



Minutes for April 8, 2008 Student Government Assembly Meeting

- I. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting commenced at 7:03pm
- II. Motion to suspend the rules and move guests to the next item on the agenda
 - A. Motion seconded
 - B. Motion carries
- III. Guests
 - A. H. Scott Caven, Jr., Chairman, The University of Texas System Board of Regents
 1. Swears in new President and Vice President
 2. Explains the importance of Student Government
 - a. Prototype of citizen legislator
 - b. You are representing your college and the University's interests
 - c. What you do is important not only to the University, but to the Board of Regents
 - d. Former Student Body President served as first Student Regent
- IV. First Roll Call
- V. Approval of Minutes- April 1, 2008- Minutes approved
- VI. Open Forum
 - A. Survey for cultural anthropology class
 - B. ABSA- Tennis tournament- April 19- utabsa.org
 - C. BSA
 1. Emphasizes importance of maintaining a diverse student body
 2. Concerned about recent admissions lawsuit
- VII. Ex-Officio Reports
 - A. Graduate Student Assembly
 - B. Senate of College Councils
 1. Held Faculty Appreciation Week last week- Successful
 2. Research Week- Next week
 3. Appointed new Executive Board
 - C. Student Events Center
 1. Congratulations to newly elected representatives
 2. SEC is an event planning organization housed in the Texas Union
 3. Texas Revue- Thursday, 8pm, Main Mall
 4. Bowling Tournament- Next Thursday, Union Underground

5. Orange and White Ball- April 25- Tickets now available
- D. Student Services

VIII. Appointments

- A. Motion to suspend the rules and limit appointments to 38 minutes total
 1. Motion seconded
 2. Motion carries

- B. Tressa Westerman, Two Year At Large Representative
 1. Instrumental in campaign
 2. Junior- Has had time to discover student concerns and needs
 3. Member of Liberal Arts Council
 4. Wants service to define her experience at the University
 5. Passionate about creating scholarships for students interested in getting involved with student organizations
 6. Motion to approve by acclamation
 7. Motion seconded
 8. Tressa is approved
 9. Jordan Davisson swears in Tressa

- C. Minator Azemi, Administrative Director
 1. Natural Sciences Freshman
 2. Would like to work hand-in-hand with incoming Freshmen
 3. Dan Villarreal- How many words a minute can you type?
 - a. About 75
 4. Nyberg- What kind of social activities do you have planned?
 - a. Would like to put together a party planning task force
 5. Motion to approve by acclamation
 6. Motion seconded
 7. Minator is appointed

- D. Liam O'Rourke, Executive Director
 1. Served as an agency director- AD of the year
 2. Third year
 3. Passionate about SG and K and F changing perception
 4. Wants to make sure agency directors are working just as hard as reps and K and F
 5. Meyerson – How will you help agency directors work together?
 - a. Agency director assembly meetings
 - b. Separating directors half to com director and half to ED
 - c. Both will be accountable for those people
 - d. Keep comm. avenues open; phone calls and face to face meetings
 6. Trotter – How do you go from being a supervisor and take a step back and make sure you aren't taking control of projects?
 - a. Most people are reps and agency directors
 - b. Wants to be an initiator for those uncomfortable and unable to make meetings
 7. Carlie LLA – How do you plan to facilitate agency director and assembly connection?

- a. Don't construct meeting so that agency directors don't feel like they don't have to be here
 - b. Maybe they need to give their reports earlier
 - c. He wants to stress to them to stay the entire hour and a half
- 8. Motion to approve by acclamation
 - 9. Motion seconded
 - 10. Liam is approved

E. Chelsea Fosse, Communications Director

- 1. She was very passionate about redefining perception
- 2. Third year
- 3. During freshman year served as LLA and was LLA director last year
- 4. Has had a great time
- 5. Wants to adopt more proactive approach to make people feel comfortable
- 6. Bunch – How would you address speaker circuiting issue as far as how effective it is?
 - a. Have been holding forums and discussions
 - b. Has been working with K and F already
- 7. Waley – How will you get students here and involved at meetings?
 - a. In application, there is a welcoming committee agency director positions
 - b. Wants a team to greet people and know where college reps sit and have a list of agency directors to find interest
 - c. Following is important. Make sure they know we appreciated their attendance
- 8. Motion to approve by acclamation
- 9. Motion seconded
- 10. Chelsea is approved

F. Priti Joshi, Internal Financial Director

- 1. Business major
- 2. Has an interest and allocation appropriate amounts of money to organizations and projects
- 3. Has been allocating funds in other leadership positions
- 4. Important to appropriate funds correctly and to also follow up on fund
- 5. SG's job to be at the events we fund
- 6. Waley – How do you plan on getting application out to student organizations?
 - a. Getting it out through emails and list serves
 - b. We need to use contacts from assembly members
 - c. Reach as many organizations as possible because they don't know we have funds
- 7. Johnson - How do you plan to balance number of organizations and funds?
 - a. One of the struggles
 - b. Wants to work thoroughly with finance committee
 - c. See how many people the event effects

8. Moved to approve by acclamation
9. Motion seconded
10. Priti is approved

G. Taylor Ellison, External Financial Director

1. Already has a great idea for a fundraiser
2. Commends boot scholarship
3. Wants to market in a way students know about how to buy boots and apply for the scholarship
4. High school workshop is great but there is room for improving
5. Use internet as a resource to apply for scholarship
6. Benefit concert and use profits from tickets sold for students
7. Wants to keep FUN in fundraising
8. Jung – Can you tell us about your previous fundraising experience?
 - a. In past year, friend and her started tie-dyeing shirts as a way to raise money for charity
9. Motion to approve by acclamation
10. Motion seconded
11. Taylor is approved
12. Executive Board sworn in by Jordan Davisson

H. Prashanth Magadi and Katina Rajanov, SSBC

1. Both will bring perspectives needed for this position
 - a. Both know about the committee
 - b. Want the process to be transparent
2. Rajanov – BHP student
 - a. Can bring a fresh perspective to this experience
 - b. Has experience with budgets working a congressional office and with Communters in Schools, a nonprofit organization
3. Magadi – Third year Plan II/Eco major
 - a. Was just a LA rep
 - b. SSBC is intergral part of providing services to students
 - c. Work at a nonprofit organization working with a limited budget
4. Stanton – What are some ideas to better publicize services provided?
 - a. Magadi – Wants to hold town hall meetings to publicize what exactly SSBC does
 - b. The issues it faces
 - c. Make it more transparent
5. Motion to approve both by acclamation
6. Motion seconded
7. Prashanth and Katina are approved

I. Emily Jung, Faculty Council

1. She will do a great job
2. Work in election reform proves how dedicated she is
3. Third year
4. Second year as a two year at large representative

5. Supports administration and what they are trying to do
6. Wants to be involved in Faculty Council because it is a way to reach out to students
7. Bunch – What should the faculty council's position be on academic integrity and other things?
 - a. She read those Faculty Council minutes
 - b. Believes FC is governed to help the governance of the University
8. Motion to approve by acclamation
9. Motion seconded
10. Emily is approved

J. Motion to extend appointment time by 10 minutes

1. Motion seconded
2. Motion approved
3. 18 minutes remain

K. Nathan Bunch, Staff Council

1. This is a new seat
2. Nathan will be a great candidate
3. Wants to make it a voting seat
4. Already serves as a staff member
5. Serves in office of trademark licensing
6. Will transition into Dr. Vincent's office
7. Amending dynamics between different student opportunities
8. Better serve different staff members on campus
9. Motion to approve by acclamation
10. Motion seconded
11. Nathan is approved

L. Basil Awad and ~~Justin Stein~~ *Jason Silverstein*, Texas Union Board of Directors

1. Two year term
2. These are the people that will plan things for Union building
3. Awad – involved with Plan II SA, MSA, and others
 - a. Wants to be part of the board because he practically lives at the union
 - b. Connected to the reflection room
 - c. Wants to help with planning SAC
 - d. Is very accessible
4. ~~Stein~~ *Silverstein* – Third year ECO major
 - a. Involved in fraternity in exec, Texas Cowboys, and Big Bros and Big Sis of Austin
 - b. Wants to get involved in SG
 - c. Has learned over the past year by coming to SG meetings
 - d. Wants to help shape SAC building
5. Stanton – What are some initiatives you want the Board of Directors to take on or pick up?
 - a. Stein – wants to work with SEC
 - b. Awad – Initiatives now are done by organizations presenting to the board

- i. wants to reach out to the organizations as well by contacting them
 - 6. Motion to approved both by acclamation
 - 7. Motion seconded
 - 8. Basil and Stein are approved
- M. Tim Ginn and Rachel Meyerson, University Area Partners
 - 1. Position important because of current status of West Campus
 - 2. Tim is an urban studies major and Rachel lives in West Campus
 - 3. Meyerson - current two year
 - a. Excited to work in this position
 - b. Worked with development in urban development in Mexico
 - c. Wants to communicate with UT and University Area Businesses
 - 4. Ginn – Liberal Arts rep emeritus
 - a. Urban studies and geography major
 - b. Interned with city of Corpus Christi development office
 - 5. Stein – What are some ways you will work with city to make sure students in West Campus are protected?
 - a. Meyerson – SG has done stuff with safety week
 - i. Wants to take this and address to UAP and bring it back to assembly
 - b. Ginn – Fuzzy line between Guadalupe and Campus for UTPD
 - i. Wants to define line between UTPD and APD
 - 6. Stanton – Does UAP include Riverside? If not, do you have ideas to expand it?
 - a. Rajagopalan – only includes West Campus but can use this idea and work with City Relations Agency to apply to other areas where students live
 - 7. Motion to approve my acclamation
 - 8. Motion seconded
 - 9. Ginn and Meyerson are approved
- N. Jacob Bintliff and Lucia Simonelli, Campus Environmental Center
 - 1. Tabled because they are not present
- O. Tanya Dillard and Muneezeh Kabir, Women's Resource Center
 - 1. Will be tabled because both are not present
- P. Andrew Nash, FLO Director
 - 1. FLO director and exec members interviewed him
 - 2. FLO is very important in terms of a service to get students involved
 - 3. Member of LEAP, FLO, and Texas Revue
 - 4. Liberal Arts and Communication student
 - 5. Wants to put together a Public Relations initiative to create image on campus for FLO
 - 6. Not many people know about FLO
 - 7. Wants to put Leadership into FLO
 - 8. FLO does more than leadership

9. Make FLO more acceptable
10. Nyberg – You won't be here over the summer so who will recruit students during this time?
 - a. Phil, outgoing director, will hold interviews this week for the other officers
 - b. Hopes these can help him tackle this job
 - c. Communication is a big deal, but him not being here shouldn't stop FLO from moving forward
11. Johnson - How will you change the deception of the FLO name?
 - a. Wants to bring more leadership opportunities to FLO
 - b. Open up organization to people outside of the organization
 - c. Wants to help FLO members become networked throughout the campus
 - d. Prepare members to lead on campus after they leave FLO
12. Motion to approve by acclamation
13. Motion seconded
14. Andrew is approved
15. Sworn in by Liam O'Rourke

IX. Deputy Adviser Report

- A. Melinda Sutton- msutton@mail.utexas.edu
 1. Role is to serve as a liaison between Dean of Students office and Student Government
 2. Door is always open to support us
 3. Will be here every Tuesday
 4. Looking forward to working with and getting to know all of the new members

X. Executive Reports

- A. President: Keshav Rajagopalan - keshavr@austin.utexas.edu
 1. Thanks everyone for work in appointment process
 2. Wants to commend Frankie on great job
 3. Summer Student Organization BBQ
 - a. Article in Daily Texan that student orgs can't table at BBQ
 - b. Has been in meetings and working with DOS office
 - c. Have been assured that student organizations will be back at BBQ
 - d. Reason to not have them was a safety hazard
 - e. Take note of having student orgs set up across the street in front of Belmont in the future
 4. RIAA
 - a. Students are being fined for illegally downloading music
 - b. Working with ITS to develop advertising campaign to educate students on consequences
 5. PACE Taskforce
 - a. In West Campus, there is a group of city officials enforcing codes
 - b. Want to limit number of party permits to 12 per year

- c. Keshav with testify in front of Music Commission next month
 - 6. UT Grant Program
 - a. Important for students with Grant Program
 - b. Requires \$.20 for every tuition dollar for every family that makes less than certain income
 - c. Out of state and fifth year students can't take advantage of this
 - d. Met with Student Financial Services and are working to find money to appeal to the students affected by these
 - e. Stanton – Would it take effect for those in fourth year now?
 - i. Yes. There will be an appeals process
 - ii. If you are a current student, you have opportunity to appeal to ensure funds are there
 - iii. Will take effect for new students
 - 7. Way of the Horns
 - a. Student initiative
 - b. Came out of PSAC discussion
 - c. Defining Longhorn culture
 - d. This week surveys went out to 35,000 students
 - e. Will slowly unfold over the years
 - f. Five different pillars
 - 8. Student Financial Services
 - a. New director – Dr. Tom Melecki
 - b. Reports to new Associate VPSA/Registrar, Shelby Stanfield
 - 9. Election Reform
 - a. Meeting on April 14, 8:30 p.m.
 - 10. Take Back the Night
 - a. Head to main mall after adjournment
 - 11. Outreach
 - a. Met about outreach centers here at UT and in Austin
 - b. How to educate middle school and high school students about college
 - c. Let Keshav know if you are interested
- B. Vice President: Frankie Shulkin - fshulkin@austin.utexas.edu
- 1. Reps are doing a great job
 - 2. Committee assignments
 - a. Rules will meeting Sunday at 3 pm
 - 3. Representative Orientation
 - a. Some people still need to meet with Frankie so stay after meeting
 - 4. Initiative Sign-up
 - a. Three initiatives
 - b. Communication Action Plan
 - 5. Internal Rules
 - a. Will meet Sunday at 3 pm
- C. Executive Director: Liam O'Rourke – liam.orourke@mail.utexas.edu
- 1. Internal Affairs – will email everyone to find a time that works

2. Stresses importance of attendance and does not want to miss quorum
3. If we aren't doing official business, we can't meet students needs
4. Everyone will be held accountable
5. Communicate with Liam about what is going on in your life

D. Communications Director: Chelsea Fosse –
chelseafosse@austin.utexas.edu

1. Meeting next Monday at 5 pm
 - a. Email her if that is a conflict
2. College reps meet to find out who will attend college councils
3. Minator will send schedule

E. External Financial Director: Taylor Ellison – taylorkellison@gmail.com

1. Thanks assembly for being able to work with them
2. SG Meet and Greet – May 3, Time: TBA; Austin' Pizza
3. Fundraising – Next Thursday 6 pm
4. Bevo Buddies is still going on
 - a. Email her if you are interested

F. Internal Financial Director: Priti Joshi – priti.y.joshi@gmail.com

1. Committee will meet Monday at 5 pm
2. Will email members

G. Administrative Director: Minator Azemi – minatorazemi@mail.utexas.edu

1. Committee will meet Saturday
2. Meet after meeting to decide time

XI. Committee Reports

- A. Rules
- B. Finance
- C. Internal Affairs
- D. Outreach
- E. Fundraising
- F. Legislative Policy

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

A. AR1: In Support of Equal Access to Public Accommodations

B. Introduction

1. Address House Bill 588
2. Affirmative action was overturned at UT
3. Sharp decline of minorities after this was overturned
4. Crucial to address this topic now because of Top 10% legislation
5. Wanted to focus on social class
6. Top 10% rule allowed those to bypass SAT requirement
7. Affects people accessibility

8. As a state institution, UT has obligation to address accessibility to all of its citizens
 9. Feel that those that come from lower social classes should not be punished on admission
- C. Meyerson – Section 2, third Whereas, is there a citing?
1. Del Sol – all statistics will be included
 2. She is happy to send it to anyone
- Meyerson – Same Faulker quote, it stated that every student that was entitled to come to UT could not be handled. Is the article accurately portrayed in your resolution?
3. No answer
- D. Motion to extend questioning for 5 minutes
- E. Motion seconded
- F. Motion approved
- G. Rodriguez – would you consider you getting another source besides Wikipedia because it will strengthen credibility?
1. Del Sol – Yes, will use legislature facts
- H. Walker – Doesn't understand the intent. The resolution does not address intent. Seems like you are saying UT possesses institutional racism
1. Poor choice of title, perhaps
 2. Will change title of section 4
- I. Nyberg – Relationship between Top 10% rule and your resolution. This rule rewards hard working student from lower socioeconomic high schools. Please clarify.
1. Del Sol – wants people's perspectives so that everyone can come together
 2. Top 10% produces two-tier school
 3. Faulkner saying we are over-capacitated was incorrect
 4. Resolution says that Top 10% needs to be changed in a way that there is not a two-tier institution
- Nyberg – Tweaking Top 10%?
5. Del Sol - Elected officials are working on this in state legislature
- J. Johnson – Colleges use SAT to help high-performance students. Are you discrediting it in your "Therefore be it resolved"?
1. Del Sol - High performing is president of class or national merit scholars
- K. D. Villarreal – From hypothetical high school, top 10 students will get in. Are you saying that those people are hurt by status quo?
1. Jacob – this resolution assures students from lower socioeconomic students are not penalized
- L. Meyerson – What exactly is the intent?
1. Ensure whatever legislature or UT may pass, that it does not penalize or lessen those students that have never had the chance to come to UT
- Meyerson – Not going to propose Top 6% rule?
2. Del Sol – happy that people in the room know Chairman Caven personally
- M. Brown – Resolution is precautionary to a change that might happen?
1. Del Sol – Caven listens for a voice
 2. SG shouldn't propose very specific outcomes
- N. Will move to LPC committee

O. Del Sol – prefers people talk rather than become enemies in LPC

XIV. Agency Director Reports

- A. FLO – is in transition and are picking new officers
 - 1. Planning social activities
 - 2. Planning for next year

XV. Representative Reports

- A. Bunch and Hickson – Initiative to start discussion between centers and departments to make centers a department
 - 1. Some centers want to stay centers to keep funding from state
 - 2. Want to engage anyone interested in that, so contact them
- B. Shwarts
 - 1. Pharmacy and Nursing council are holding social on Sunday together to talk about their curriculum
 - 2. Looking into bike rental program – “Orange Bikes”
- C. Stanton – Financial planning for students who are starting with large disposable income
 - 1. Contact him if you are interested
- D. Yue and Ma – Trying to connect different students on campus with SG
 - 1. Wednesday hosting forum with Asian’ leaders
 - 2. 5 pm in SSB 4.212

XVI. Announcements

- A. Get college council schedule to Chelsea by Sunday
- B. Will implement time in Agenda to make council meeting reports
- C. Initiatives for Communication Action Plan need to be emailed to Frankie by Sunday
- D. Assembly rules discussion in Rules committee
- E. Let Frankie if you weren’t at the orientation
- F. This is the rep’s assembly so please make motions
- G. Please fill out surveys that went out
- H. CARE Week – Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority
 - 1. come to candlelight vigil tomorrow on Main Mall at 7 pm
 - 2. Thursday: Mr. CARE Week Pageant in UTC 2.112A at 7 pm
 - 3. Party at Barcelona on Thursday night
- I. Every Wed at Noon at LBJ school; This Wednesday county commissioner
- J. Meeting Thursday at 5 pm to discuss lawsuit about admissions
 - 1. Location TBA
- K. Monday BSA elections at 7 pm, GEO 2.216
- L. Queer Texas Conference coming up April 26th

XVII. Second Roll Call

XVIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm