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**Title:** Minutes for The University of Texas at Austin Student Government Assembly Meeting

**Stage:** IN SESSION - 04/20/2004

**Owner:** Andrew Lara

#### GUESTS

None

#### OPEN FORUM

Sarah Bolden - Earth Week kick off, today had campus clean-athon, tomorrow organic dinner and a movie Painter 302 from 6-9, Thursday is actual Earth Day picnic and expo from 11-3 picnic on east mall, Friday 5:45-6:45 reception, 7-8:30 lecture about insects Jennifer, Students for Ethics and Integrity – Dr. Howard print is going to speak on ethics and integrity next Tuesday from 6-7 GSB2.214 Chicotsky, Austin Coalition for Marriage equality – wedding ceremony between yourself and partner, Thursday 22nd of April 11-1 on South Mall Lindsay, General Libraries – last Student Council Library meeting is coming up May 7th. Can talk to Anita, Kara or myself if you want to see anything happen before summer.

#### CHAIR OF SENATE OF COLLEGE COUNCILS, Nick Staha

- Senate behind you one hundred percent and look forward to working for you
- Will send out email with times
- If you were not a member of your council I would like to encourage you to go to your council meetings.
- Last meeting is this Thursday

#### EX-OFFICIO MEMBER FROM GSA, Paul Navratil

- Graduate Assembly passed plus, minus grading for 2004. That issue is up again. Please talk to your constituents and see what they found out about it.

Moved and seconded to move items to the next item on the agenda

#### APPOINTMENTS

2 Year at Large – Chris Kennedy  
 Brent introduces Chris. Chris introduces himself.  
 Junior, Government and Economics Major.  
 Moved and seconded to approve by acclimation.  
 Congratulations Chris J.

Executive Director – Amy Chiou  
 Brent introduces Amy. Amy introduces herself.  
 Questions:  
 Palmieri

Staha

Palmieri

Moved and second to approve by acclimation. Objection.

DÉBATE

FOR: Interian, Stanis, Staha

AGAINST: Palmierei

Moved and second to call to question. Motion passes.

Moved into voting. Amy Chiou is approved.

Amy is sworn in. Congrats, Amy J.

Internal Financial Director – Jessica Rice

Jessica introduces herself.

Moved and seconded to approve by acclimation.

Approved. Congrats Jessica.

Jessica is sworn in.

Attorney General – Amber Billingsley

Amber introduces herself.

Moved and seconded to approve by acclimation. Congrats

Amber.

Amber is sworn in.

External Financial Director – Dan Paschal

Dan introduces himself.

Questions:

Tayyeb: This year the EFD maintained an unprecedented amount how do you plan to maintain this amount and go beyond. Big shoes to fill. Alumni relations good way to get money. Hosting some sort of big event.

Carpenter: Ideas to think outside the box? For example, date auction with Brent Chaney.

Moved and seconded to approve by acclimation. No

objections. Approved by acclimation. Congrats Dan.

Dan is sworn in.

Secretary – Andrew Lara

Andrew introduces himself.

Brummett: What are your feelings about the LLA program? Nothing but good things to say. Great understanding of SG. Privilege of working with great students.

Gladney-Lemon: How many words per minute do you type?

I type fast.

Moved and seconded to approve by acclimation. Andrew

is approved. Congrats Andrew.

Andrew is sworn in.

Legislative Relations Director – Favad Bajaria

Brummett: what are your goals at working with other legislation in Texas

Favad: top ten percent and other accountability

Moved and seconded to approve by acclimation. Favad

is approved. Favad is sworn in.

FLO Director CJ Ginn

CJ introduces himself

Gladney Lemon: Do you have any specific plans for improvement?

CJ: I plan on cleaning up orientation in addition to publicize FLO even more.

Katie Herbeck: Who is your favorite FLO officer

CJ: Katie Herbeck

Moved and seconded to approve by acclimation. CJ is

approved. CJ is sworn in.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Congratulate reps and appointees and thanks for coming out at inauguration. Appointee process: 130 people applied, everyone had an interview, and some people applied for positions that have already been appointed

you will receive a phone call. Currently working on restructuring community and agencies. Be accountable and help communication and agencies reach out to more people. If you have any questions about projects you are working on make sure to ask Brent and Rachel. Did all appointed positions get someone who applied for them? No but we are working on them because some positions were not applied for.

Jessica: Can you send out the applications before so, we can see them beforehand?

Brent: Yes.

Grant: When should we expect to find out all the other appointments?

Brent: By Friday

Brummett: Can we get a list of all the appointments and their jobs?

Brent: Sure.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Reps have boxes and make sure to check you boxes. Make sure to make SG your second home. There are plenty of things that need to be done on the platform packet. If you are interested on working on parts of the platform or if you need something to work on make sure to let Rachel and Brent. Congrats to everyone this weekend. Lets continue to keep the same drive and enthusiasm we have started off this assembly.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Attendance policies state everyone should attend general assemblies, role calls are worth half an absence, at large reps are responsible for attending two organization meetings, every rep is asked to do one hour in the SG office. When you decided what those hours Amy will make a schedule when people can come in and see you. "Sicks" are excused for the whole year.

Brummett: is there a system to reach out to organizations that are not currently in SG.

Amy: Yes

#### **EXTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Don't schedule classes during meeting times. Restructuring new communication agencies. Laura is having meetings every Tues on SG relations. Interested In West Campus rezoning meet in the SG office immediately after SG meetings.

#### **INTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Exec is open to all your ideas and comments. If you have any ideas on budget issues or how to reach out to organizations make sure to let exec know

#### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Tuesday night basics: Stand when speak and allow time to be recognized

Dress Code: business casual

Never curse or utilize derogatory language

Please do not directly attack members of the assembly  
If anyone has questions on parliamentary procedure be sure to ask Amber. Use your ability to yield the floor to someone who has something to say. Keep bathroom breaks to a minimum. Everyone should hold themselves accountable as well as other members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

None

**REPRESENTATIVE PRIVILEGE**

Karchmer: Los Alamos resolution is on new business.

If you are not aware of the issue, I recommend you look online and research the articles-read the Daily Texan. Next Thursday, there will be a meeting on weapons on mass destruction as far as UT is concerned.

If you are interested in the credit card policy you can direct question to Kevin Heagarty. Potential forum on the decision made on Los Alamos. Possible dates include Monday at 8:00 or Wednesday at 8:00.

Grant: problem with judicial services should be addressed to Grant Stanis. College reps are encouraged to meet with one's deans. When you make a motion it is "I move"

G. Interiano: Next meeting there will be Baja Fresh

Ross: Right after the meeting in the SG meeting there will be a plan of action on the West Campus Rezoning issue. There is little time left to organize a plan.

Palmieri: If interested on working with residence halls and getting freshmen involved meet with Palmieri. Members of residence halls have plenty of concerns that need to be addressed. Some of these issues include food service.

Clayton: Forty Acres Fest this weekend. Sigma Pi is doing shattered dreams in front of Gregory Gym. There will be free food. UTPD will be coming out. There will be a keg of root beer. The reenactments will be held at 11 and 2 on what is like to be in a drunk driving accident. If you are interested in helping out that will be great.

Brummett: SG senate relations meet at Monday t 9 in the conference room across Glenn Maloney. This coming Monday will be the last meeting. If you are interested in working on the issue over the summer email Brummett. Also, if you are interested in working on the environment let Brummett know  
Rios: Dr. Seuss reading and relation to SG. Get everyone involved.

Livingston: Room E1.102 discussion on the top ten percent room at 9 in the morning

Gladney-lemon: Toll roads and a regressive tax that effects poor students who have to pay a higher percentage of their income. The next step to take over US 183. A progressive movement to take over more roads.

Hart: what's the alternative option than toll roads for taxation?

Gladney: not an expert on the issue.

Stanis: The toll roads are coming from the Texas Mobility Fund and the highway-restructuring program that is happening throughout Texas.

Gladney: This is a student issue.

Clayton: do you know the time line

Gladney: 20-year plan. Child care issues and parenting. The childcare is only open from 8am-5pm, which is unfair to individuals who take classes after five. Fat people on campus and in society are abused and discriminated against on a regular basis. It is imperative to focus on this issue and its relation to SG. Working on mapping out a proposal to add weight and height to the UT anti—discriminatory policy. If you have question on this issue discuss with Lemon-Gladney. Next Tuesday after SG mtg., let her present a workshop on the issue for about a hr.

**COMMITTEE AND AGENCY PRIVILEGE**

FLO: applications for officers due today. This weekend FLO has the human checkerboard booth for Forty Acres. April 29th Big Fish in Union. May 10th FLO banquet. Last meeting May 6. Extend the invitation to FLO alumni and essentially everybody.

Woman Resource Center: If interested in body image and fat hate there are books on the 4th floor. Donate phones until April 30th. Drop off in resource center, PCL, UGL lobby, plan II office, and career exploration center. Meetings on Monday at 6 PM in the human resource center.

LRA: officer applications will be in SG office. Recruitment Director bringing members to LRA, PR working with the media and working as spokesman. Applications due April 30th

GLBTAAA: This Thursday, April 22 from 11:00am until 1:00pm on main mall on marriage equality. It will be ceremonies where people will commit to the equality of marriage. A debate will be held from 7-9 at Bass lecture hall. Check out website at <http://austinmarriageequality.org/wme.htm>

Wes Carpenter: wed 28th student forum working on Los Alamos issue at 8 PM location will be announced later. Publicize student forum and its importance. Look up agency directors and open up dialogue.

University Policy Chair: AR2 discussion on intent and wording 8pm in SG office.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

G. Interiano: move to personal privilege and pick up appointment packets:  
Seconded and approved

AR1

Karchmer: considering tabling the resolution until next week. All authors will be present during next week. Motion to table resolution. Seconded, approved, and tabled.

AR2

Michelle Fuller-Wigg and Lemon Gladney  
Student employees not covered by an employee based council. Everything passed 89 will be stricken.

Change made on line 77—whereas changed to be it further resolved. The resolution will recognize April 20th be the national pay equity day. Want there to be equal pay. There is another change--the last whereas to correlate with the national date. 5874025 call Lemon Gladney for any questions.

Hinofotis: should it be changed to next April as oppose to April 20th today

Wigg: needs attention today

Hinofotis: would it be more effective to make it its own day

Karchmer: It wouldn't be appropriate to fast track it today. It further focuses the importance of the day seeing that is happening today.

Wigg: After UT statistics are submitted possible for UT to have its own day

MacLeod: it would better to change the day rather than

recognizing a holiday that has passed  
 Gladney: "Today" because states the avg. woman had to work all day this year and last to today.  
 Ross: The second to last whereas, isn't it unnecessary?  
 Gladney: placed to show it is a student issue  
 Whether: is it really a student issue until we have UT specific facts?  
 Gladney: advocate the issue with a resolution even though University Office of Institutional research has not responded  
 Brummet: authors intent after resolution has been passed?  
 Gladney: Have the UOIR provide students with the sought after data. It will serve as a tool that asks the UOIR to provide this information. An affirmative stance will help with negotiations  
 Gladney: it is the law they have to provide equal pay. Data would suggest otherwise. Passing the resolution will  
 Brummett: are there any other resources of info  
 Gladney: We have struck all that  
 G. Interiano: move to table bill until data is presented how it effects UT Austin.  
 Motion seconded, role call vote, motion passes.

AB1

Lemon-Gladney

Resolution to add the secretary shall post roll, roll call votes on the SG website within 3 days of the SG meeting.

Brummett: friendly movement to add entire assembly to be sponsors of the resolution

Gladney: Accepts suggestion

McGinity: Assembly members who are not present can be added later as co-sponsors

Brummett will attend the internal affairs meeting on Sunday.

Ross: move to suspend rules and take AR2 off the table. Seconded and not failed.

Rachel: The resolution is tabled until next week

Point Of Information: Gladney will not be present on the day of voting on resolution

Rachel: for questions of wording and intent anyone can ask questions not only reps. You can always suspend the rules.

Livingston: move to suspend rules and bring AR2 back off table

Motion seconded and failed.

Stanis: motion to move to the orders of the day and go to announcements

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matt S.: It is imperative to recognize that if people have questions and a resolution is tabled, people are not allowed to receive their answers. As a courtesy, do not table unless everyone has had the opportunity to be heard

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Palmieri: Friday, April 23, Orange and White Ball.

Tickets are available at the Co-Op and online.

Delta Gamma tomorrow night will have be having a movie night. Jennifer Harris will be selling tickets for \$4.

Saturday, April 25th 40 Acres Fest starting at noon

There are 15 positions available for special sessions.  
 Contact Byron Long for more info.  
 Eastside Community Connection will be taking applications for board of directors. They will be due this Friday. Applications are on austinecc.org  
 Iron Spikes And Diamonds are having a softball tournament--contact matt\_ross@hotmail.com to develop a SG softball team.

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Students for Bush rally on April 26th on the West Mall 1130-1:30

Alpha Phi Omega liked to thank those who contributed to help the American Heart Association

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### **ROLL CALL #2**

**Adjourned 9:55p.m.**

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### **Footnotes**

None