

Assembly Meeting - 11/9/99
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 November 9, 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: Babcock, Brimhall, Gross, Patel, Pichardo, Putman, Sokol, Dibrell, Finch, Smith, Chao, Buchek, Cunningham, Midgely, Wood.

The minutes were approved.

Guests:

Jeffrey Van Slyke - UTPD Chief
Silas Griggs - UTPD Assistant Chief
Jonathan Dison - Men's Intercollegiate Athletics Council

Open Forum:

Michelle from Texas Wrangler Sweethearts - City Wide Holdup

President Fatehi moved to recess to take a cactus yearbook picture. Representative Friedberg seconded. Passed.

Open Forum:

Amy Pallet and friends - SHAW week
Robby Slaughter - Constitutional Convention

President's Report

Parisa Fatehi

1. One-on-One appointments - Sign up with Becky ASAP if you have yet to see her.
2. United States Student Association & GROW Training - Think about some of the advantages of being in a large organization like USSA. We're the largest university in the nation, and they really want us to join. We used to be a member a long time ago and we are considering joining again. However, it will cost a lot of money. Please think about whether we should spend the time/money to get involved with USSA and give her your feedback. They also will come down and do a grass roots organizing workshop for interested students.
3. Chancellor search - A search is currently underway to find a new chancellor, and they would like student input on what the search committee should be looking for. The chancellor is the head of the UT system and he spends most of his time working to get appropriations for the UT system. There is a meeting on Wednesday from 2-4 in the LBJ Auditorium to talk about the chancellor search.

4. Commencement Tradition Feedback
5. This weekend (November 13-14) there is a lock-in for students from South Texas and the Valley. Please go to the SHARE website to sign up.

Vice-President's Report

Eric Opiela

1. The agenda was e-mailed out this week. In the future, if you sponsor a bill, it needs to go to Eric electronically.
2. Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting - The resolution we passed last week went before the Parking & Transportation committee yesterday. The committee voted and in the end is going to allow us to close off Speedway to create a pedestrian mall. Safety will be looked at in the planning of this.
3. H set up a meeting for December 8 with the Capital Metro general manager to try to get better shelters at the bus stops.
4. Faculty Council Update - A proposal was brought forward to try to eliminate grades from placement tests and only allow students to earn credit for classes instead of helping to boost their GPAs with the grades. This is going to be discussed at Monday's meeting.
5. Representative Projects - He has compiled the information from all the representatives about their projects. Make sure you look at it.

Executive Director's Report

Randy Thompson

1. Tables - Tables are now starting to come together. There is a big poster up in the SG office that lists the times you are scheduled to be at the table. You need to change it on the poster if there are any conflicts. Otherwise, you will be held accountable.
2. Absence Policy Memo is out so that everyone can be clear on what our policies are.
3. Member of the Week - Shannon Trilli for her work with the Big 12 Conference

Internal Financial Director's Report

Robbie Macalik

1. He is currently working on next semester's appropriations application. If you have changes you'd like to make to the actual appropriations process, please talk to him.

External Financial Director's Report

Jamille Wilkes

1. Texas Tech game face painting is this week. You can still sign up to work it. Talk to Ashish to sign up.
2. The checks from the phone cards from the summer are now in.
3. SG party - Jamille has looked over the proposal and thinks it's a great idea. David Michels will be talking about it later on during this meeting.
4. Endowment letters are going out to Alumni soon.

There was no report from the attorney general.

Secretary's Report

Aurora Lora

1. Birthdays

1. Hearts of Texas - Cabinet raised \$300. SG raised \$23.
2. Measurement and Evaluation Center - Committee is being formed to re-evaluate what it does. Give her feedback.
3. TETA Awards are going to be announced soon.
4. Cabinet has been interviewing new Academic Integrity Chairs.
5. They want to change the way appropriations are done.
6. Everyone is welcome to come to Cabinet meetings.
7. Longhorn School Bus is coming up soon.

Committee & Agency Reports

1. Legislative Relations Agency - Clemensen talked about Horns on the Hill - a DC semester program similar to study abroad. You get 12 hours of credit: 6 hour internship with research project, 3 hour course on policy making, and 3 hour course on something you're specifically interested in. It costs \$8,000 and there is lots of support from the administration. Talk to people in your organizations about this.
2. Transportation Agency - Slaughter reported that he got 1692 responses to the survey. Students are strongly in favor of the two proposed changes. Meetings are not well attended. Everyone is welcome to attend on Wednesdays at 6 PM in SSB 3.406. Also, if you're interested in setting up your own surveys, he'd be happy to help you.
3. Big 12 Conference - Trilli thanked everyone who helped out. OSU is hosting the conference next year. Note to representatives: If you need extra help for your projects, come to the Student Services committee. They'd love to help out!
4. Student Services Committee - Koorse reported that the committee is still working on the Student Information Guide which will be geared towards freshmen and transfer students. Everything is due in February. An on-line survey will soon be set up to find out what people would like to see in the guide this year.
5. University Policy - Lissner reported that they are already doing another project: a big interactive parking web page. They currently need to help out Parking and Traffic by coming up with a comprehensive list of all the parking spots in each lot on campus.

Representative's Privilege

1. Representative Donde - Talked about the health center referendum.
2. Representative Davis - Encouraged college reps to invite their deans to come talk at the council meetings. LAC had the dean come and talk and he now has a good feel for what the students in his college want.

Appointments

Courtney Corrigan and Polidoros Trejos spoke on their own behalves for the position of Undergraduate Teaching Excellence co-chairs. There was no debate.

Representative Halstead moved to approve Corrigan by acclamation. Representative Hammond seconded. Approved by acclamation.

Representative Halstead moved to approve Trejos by acclamation. Representative Hammond seconded. Approved by acclamation.

All appointees were sworn in.

New Business

Representative Michels moved to take AR 32 off the table. Representative Mabry seconded. Passed.

AR 32 - Calling for the Use of Student Government Funds for a UT Fundraising Party

Representative Michels introduced the resolution. He made a friendly amendment to specify the term "\$12,000" instead of "funds". He'll be e-mailing out a new copy of the proposal with the changes. The date is set tentatively for February 26 from 2-10 PM at Waterloo Park. Tickets will be \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Debate.

President Fatehi - When you vote, think about whether you will be happy selling tickets. If you don't sell them, this won't be successful.

University Policy Co-Chair Lissner - This might not be the right time to vote until more of the logistics are worked out.

Transportation Agency Director Slaughter - We don't really have enough information about it yet. Honestly, we're probably not going to be making any money off this unless we sell alcohol. It will, however, be good for PR.

Representative Rosen - FOR - Yes, this proposal is vague, but if we don't pass it, it can't happen. It's too close right now. It's good PR for student government.

Representative Hammond - This is really more for approving the idea in principle. Details can be worked out. This is a good idea and we're responsible for making this a success.

Student Forum Agency Director Tooke - The alcohol problem can be worked out with third party vendors and selling wristbands.

Representative Halstead - The problem is the date. Campus will be sick of elections and SG. This is a great idea, however.

Fundraising Chair Gupta - Right now we're just voting on the idea of a party. Details will all be worked out later.

External Financial Director Wilkes - Just focus on what the bill is stating. Details will be worked out. She doesn't think we're going to lose money on this.

Attorney General Olcott - This will show people outside of SG what student government can do for them.

Representative Day - Likes the idea of a party, but this is too much money to reach too few people. We can use a lot of this money for appropriations or something.

Representative Quintanilla - For, but maybe we can work with the bands.

External Financial Director Wilkes - This can build the bridge between us and the community.

Student Forum Agency Director Tooke - Some bands really do bring out a lot of people. Many frat parties are very successful.

Representative Barrera moved to call the question. Representative Hammond seconded. Passed.

Vote on AR 32. Passed.

AB 18 - Providing for the Obligations of Committee and Agency Heads

Sent to internal affairs.

Breakout Sessions

1. Constitutional Convention led by Transportation Agency Director Slaughter
2. SG Party led by Representative Michels
3. Coats for Kids led by Representative Buchan

Representative Donde moved to extend the breakout time by 5 minutes. Representative White seconded. Passed.

Announcements

1. Welcome our new Fine Arts representative - Jennifer Idol.
2. Representative Raman - SHAW week is next week and we're competing against A&M. Please tell your organizations to get involved.
3. Representative Halstead - The Longhorn Singers concert was great. Congrats to Jonathan Lee for a job well done.
4. LRA Co-Director Bosquez - The Distinguished Lectureship web page is still up and the committee is still taking suggestions.
5. FLO Chair Chao - FLO is cleaning up the Erwin Center on Friday night after the Goo Goo Dolls concert. Please sign up if you'd like to help them.

6. Executive Director Thompson - His 21st birthday is next Tuesday.
7. University Policy Co-Chair Lissner - Pick up a Coats for Kids packet from Representative Buchan before you leave tonight.
8. Representative DeZern - Please come out to Band Jam. Talk to her if you'd like tickets.
9. President Fatehi - Stop by the table and check your office hour on the poster..
10. Representative Dickerson - She has a Tech ticket for sale for \$30.

The roll was called at the end of the meeting with the following Representatives and Executive Board members not present: Macalik, Olcott, Babcock, Gross, Levy, Patel, Pichardo, Putman, Rosen, Sokol, Tabor.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Opiela at 9:12 PM. The meeting ended with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas".