Approach to Medicine
        - iii. Classes
    3. Feedback on a problem: Late cancellations and no-shows are contributing to longer wait times for students
      - a. Demand for counseling services have been skyrocketing
      - b. Currently have many systems in place to prevent this problem
      - c. Under consideration- UHS-style Fee
      - d. Student Government Feedback
        - i. Fee seems to be effective for UHS
        - ii. What is the fee and how is it assessed?
          - a. \$25, Shown on What I Owe page

- e. How would the fee money be used?
  - i. It would be used for the funding of clinical staff
- f. Do you send e-reminders?
  - i. Yes, they are sent as secure messages
- g. Please email with any questions or feedback

B. Dr. LaToya Hill, Emergency Services Coordinator/Behavior Concerns Advice Line

- 1. Student Emergency Services
  - a. Creates a smaller community for UT students
  - b. Deals with deaths, accidents, etc.
  - c. Student Emergency Fund is provided by students and used by students
- 2. BCAL- Behavior Concerns Advise Line (232-5050)
  - a. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
  - b. Creates safest environment for students, faculty, and staff
  - c. If you don't know where to go or who to talk to, you can call this line
  - d. Calls are answered by trained professionals
  - e. Can make anonymous calls, but call may be revealed under certain circumstances
- 3. Are calls recorded in some way and how long do these records remain in the system?
  - a. Students rights and privacy are respected

V. Open Forum

VI. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. Graduate Student Assembly
- B. Senate of College Councils
  - a. Passed resolutions encouraging administration to include minors and academic programs on transcripts
  - b. Research Week will bring together research opportunities and efforts
  - c. Undergraduate Research Journal recently published
- C. Student Events Center
- D. Student Services

VII. Appointments

- A. High school Outreach- Rebecca Reid
  - 1. Junior, Corporate Communications major
  - 2. Rebecca served on Student Council during high school
  - 3. Working to plan Bowling for Literacy event for Pi Beta Phi
  - 4. Motion to approve by acclamation
  - 5. Motion seconded
  - 6. Rebecca Reid is approved

VIII. Executive Reports

- A. President: Andrew C. Solomon- a.solomon@mail.utexas.edu

1. Big XII on the Hill
  - a. Trip to DC will be held next semester
  - b. Contact Susan Brangan if you are interested in participating
2. Development Board Proposal- Will propose legislation in support of this initiative
3. Website- Working with DoS Office
4. GSA Report- Working to create graduate student flat-rate tuition
5. TPAC- Discussing financial aid
  - a. Currently using tiered system
  - b. Cost of system is outgrowing original means

B. Vice President: Nicole Trinh- [netrinh@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:netrinh@austin.utexas.edu)

1. SG Cesar Chavez Activist Panel
  - a. Monday October 8, 11:30am-1:00pm, Texas Union Theater
  - b. Please provide topics for panel to address
  - c. Volunteers needed for unveiling event- Orientation tomorrow, 7pm
2. Student Affairs Leadership Team (SALT) Meeting- PPAC perspectives
  - a. How do we utilize the funds that we have?
  - b. What are some of the strengths of our comparison schools that we would like to model?
  - c. What are major components of valuable student experience?
    - i. Peer tutoring services
    - ii. Passionate teaching assistants
    - iii. Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program
    - iv. DoS Services
    - v. FIG program
    - vi. Undergraduate research opportunities
    - vii. Libraries
    - viii. Residence life
    - ix. Programs that involve faculty interaction, ex. Fine Arts Council
    - x. Wide variety of people, organizations, and activities
3. Rules, Process, Communication- Assembly Presentation
4. Rep of the Week- Javier Alarcia-Mencia

C. Executive Director: Jordan Davisson- [jordandavisson@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:jordandavisson@mail.utexas.edu)

1. Agency Assembly Meeting- October 10, 7pm, SG office
2. Polo shirt sign-up
3. Make-up Retreat Date- Saturday, October 13, 12-2pm or 2-4pm
4. Internet Music Exchange- Let Jordan know if you are interested in working with this issue
5. Director of the Week- Phil Navoa

D. Communications Director: Vicki Nguyen-  
vicki.nguyen@bba04.mcombs.utexas.edu

1. Mobile Meeting/Campus Fusion Town Hall- October 16, Gregory Games Room
2. Texas Basketball RoundBall RoundUp
  - a. October 26, 6pm, Gregory Pool
  - b. T-shirt distribution
  - c. Three weeks left to advertise this event
3. Outreach Meeting- Thursday 5pm
  - a. Initiative Update - Mena
4. Newsletter Feedback

E. External Financial Director: Stephen Gilstrap-sgilstrap@mail.utexas.edu

1. Development Board Meeting Recap
2. High School Workshop Updates- November 17
3. UT Parent's Weekend
  - a. Address Sign Up
  - b. Dinner at El Mercado
4. UT Boots – Hope to receive final approval this week
5. Mobile Campus Meeting- Please provide feedback for improving the service
6. Spirits and Tradition Council Representative position open

F. Internal Financial Director: Frankie Shulkin-fshulk714@aol.com

1. Appropriations held this past weekend
2. Student Government will fund about 75 organizations this semester
3. Appropriations will go up for approval at next Assembly Meeting

G. Secretary to the Assembly: Chelsea Wade-  
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1. LPC policies and procedures
2. Dinner at Spicy Pickle following meeting

## IX. Committee Reports

- A. Rules
  1. Voted to approve AB13
  2. Will send most updated version of Internal Rules over list serve
- B. Finance
- C. Internal Affairs
- D. Outreach- Will assign representatives to student organizations that applied for appropriations
- E. Fundraising
- F. Legislative Policy- Voted to approve AR9 contingent upon one friendly amendment

X. Unfinished Business

A. AR 9: SG Supports Advancements for Proactive Diversity

1. Written in response to campus climate issues
2. Authors chose to list certain events because they are sponsored by Student Government and demonstrate advancements for proactive diversity
3. Friendly amendment to change the word "prides"
4. Authors accept friendly amendment
5. Friendly amendment to delete stanza including Keep UT Hate Free and Campus Fusion
6. Authors reject friendly amendment
7. Motion to amend to delete the stanza "Be It Further Resolved that The University of Texas at Austin Student Government encourages that representatives, executive committee members, and agency directors of the assembly affirm the proactive inclusion for people and their thoughts in the form of support for Campus Fusion, Keep UT Hate Free, The Student Government Outreach Initiative and any other student or administrative programs geared to achieving this purpose."
8. Voting
9. Motion fails
10. Friendly amendment to change wording in first stanza to "promotes character and leadership"
11. Authors accept friendly amendment
12. Dan Villareal- What gap does this legislation fill?
  - a. This resolution reaffirms the assembly's stance on the issue of diversity
13. If Student Government is already supporting these events, why do they need to be included in this resolution?
  - a. Student Government has not actively participated in these events and authors would like to see more Student Government support for these programs
14. What do you mean by support for people and their ideas?

- a. Taking outreach initiatives seriously and making an effort to be more involved with diverse groups of people and more actively participate in diversity programs

15. Debate

a. Yea side- Garza

- i. This resolution is a major step in attempting to be socially aware and socially inclusive
- ii. Would like to make SG as open and inclusive as possible

b. Nay side- del Sol

- i. Experience with Campus Fusion has been extremely negative and attendance to this event should not be mandated
- ii. While freedom of speech is important, the right to walk out is equally important
- iii. Resolution is an example of how Graduate Student are not able to fully participate in the Assembly

c. Yea side- Bunch

- i. Resolution promotes the ability to walk away if you feel uncomfortable

d. Nay side- Jacob

- i. Graduate Students have felt excluded
- ii. Campus Fusion has offended students with its dialogue
- iii. How can you create a bill about inclusion without including people who want to help author the resolution?
- iv. Why doesn't Student Government create stronger resolutions addressing specific incidents?

e. Yea side- Amin

- i. Campus Fusion allows open dialogue and creates a space for people to voice their opinions

f. Nay side- Dan Villareal

- i. "Words mean things"
- ii. Stanza in question seems coercive in nature
- iii. Does Student Government not already support diversity?
- iv. If you do not support this bill, does this mean you do not support diversity?

g. Yea side- Garza

- i. Programs have been in place but have not been fully supported by Student Government
- ii. Resolution does not state that Student Government is not socially aware

h. Nay side- del Sol

- i. Offensive Campus Fusion dialogue came from panel speakers
- ii. Del Sol's first resolution was written in response to immigration issues and people used the term "illegal aliens" during debate
- iii. It is unfair to use such hateful terms to identify constituents
- iv. Calling something "hate-free" does not mean it is hate-free

16. Motion to call to question

17. Roll call vote

18. Motion fails

B. AB 13: Student Regent Selection Process

- 1. Laws concerning Student Regent have changed and Student Government Rules need to reflect these changes
- 2. Friendly amendments
- 3. Motion to approve by acclamation
- 4. Motion seconded
- 5. AB 13 is approved

XI. New Business

XII. Agency Director Reports

- A. FLO
  1. Have been experiencing great attendance
  2. Mentor applications available
  3. Capture the Flag at the Capitol- Thursday, 9:30pm
- B. Philanthropy
  1. Longhorn Halloween- October 28, Erwin Center- Donate candy
  2. Trunk retreat sign-up
  3. Volunteer idea- Austin's Children's Museum
- C. LLA
  1. Reps- Please check your boxes for LLA Directory
  2. LLA Binder contains work orders
- D. SDA
  1. October is disabilities awareness month
  2. Look for email containing many great events
  3. Miss Wheelchair of Texas- About public speaking and advocacy

### XIII. Representative Reports

- A. Bunch- Caesar Chavez unveiling next Tuesday- Volunteers needed
- B. Hussey- Social Work BarBQ- Monday, October 13
- C. Manz- Composition of community Coordinating Board does not seem coherent
- D. George- Library Council Met
  1. Google is putting library materials online
  2. New study space in PCL
  3. Online catalog is up and running
  4. Working on Audiobooks
- E. del Sol- Would like to bring parliamentary position back to Student Government
- F. Magadi
  1. Met to discuss parking issue
  2. Starting to enforce S permit policy- Not allowed to leave cars overnight
  3. Will write resolution about adding minors and academic programs to transcripts

### XIV. Announcements

- A. Next SG Meeting- October 9- SG Appropriations, University Calendar
- B. Big 12 Committee Meeting: Every Wednesday at 7pm in the SG Office!
- C. LEAP Workshop- Ask Keshav for more information
- B. Tejas Coffee- Thursday, 9pm
- C. October 5- Fashion Show, 7pm, Texas Union Ballroom, \$5 entry fee
- D. October 11- Coalition Party
- E. Friday, 12-2pm- National Young Women's Day of Action
- F. Thursday, 6:30pm- Student African American Brotherhood meeting
- G. Order of Omega applications available
- H. CHANGE- Program that brings councils together to discuss issues
- I. Thanks to the LLAs!

### XV. Second Roll Call



XVI. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm