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Title: Student Government Assembly Minutes

Stage: PASSED - 11/09/2004

Owner: Andrew Lara

I. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM

II. Roll Call #1

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Open Forum

Texas Devils Advocates, The Big Law-bowski bowling tournament Sunday, Nov. 14 at 5:30 in the Student Union;
Teams of 3 or 4, costs is \$40, includes 2 games, rental shoes and Free T-shirt

AJ Johnson, UT Student Library Council

- Hand sanitizers in the libraries

- advertising the option to renew your books online

- possibility of changing your login to your UTEID from your IF login

- universal login

- the guards work through UTPD, so it would be up to them to work the computer logins if you forget your card

Thank you very much and have a good night!

V. Guests

Chief Van Slyke

- put together a five year plan that would develop the police department

- believes we have an excellent police department

- always getting different accolades from other universities

- works on how to "police" the campus

- work on policies and procedures, personnel issues

- able to come up with different strategies and initiatives

- have finished about 48 of their

- initiatives, almost about all of them

- RAD Program, has taken off far beyond "our" expectations

- Have received support from different administrators with the key chain call box platform

- Are tackling diversity programs

- Dr. Rita Wakins, has come in to provide diversity training

- Working with housing and tunnel of oppression

- Implemented the use of tasers

- Access the website to provide comments, questions and concerns, as well as receive answers

LLA Laura Salcedo: does the P.D. comply with the racial profiling laws

- Yes

Rep. Kennedy: is UTPD responsible for monitoring security cameras

- No, only the cameras placed in by the president's office

- Do a significant makeover of the MLK statue—trim the trees, better lighting, and digital security camera, sensor motion detector

IFD Rice: security initiatives for new statues

- supposedly their will be some security cameras and monitors

Rep. Rios: lighting around education school and IM fields

- we patrol that area a lot, put a fence around the IM fields a while back

- have Officer Pieper in the crime patrol unit review the building

- that's a rec sports issues

- CAN' EM Program: Recycling program during football games asking students to take their last call and trash

their drinks

Rep. Windle: would you be interested in working with the library staff to have the guards monitor students if they forget their i.d.s

-can check with Mr. Heath to see what they could do about that

-anybody is welcome to come to the meetings with Brent and Rachel

VI. Executive Reports

Nick Staha, Senate of College Councils

-last meeting passed Senate Resolution 101 student advisory committees be formed by the college councils to provide input to the Deans on budget matters

-Resolution 102 calls for the Tuition Advisory Policy committee to discuss tuition differentiation between the different colleges

-full consultation with the student council of the colleges

-Invite everyone to the next meeting this Thursday at 7:10PM in the Glenn discussing curriculum for colleges

-have senate members yield the floor

USAC: chair of academic affairs committee

-coming out with 4 recommendations for the BOR in March

-1) task force for... 2) textbooks and Netlibrary 3) processes for professional conduct grievances 4) student bill of rights for everybody w/particular emphasis on freedom of speech

When are resolutions going to be publicized online?

-website should be finished in a month

Rep. Stanis: serious concerns with the comments you made USAC, please explain what happened

Staha: the mtg was 30 minutes prior to coming to an end, one of the reps at UTSA came up with a motion asking the BOR to support a letter asking for the support of student on the BOR

-the content of the letter was going to be known

Stanis: you spoke out against having a student on the BOR

Staha: there has to be a separation between having a letter and supporting a SBOR.

-it is not a question about support of SBOR but writing a letter

-"UTSAC is a very weak organization"-Nick Staha

-I created the McCombs student advisory committee; I know about how to pick your battles; "when an organization is that weak its needs to be able to concentrate on something that" is worth our time

Stanis: Do you still stand by your position on the letter, even though there was 70% support from...what does this do for Senate/SG relations?

Staha: the issue with people signing the petition and SBOR, it is a matter of whether or not this is the right time or circumstance to send a letter on this"

-SG/Senate relations—we have reached out several times to this organization for example curriculum committee; I don't think this will damage our relations; we will continue to ask SG for their support; the situation you want to avoid is Katie and Elliot two years ago with Katie didn't even want to talk to Elliot

Stanis: what about you as Nick Staha?

Rep. Karchmer: what is the letter going to say?

Staha: UTSAC recommended to the BOR....

Chaney: if UTSAC wrote this letter and got support from one regents and write to legislators and support from fellow regents

Rios: when is the best time?

Staha: when we begin to do a better job with UTSAC. The chair of UTSAC and the advisor felt UTSAC recommendations were pretty pitiful. UTSAC is of the members, so even if your president is elected chairs we could just get two reps to UTSAC

IFD Rice: as a member of UTSAC what is your vision in making that student more representative; how not sending a letter was not representing students?

Staha: we got fed ideas; we got to get down organizational stuff down; we don't have representation from UT Arlington; we come on asking the thing that they cannot do

Rice: was their communication beforehand just so that both organizations from UT had a consensus beforehand

Staha: No

Rice: Why?

Staha: That stinks I wish we had talked beforehand

Stanis: your next mtg is in Feb, by voting against the letter you did not show support and you disenfranchised the members you represent; are you going to wait two years from now for the next legislation session

Staha: I think that there is a problem with UTSAC singling out these issues; hurts our ability to make other recommendations

Brummett: how many more times before you are out of office

Staha: once

Brummett: what substantial changes do see in such a short time before making your recommendation?

Staha: the last thing you want to happen is have the administrators roll their eyes at you

-email Nick with further questions

Paul Navaratil, GSA

-GSA turned ten last week

-Happy B-DAY!

-Dan Upgrove and high speed internet off campus

-DSL companies don't have incentive to give us a cost break because it has such a high demand

-graduate housing initiatives last time addressed in early 80s

-plus minus grading is going to begin this coming fall

-TA tuition benefits

-Graduate travel grants

President Brent Chaney

-why do students take more than 4 years to graduate?

-every administrator has different opinions

-trying to find a way academically research this

-Campus out call meeting; rude fans and people falling down at games

-A lot of resident hall parties this semester

-Favad met I met with Congressmen Lamar Smith; gave him a SBOR packet

-let Favad and I know about your opinions on Pell Grants and Be On Time

-Congressmen Lamar Smith came to meet at our office he is our campus congressman

-The aquatic center is on its way, right now there is still a spa included

-Thank you to everyone for coming out to President Faulkner's Reception

-Tuition, Los Alamos, Commission 125, Internal Rules Forum

-UTSAC, overall it is a good experience

-they are very impressed with our SG and LLA program

To address what happened it was very frustrating

-if wasn't for the support of UT System schools that were in support of SBOR

-I don't agree with everything that was said

-we voted for the letter with a lot of support

-the petitions, we got to step it up with the petitions!

Kennedy: is there going to be a supportive literature to accompany the petitions

Chaney: yes we are working on a brochure

-FLO Retreat at Gattis

-Brummett: be on time grants, are doing anything to reevaluate the hours because of AP and dual credit

-Chaney: that is something we can discuss; you can only go over six hours your degree plan

Rugoff: does be on time apply to foreign students

Vice President, Rachel McGinity

-Tabling and student on the BOR petitions

-tabling tomorrow

-Laura Gladney-Lemon is our Rep of the Week

-tabling, mtg with administrators, sent our report on things she was working on

-Ebus Report: tremendously growing in popularity

-provide comments to Rachel

-Schedule meetings with Rachel if you feel that you need hope or want to become more involved in SG

Internal Financial Director, Jessica Rice

- Commission of 125 Report
- working with ED of Commission of 125 to host a forum and get feedback from the student body
- if you have any question please let Jessica know
- this Summer exec wanted to make our office a more functional place for you to have research
- we have Newsweek, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Time, Statesman, etc.
- please make use of those resources
- Mobile Meeting next Tuesday!

External Financial Director, Dan Paschal

- Thank you to everybody who came out this past weekend
- a proposal for
- the creation of an off campus housing guide

Attorney General, Amber Billingsley

- Speaker Circuit Email
 - second email will be ready this time next week
 - the best thing about this is that we get to combat notions that we don't communicate with the Student Body
 - it counts an absence
 - Attendance, people have been placed on probation
 - we will be reevaluating every Thursday
 - After probation you have three more absences before you can be put up for removal
 - Assembly Rules Forum
 - Safety Week, if you can think of any professors that would give extra credit for attending these events
 - Bronze Plaque on the observation deck discussing what happened with the 1966 tower shootings
 - if you want to work on this contact Andrew and Amber
 - turn in LLA work orders
 - FLO Retreat and Brummett's 21st B-day
- Tickets for Votes: make sure to get free tickets from the PAC by showing your voter registration card

VII. Representative Privilege

Representative Brummett-West Campus recycling update, petitions for student on the board of regents—please attach information on the initiative so that students will have that info when signing

Representative Stanis- please bring canned food for Caritas next week; basketball ticketing meet after meeting tonight; met with Dr. Bob Harkins about Bevo Bucks, need suggestions on places to do the test run, give those to Grant

Representative Windle- guest next week about green buildings, contact Michael with potential questions for speaker; working on new language class

Representatives MacLeod and Fuller-Wigg- Body Image Task Force, working to start initiative to promote health and wellness all over campus, problems with students include waiting for up to a month to see someone in the Mental Health center if you have an eating disorder, please come and give input, we meet Mondays at 5:00 pm in the SG office, send out e-mails to listserves to get feedback on things that need to be changed at the University to make it more receptive, and more encouraging of positive and healthy body images

Representative Karchmer- Los Alamos forum, we are still trying to schedule a date with Regents; currently stalking Regents; Taco Bell boycott, CIW will be coming and talking to us, list of events on agenda

VIII. Committee and Agency Reports

FLO Retreat is this Friday at Gattitown. It is \$16 and you can make the check to FLO and turn it in to the SG office

MCC: want to meet reps; there has been an initiative to separate the guests from the reps

LLA: Katie, student discounts, engineering 14hrs requirement, and online directory hours, Bobby Brown and BCS Bowl championship; Laura is working

Comm: mobile meeting next Tuesday in the Gregory Games Room; wear your SG t-shirts all day next Tuesday;

invite a friend; show up early and do more of the social aspect; any legislation or discussion email to Danielle and Wes

-tabling tomorrow

LRA: mayor's reception is next Wednesday; please RSVP by the 12th

-brochure for SBOR and working on getting it printed

WRC: Nov 13, 14 Women's Community Weekend from noon to 3

-auditions for Vagina Monologues

Recruitment and Retention: Meeting Thursday at 7 in the center for African American Studies to develop an event

IX. Appointments

None

X. Old Business

AB 12 Diversity Symposium Committee Bill

Middleton: mandate that SG go through a diversity symposium

-this particular bill is making the symposium as something that will be organized by a committee and will be checked by the lovely Ms. Tany Norwood

-intent simply to create awareness in our assembly and tie diversity discussion directly to representation

-included a list of the topics that should be discussed, but they are actually designed to be broad and ambiguous

Stanis: is this mandatory for assembly members to attend

Middleton: that is discussed in a piece of legislation that will be brought up later

Windle: is this only for reps but also for c and a and exec

Middleton: it is for everyone including exec and reps

Windle: what about external appointments

Middleton: adding the word ex officio members to SG assembly

AB12 Passes by a VOICE vote

XI. New Business

AR9: HR3077

Author Tayyeb goes over resolution and highlights changes

-the title is now

-striking the last be it resolved

McLeod: do you oppose all international advisory boards

Tayyeb: No, just the ones under 633

Fuller-Wigg: in line 26, could y'all tell us what mechanisms just so we know

Favad: yes we can do that;

FW: in line 29, can you make it read to "only the centers"

Favad: yes

Rachel: That the SG of UT Austin opposes the creation of the International Advisory Board as stated in HR3077

Ross: suggest that is to move the seventh, 9th, and 10th whereas right before the 6th whereas

Favad: we will take that into consideration

Stanis: the intent is that it infringes on academic freedom;

What was the deal behind it?

Favad: there are always people who want more control; one of the concerns is we don't know what the subjective board would be for or against

Mardel: Reminder - University Policy meeting at 5pm Thursdays.

Brummett: AR 10; a couple of changes. Trying to change the title to better represent the intent of the resolution. Changes: insert "final" before report. Line 11: correct spelling of "facilities"; line 15: assist the process of making UT a university of the first class; line 18: correct spelling of "solicit"; add to authors:

MacLeod, Windle, Ochoa; add to sponsors: Rice, MacLeod, Ochoa, Donaldson

Rice: pass smthg formal through the assembly to publicize commitment to students and representing students; to involve all students; to get it in the press; working on setting a date; release date of forum to Texan and other media sources

Gurevitz: Line 7, 8: insert close quotations after "power".

McGinity: any other questions? Ok, vote on it next week.

XII. Announcements

McGinity: Announcements not on the agenda already? Awesome, go Andrew.

Rugoff: please let me know if you can table tomorrow! Come see her after mtg.

McGinity: reminder: meeting next week in Gregory Games Room.

Billingsley: All-you-can-eat pancakes. Friday midnight Nov. 19, Tejas House, 26th and Rio Grande. Better than your momma....

Rugoff: AEPi 10pm-2am. Thursday. Pie Fest;
men, crush, the Vibe

Harris: Delta Gamma nachos for \$3 buck. Thursdays 1am-330 am all you can eat. Caddy corner from Phi house.

Carl Bernstein is coming to speak next Thursday at 7pm. Values and Ethics lectureship. Speaker once a year.

Sowa: info sessions for Texas Revue. Anyone interested in tryouts should come. Wed 2pm, 7pm, Thursday 5pm.

Paschal: Brummett's 21st birthday. Scholtz's 5pm.

McGinity: Second roll call. Talk to Danielle after meeting!

XIV. Roll Call #2

McGinity: reminder form Amber: union during lunch counts as an office hour

XIII. Adjournment at 9:45PM

Footnotes

None

Comments

None

Authors

None
