

Assembly Meeting - 10/19/99
7:00 PM - Glenn W. Maloney Student Assembly Room

A regular meeting of the Student Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin was called to order at 7:04 PM on October 19, 1999 in SSB G1.310. Secretary Lora took the minutes.

Roll was called at the beginning of the meeting with the following Representatives, Committee and Agency heads, and executive board members not present: Brimhall, Camacho, Cash, Halstead, Levy, Michels, Pichardo, Dibrell, Smith, Chao, Cunningham, Midgely, Wood.

The minutes were approved with the following changes noted:

1. In announcement #9, the SG Gathering was coming up on Wednesday (not Thursday).
2. Representative Tran was present at the end of the meeting.

The minutes stand approved as amended.

There were no open forum topics.

Guests: Sarah Looney from Capital Way talked about Hearts of Texas.

Representative Woods suspended the rules to move appropriations to be the next item of business. Representative Quintanilla seconded. Motion was withdrawn.

Vice-President's Report

Eric Opiela

1. Presidential Ad Hoc committee wants to use the Pickle research campus more. Light rail may be established to provide on-time quick connections between the two campuses.
2. Master Planning Committee update - Opiela wants to try to get a graduate student on this committee. There is a summary in the report.
3. Student Services Fee Committee update - Student Government was the only group that submitted a smaller budget this year.
4. College of Communications wants to add huge fee increases to communication students. Departmental fees are not covered by the fee committee.

President's Report

Parisa Fatehi

1. Passing out a printed sheet of cardstock for you to write the things you want to ask your constituents each week. This will help with better representation on issues if you use them.
2. Early voting takes place this week through October 29th.
3. Representatives need to all sign up for one-on-one meetings with Parisa. Please call Becky to schedule your appointment ASAP.
4. TX Revue is coming up. Do we want to put an act together?

5. Please remember your commitment to SG and make a conscious effort to be at all your meetings this week.

6. Faulkner dinner is this Wednesday. We're meeting at 6:30 PM outside the SSB to carpool. Dress is business casual.

Executive Director's Report

Randy Thompson

1. Yielded the floor to Allison Smith to discuss west mall table issues. Please e-mail her with any comments/complaints. When you're at the table, be approachable, pass out fliers, say hello to people, ask if they have questions. If you work the last shift, you need to take the banner/ binder back to the SG office. Attendance sheets need to go in Aurora's box. Roll the banner up instead of folding it. Also, we're moving Thursday's table back to west mall.

2. Next Tuesday we will be having our own Hearts of Texas drive to collect change at the west mall fountain.

3. Member of the Week - Lars Clemensen!

Internal Financial Director's Report

Robbie Macalik

1. Student Government will be setting up a 19 account.

2. We now have an extra \$500 to appropriate because Sigma Lambda Gamma and Texas Travesty did not accept their appropriations.

Representative Raman moved to suspend the internal rules to put AP 21-35 as the next item of business. Representative Woods seconded. Passed.

AP 21 - UT Polo Club - Representative Day introduced them. They received \$118 for pick up stick and trailer rental.

Representative Dickerson moved to amend AP 21 to add \$32 extra dollars to make this \$150. Representative Morris seconded. Passed. Vote on AP 21 for \$150. Passed.

AP 22- Beta Alpha Rho - Representative Barrera introduced them. They received \$200. No debate. Passed.

AP 23 - The Jewish Texan - Representative Friedberg introduced them. They received \$250. No debate. Passed.

AP 24 - Sigma Lambda Beta - Representative Quintanilla introduced them.

Representative Quintanilla moved to amend AP 24 to read \$300. Representative Murphy seconded. Passed. Vote on AP 24 for \$300. Passed.

AP 25 was withdrawn.

AP 26 - Texas Crew - Representative Quintanilla introduced them. They received \$300 for half a rowing machine. Passed.

AP 27 - Texas Papers in Foreign Language Education - Representative Gross introduced them.

Representative Hammond moved to amend the appropriation to add an additional \$50 to make it \$200. Representative Babcock seconded. Passed. Vote on AP 27 for \$200. Passed.

AP 28 was withdrawn.

AP 29 - University Filmmakers Alliance - Representative Barrera introduced them. They received \$168. Passed.

AP 30 - UT Ballroom dance club - Representative Davis introduced them.

Representative Gross moved to give them \$200 by a vote of acclamation. Representative Murphy seconded. Approved by vote of acclamation.

AP 31 - Delta Sigma Theta - Representative Dickerson spoke on their behalf.

Representative Friedberg moved to add \$100 to make it \$400. Representative Yang seconded. Division. (20 for, 5 against). Passed. Vote on AP 31 for \$400. Passed.

Representative Patel moved to suspend the rules to discuss the Texas Marathon Training Team that did not receive any money. Representative Babcock seconded. Passed.

Representative Gross moved that we allocated \$100 to APO for their blood drive that is currently going on. Seconded. Failed.

Representative Quintanilla moved that we suspend the rules to make AP 35 the next item of business. Representative Davis seconded. Division. (4 for, 21 against). Failed.

AP 36 - Texas Marathon Training Team - Representative Patel spoke on their behalf. They asked for \$600 and received \$0.

Representative Patel moved to change the amount from \$0 to \$100. Representative Babcock seconded. Passed. Vote on AP 36 for \$100. Passed.

Representative Hammond moved to amend a pervious appropriation of \$250 to \$300 to give ALAS more money. Seconded. Division. (7 for, 15 against). Failed.

AP 32 - American Institute of Architecture Students - There was no sponsor. Failed.

AP 33 - Palestine Solidarity Committee - There was no sponsor. Failed.

AP 34 - University Residence Hall Association - Representative Putman introduced them.

Representative Murphy moved that we increase the amount of the appropriation by \$100 to \$260. Representative Gross seconded. Debate.

Representative Donde moved to go back to the committee and look at all money and reallocate that money looking at all groups so that we are not slighting groups who didn't come up for appropriations tonight. Amendment to AP 34 failed. Representative Friedberg called the question. Representative Babcock seconded. Passed. Vote on AP 34 for \$160. Passed.

AP 35 - Kappa Delta Chi - Representative Quintanilla introduced them. They received \$300. Passed.

Representative Putman moved to remove all amendments made to AP 21-35. Motion was withdrawn.

Representative Donde moved to refer all money not given to the appropriations committee. Representative Babcock seconded. Passed.

Representative Putman moved to reconsider the vote on the amendment on AP 21. Representative Gross seconded. Motion was withdrawn.

No were no reports from the external financial director, attorney general, secretary, or cabinet of college councils.

Committee & Agency Reports

1. Student Services Committee - Trilli reported that the Big 12 conference is two weeks from Friday. This is the largest conference in Big 12 history. Please sign up to attend.
2. Fundraising Committee - Gupta reported that the committee and agency heads want to increase their responsibilities and they need a representative to sponsor this bill. Also, this Saturday the Fundraising committee will be painting faces and selling noisemakers before the Nebraska game. They still need 10 more volunteers to sign up to help out.
3. University Policy Committee - Randazzo - First of all, please read his letter. Second, the Parking Forum is coming up Wednesday, October 27. This is being co-sponsored by the Transportation Agency and Student Forum Agency. Please notify your colleges and send out e-mails. Also, talk to your constituents about it.

4. Student Forum Agency - Tooke reported that they will be doing a media blitz for the Parking Forum this Sunday at 9 and next Tuesday at 7 in place of the student government meeting.
5. Transportation Agency - Slaughter reported that the transportation agency meets on Wednesday at 6 in SSB 3.406.
6. Citizen's Affairs Committee - Davis reported that citizens affairs made push cards for you when you're working your west mall table hours. It has facts on the back.

Representative's Privilege

1. Representative Hammond - Regarding last week's meeting, please look more carefully at the constitution and parliamentary procedure. Also, as a former Texan columnist, he expressed dismay with the Texan. They didn't talk to anyone supporting the orientation fee until yesterday. There's a lot we can both learn from this.
2. Representative Friedberg - Ditto on what Representative Hammond said. But, thanks to Emily Pyle for her coverage of SG in the Texan. Tomorrow at 3 PM, if you have any advanced computer skills, he can use your help for the scholarship database in the SG office. Also, Team Texas is doing phone drive for prospective students.
3. Representative Quintanilla - A resolution will be coming up soon to support the university safety council. Their first meeting is next Tuesday from 3-4 in the student government office.
4. Representative Davis - Wants to gauge opinion on 2 things: 1. US congress voted down a nuclear test ban treaty. 2. The liberal arts representatives noticed that they do not have enough people with capitol experience in SG. They want to work with the government department to change that.
5. Representative Putman - Feels that it is unfair that we single out some organizations to get extra money tonight, without considering all the organizations that need money.

Representative Putman moved to reconsider the vote for AP 24 to take off the amendment which increased their appropriation by \$50. Representative Quintanilla seconded. Debate.

Representative Rosen moved that we suspend the rules not to have breakout sessions this week. Representative Friedberg seconded. Passed.

FOR - Representatives Putman, Hammond, Internal Financial Director Macalik, Transportation Agency Director Slaughter - We singled out the last two organizations and decided not to give them extra money, when we had been giving out extra money all night. If we weren't going to give them money, then we should go back and reconsider all the money we've given out tonight. Maybe it would be bad form to take back money already given out, but the committee does need to go back and figure out what to do with the rest of the money.

AGAINST - Representative Quintanilla, University Policy Co-Chair Lissner - Those people left the room tonight thinking that they had this extra money. It would make us look bad if we took it back now. Also, if we take it back now, it's just saying that we don't pay attention to what we're voting on and we just vote for everything. Let's just learn from this and move on.

Representative Gross called the question. Representative Yang seconded. Division was called. (17 for, 8 against). Passed. Vote. Failed.

Representative Gross moved to suspend the rules to reconsider AR 28. Representative Morris seconded. Withdrawn.

Representative Davis moved to suspend the rules to reconsider AR 28. Representative Morris seconded. Passed. Debate.

FOR - President Fatehi - If we talk about this more, we may see that this is not in the best interests of students.

Representative Friedberg withdrew AR 28.

President Fatehi moved to suspend the rules to add AR 30 to the agenda. Representative Gross seconded. Passed.

AR 29 - Supporting a Campus-Wide "Don't Mess With Texas" Recycling and Litter Prevention Campaign

Vice President Opiela yielded the chair to Attorney General Olcott. Vice-President Opiela presented the resolution.

Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Hammond seconded. Approved by acclamation.

AB 17 was withdrawn from the agenda.

AR 30 - Calling for the Orientation Fee to be Payable by Financial Aid

President Fatehi, and Representatives Gross, Day, & Morris presented the resolution. Debate.

Representative Day moved to table this until the next assembly meeting. Representative Murphy seconded. Passed. AR 30 is tabled.

Announcements

1. Hearts of Texas is coming up, please donate money and sign up to work it.
2. Representative Raman- The UT volunteer board and ISA have started registering students for SHAW week, which has a food and clothing drive competition. Please

encourage your organizations to join in. The winner of the drive will be announced November 19. UT is competing against Texas A&M in the competition. E-mail him for more information.

3. Representative Mehta - ISA is hosting a talent show on Saturday, October 30 from 7-11 PM. Representatives Mehta, Patel, and Raman are all in the show. Talk to him if you're interested in buying tickets.
4. LRA Co-Chair Bosquez - LRA is having a booth at Longhorn Halloween and you're welcome to help work it. Also, don't forget to sign up for the Big 12 Conference.
5. Representative Davis - The law school fair is this Thursday in the Union Ballroom.
6. Representative Day - Sigma time at the Apollo is coming up. This is the biggest talent show since Texas review. It starts at 7:14 PM in UTC 2.112A. Talk to him if you're interested in getting tickets.
7. Kevin Rome - We decided not to go forth with the mandatory fee. However, please talk to your constituents about a minimal New Student Services fee for all free programs.
8. Internal Financial Director Macalik - The craziest fair of year is coming up this Friday outside of the business school. There will be free food and games, so don't miss it.
9. Representative Quintanilla - Don't forget to drop by the tailgating party before the Nebraska game this Saturday.
10. External Financial Director Wilkes - The fundraising committee is doing face painting and selling noise makers at the Nebraska game this Saturday. You can still sign up to work.
11. Representative Jovel - IEEE is having \$2 all you can eat fajitas and "beverages" from 3:30-7:30 PM this Saturday.
12. Correspondent of the week - Representative Day
13. Representative Quintanilla - Come out to the South Mall Stadium for the Iowa State game in two weeks.
14. Representative Tabor - Innervisions Gospel Choir will be doing the half time show for the Nebraska game.
15. Cabinet Chair Galvan - Comment tables are available outside the UGL and Texas Excellence Teaching Award nomination forms are out. Also, we're all invited to attend Cabinet meetings. They meet every other Thursday at 7 PM for only one hour.

The roll was called at the end of the meeting with the following Representatives and Executive Board members not present: Brimhall, Camacho, Cash, Halstead, Levy, Michels, Pichardo, Tran, Woods.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Opiela at 9:20 PM. The meeting ended with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas".