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Title: Student Government Assembly Minutes

Stage: PASSED - 10/26/2004

Owner: Andrew Lara

I. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM

II. Roll Call #1

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Open Forum

Lisa Henken, Vice President of Student Affairs Office

- If you are interested in volunteering this Friday night, sign up to participate with moonlight tours
- Parents Association, all you have to do is pay \$15 instead of the \$35
- Becky Carreon received the Outstanding Staff Award
- Joe Dobbs, Library Council
- New ID policy, Computer Base Directory
- Additional group study areas in the PCL, looking into expanding those

V. Guests

None

VI. Executive Reports

President, Brent Chaney

- PSAC and faculty council did an excellent job representing students
- Tuition Policy Committee; talk to Brent if you have any concerns about tuition
- Los Alamos Forum, in November before Thanksgiving
- getting members of the Task Force, one regent,
- We NEED EVERYONE to be there!
- Latino Leadership Council Summit, over 200 from all over the nation and 50 from UT
- Texans for Israel and Josh Malina
- Voting Student Regent; UT Permian Basin and UT Dallas and LBJ Rep have all submitted resolution supporting SBOR; waiting for other UT System Schools
- Comptroller and Tax Free Textbooks
- Exec had dinner with Chairman Huffines of the BOR
- discussed Texas Grants and Be on Time
- if you want to get to work on this issue contact Brent
- lobbied for SBOR
- Performing Arts Center, Tickets for Votes
- if you vote or register to vote you cut out a coupon from the Daily Texan fill it out and take it to PAC with your voter registration card
- 20% of Travis County has already voted according the Fox News
- by next week estimated %50

Vice President, Rachel McGinity

- Rep of the Week: Representative Courtney Livingston
- Rep hours binder, fill in the hours you have done; until tonight you could have made up for past missed hours; half absent if you don't
- Next week meeting with President Faulkner; no SG meeting
- Chief Van Slyke; if you are interested in meeting with him please attend meetings;

Executive Director, Amy Chiou
 -Pictures of Committee and Agency Members
 -SG T-shirts
 -College Newspaper Program
 -Liberal Arts Week

External Financial Director, Dan Paschal
 -SG Alumni Friday Night Event
 -all the details are finalized and will be sent out on an email
 -Crew Card
 -all other student organizations will be selling them through SG
 -should be in the final stage soon

Attorney General, Amber Billingsley
 -Perfect Attendance
 -getting attendance in
 -If you have attendance questions email Amber
 -Safety Week meeting immediately after in the SG Office

VII. Representative Privilege

Brummett: Recycling Task Force Speaker Circuits
 Gladney-Lemon: Body Image Task Force Next Monday at 5 in the SG Office
 -Marilyn Wann Video
 -Height and Weight Resolution
 Stewart-Good job MCC
 Windle: Campus Environmental Center talk on bio-diesel (fuel that makes less of an environmental impact)
 -Way Finding
 Gurevitz: thank SG on behalf of Texans for Israel and Texas Hillel
 Livingston: Los Alamos Forum November 11, 18, 22
 -passing out forms to speaker circuits
 -looking for professor and students to be on the panel
 -start writing open-ed pieces to the Daily Texan to start buzz again
 -need a lot of communications

VIII. Committee and Agency Reports

FLO: Retreat is \$16; held at Gattitown; This Thursday is dress up for Halloween Day
 Parking and Transportation: Capital Metro System, taxes will not be increased
 -KVRX 7-8 will be discussing the new 2025 plan for Austin
 GLBTAAA: PRIDE week was a terrific event; attending all the events and seeing that there was a different crowd each time
 -thank you for attending, sponsoring, and supporting those events
 -Please go and early vote; election day will be an absolute circus
 -18,000 people in Travis County yesterday
 -straight ticket voting errors where President is Republican and the ticket is democrat; voting error not machine error; has only been 10 occurrences
 MCC: thanks you MCC members
 Student Advocates for NonViolence: Rally for the women of Juarez; Thursday at 5:30 people will be meeting at MLK statue; SG is a sponsor
 -CONGRATULATIONS to Stacey Middleton and Laura Gladney-Lemon for being accepted into Friars
 Communication: A-Frames, Meeting Seating Chart
 -SG Block Party on the West Mall: November 16-19; shoot an email to Wes seeing when this would work
 -tomorrow will be having a table on the West Mall
 -11-2 sign up sheet
 -Press Releases, if you need any help with a project or a press release please let them know

IX. Appointments

None

Hart: move to suspend the rules and move new business on the agenda
-Seconded and approved

X. New Business

AB 12: Diversity Symposium Bill

Middleton: (discusses Bill)

A week from Sunday, November 7th at 7:00

AR 8 Resolution for Student Government to Sponsor Fast-A-Thon

Sponsoring Fast a Thon

Rabiyah: Read out loud

MacLeod: change dust to dawn, to dawn to dusk

Revisore: can you add list of other sponsors?

R: Yes. Done. SEC, Senate, CCI.

MacLeod: what does sponsoring entail?

R: Just putting your name on it.

R: Looks more official, and lots of members actually participate and spread the word, publicity

Donaldson: what is your intent of us sponsoring?

R: We want to emphasize the fundraiser and not the month or religion.

Donaldson: Can you add that?

Chaney: The title says it. Normally it wouldn't even take a resolution

R: we are removing the last be it resolved, so we aren't asking for it to be sponsored every year (adding the year 2004 to the text)

Fast tracked-move into debate

Motion to approve by acclamation-approved!

Kennedy, move to take AR 5 off the table

AR5: Ensuring Adequate Storage Space for UT Email Services

Kennedy: (discusses the changes made to the original AR5)

-adding a couple of footnotes that addresses all the resources

Questions of wording and intent:

Gladney-Lemon: where does funding from this come for

-students pay and ITS fee

McGinity: do you have any statistics for the fifth whereas?

Brummett: say anything about worrying about costs

K: didn't state anything specific about troubles in cost; will be an across the board increase for all students
Debate

Lemon: move to approve by acclamation

Seconded, no objections, passes

XI. Old Business

AR7: A Call to Implement Vending Machine Bevo Buck Service

-All contracts and bids end November 31st

-there are a few costs; has not looked at the amount of revenue it brings in

-offsets the costs

Lemon: will it raise the costs of sodas, when will contracts be renewed, scholarship fund

-available up to renewal for six years; asking parking and Transportation to do test banks

-vending sales all go back to organizations and general scholarship fund; parking and transportation receives no profit

-not sure about vending prices

Chaney: can you take it the vending machine prices back to your committee

-yes

Rios: is there an estimate of how much is given to students

-over 200,000 dollars generated from snack vending machines in dorms and parking and transportation

-healthy option vending machines do not sell; looking at expanding vending machines to include more than just snacks

Karchmer: can you talk about the items that weren't selling

Debate

Against

Amber: recommend tabling this

For

Stewart: shows there is support on this issue

Against

Lemon: housing recoperates their money in three years; this is a two year contract with the option of renewal; we may or may not make money on this contract; will be losing money; may not make all of our money back

For

Reep: it is a chance to offer a new service; need a consensus to show that students are interested in this issue

Baker: 7,000 students get 1200 dine in dollars and 300 dollars in Bevo Bucks; residents have approached RAs and it really sucks that you cant get this service out of parking and dorms

Rios: if we are going to argue for that money that we find cold hard facts; table it in order to find facts

For

Hart: parking and transportation has been contacted before hand yield time to Tim

Tim: no matter if we change vendors or not that will not change the set up costs

Boehneke: student assembly functions with the assembly on so many levels; supports the resolution and feels that we need to speak to Dr. Harkins

Donaldson: it will be about two weeks before we discuss this again; a vending machine is about convenience

Vaughn: intent is a good bill, but there is a lot of unanswered questions

-we are not sure if it will be positive after two years; never know how things are going to be renegotiated; yes it has a lot of good public issues, but there is a chance that the university will be paying for it

Revisore yield to Tim: increases the amount of money generated

-there is a 100% guarantee that vendors will cover the costs in the bid

Bradley: as a resident feels that everyone will use it

Stanis: we like the bevo buck system

-we do not have the power to mandate what parking and transportation has to do

-all is saying we want trial, not a specific number

Kumar: not scared to make a recommendation; just let the assembly get educated on this issue

Lemon: move into question and debate

Seconded, motion passes

Lemon: does the trial need to occur immediately

Stanis: all we are saying is we like this idea; we do not want to take away money from scholarship; there is always a way to get money from somewhere else

Tim: vendor bids end on Friday

Lemon: would you accept a friendly amendment to accept that it will not come from scholarship funding

Hart: that would be end up to them

Lemon: we are asking them to do it and just including not taking money from scholarships

Stanis: we are talking about maximum of \$5000

Ross: when has PTS ever allocated any money and where is going to fo if it is not going to student allocations

Stanis: that is not the benefit of the resolution; we are doing this because this is something students want

-we are just trying to get it in the system

Vaughn: would you take a friendly amendment and change second be it resolved and phrase it so if the tests run is a success then we would write another resolution and we endorse it

Brummett: reiterate your relationship with Bob Harkins

Stanis: emailed Dr. Harkins and emailed him resolution, and he has some concerns

Tim: Talks between PTS and Housing and they say they don't want to look in to it because there is not a movement of students

Lemon: Do you believe, that there are costs, lets say 5 grand, if those costs come out from a scholarship fund, and it doesn't work out, do you believe that money is better spent on the student. If not, then would you agree to a friendly amendment to state the money should not come from scholarship money

Tim: it would be an area that already has the wiring,

Stanis: you have to take a risk because the rewards could be ten times more satisfying

Windle: move to go into debate

Seconded, motion carries

Nancy: really convenient for students who have bevo bucks

Vaughn: what about the question regarding test costs, we don't know what those costs will be; what about the question of vendor manipulation; who gains in this situation

-what kind of secondary conflicts are going to occur just because we don't have enough information

-did not accept any of our amendments

Stewart: if this is not cost effective, PTS will not do it

Kennedy: people are getting in the nitty gritty of PTS budget, we should focus on our constituents

Donaldson: move into committee of the whole

Seconded, motion carries

Stanis: move to division of the question

Donaldson: move to move out of committee of the whole

Seconded, motion carries

Donaldson: move to previous question

Seconded, motion fails

Stanis: move to amend the resolution so it states therefore be it further resolved SG encourages PTS to not fund the test run through scholarship monies

Stanis: move to previous question

Seconded, Motion Carries

Moving into voting

Resolution passes 29 Yes to 1 Abstain

XII. Announcements

Weber and Donaldson are interesting in researching fall break

-email them or contact them personally

Delta Gamma is working on Value and Ethics and have created an endowment to bring speakers every year at the LBJ Library

Wong and Liu Chinese Bible Study in the Texas Union Ball Room there will be a Texas Ho Down

Gurevitz: getting professors office hours on line

-if you are interested contact Gurevitz or Windle

Karchmer: los Alamos Forum

-working on questions for the panel; made sheets for reps to pass to their councils and get questions

-email President Faulkner about confederate statues

-email Karchmer if interested

Rios: education is having annual book fair

-the author of Holes will be out tomorrow at 7pm at the education council

Brummett: Senator Hutchinson 4:30-6:30 at Bass the discuss Law and Latin America November 4th

-you can go to the UT Law website

Karchmer: turn in your surveys

Stolhandske: International Student Affairs at 11:30

Ross: Sunday Iron Spikes will be having a Halloween Party

Ochoa: Party and Poltics from 1-6

-email Raquel Rodriguez for more information

-sosagirl626@yahoo.com

Favad: invitation to Mayor's reception you have to RSVP

Musselman: a lot of negative commentary on slam table and Domestic Violence Memorial

XIII. Roll Call #2

XIV. Adjournment at 9:45PM

Footnotes

Representative Attendance for October 26, 2004

http://www.utexas.edu/studentgov/sg/archives/files.php?files_id=71

Comments

None

Authors

None
