



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Student Government Assembly Meeting

April 5, 2011

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Former Student Body Vice President swears in Student Body Vice President Ashley Baker.
 - b. Former Student Body President swears in Student Body President Natalie Butler.
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Election of Chair of the Assembly
 - a. John Lawler nominates Matthew Hicks for Chair of the Assembly
 - i. Austin Carlson – Can you explain a motion to reconsider
 - ii. Matthew Hicks – If the winning side of a particular motion wanted to revote, they would have the ability to reconsider the motion.
 - iii. Yaman Desai – Moved to close. Seconded.
 - b. Ashley Baker – Are there any other nominations?
 - c. Yaman Desai – Move to approve Matthew Hicks as Chair of the Assembly.
 - d. **Matthew Hicks is elected Chair of the Assembly**
 - e. Student Body Vice President Ashley Baker swears in Chair of the Assembly Matthew Hicks.
- IV. Election of Committee Chairs
 - a. John Lawler nominates Chase Covington for Chair of Academic Affairs
 - i. Chase speaks on his experience as Vice Chair of Academic Affairs. States goals to increase activity of the committee.
 - ii. Nevels – What would be some of the ideas that you have as Chair of the Committee?
 - iii. Chase Covington – My goals for Chair of Academic Affairs aren't in line with Academic Affairs, but to motivate reps within the committee.
 - iv. Yaman Desai – Move to close.
 - v. No further nominations.
 - vi. **Chase Covington is elected Chair of Academic Affairs**
 - b. Yaman Desai nominates Bekah Thayer as Chair of External Affairs
 - i. Bekah speaks on her former experience in Financial Affairs committee and as a Business Representative.
 - ii. No further nominations.



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- iv. Carlson – What is your position on working with other Legislative Student Organizations.
- v. Lawler – Would you be focused on working with municipal as well?
- vi. Matthew Hicks – Any other nominations?
- vii. Joseph Lee moves to approve by unanimous consent.
- viii. **Yaman Desai elected as Chair of Legislative Affairs**
- g. Janette Martinez nominates Laurel Pugliese for Chair of Student Affairs
 - i. Laurel speaks on her experience in Student Affairs committee in Student Government and Liberal Arts Council.
 - ii. Matthew Hicks – Any questions? Any further nominations?
 - iii. Bekah Thayer moves to approve Laurel Pugliese as Chair of Student Affairs
 - iv. **Laurel Pugliese is elected as Chair of Student Affairs**
- h. Chair Matthew Hicks swears in the newly elected Committee Chairs**
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Guests
- VII. Open Forum
 - a. John Woods – john@gunfreeschoolars.org Gun Free Schools – A bill has left committee that would allow guns on campus in spite of the administration and police departments stance. Our best chance to stop this is in the Texas Senate.
 - b. Muneezeh Kabir – Please vote for Representative of the Year for the former assembly.
 - c. Matt Portillo – We are in a process of revamping the website. Some unfinished projects that I'm still working on, so you all will see me soon.
- VIII. Ex-Officio Reports
 - a. Student Events Center – Matt Shirling – Week full of events.
- IX. Appointments
 - a. Chief of Staff – Andrew Townsell
 - i. Natalie introduces Andrew Townsell for nomination.
 - ii. Austin Carlson – Are you comfortable with the number of applicants?
 - iii. Natalie Butler – I am because the applicants were extremely qualified and we received over 100 applications for other positions, and when most students found out the time commitment for these positions they were not interested.



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- xxiv. Lawler – Jimmy did you have a significant amount of work to do over the summer?
- xxv. Talarico – There is always work to do over the summer.
- xxvi. Butler – Over the summer, Scott was unavailable because of class commitment.
- xxvii. Hicks – Hearing no objections, we will move into a vote.
- xxviii. Carlson – I object.
- xxix. Hicks – Those on the left will support and those on the right are against.
- xxx. Carlson – For me the summer issue is a big deal. He is a greatly qualified, but is there no one else qualified out of 50,000 students. I feel that there should be more applicants. I find it hard to believe that there is nobody else that commits to this level of commitment. I understand that he is qualified, but I want to table this. I just believe that we should be deliberative.
- xxxi. Butler – We did have many students apply, but they did not want to apply. This position will need to mold to the needs of the President and Vice President, and we discussed how we would deal with this over the summer.
- xxxii. Matthew Hicks – With no one to speak on the opposing side, debate is closed. We will now vote. **28 for. 2 against. 2 abstentions.**
- xxxiii. **Andrew Townsell is approved for Chief of Staff.**
- b. Communications Director – Sydney Fazende
 - i. Butler – Two other students did apply for these positions but when I interviewed them they did not realize the time commitment for this position. I believe they will fit better elsewhere. With Sydney we will be hoping to implement a new Student Government brand.
 - ii. Fazende – Speaks on experience within Student Government and as well the reform and new website that is coming to Student Government. Believe that it is important to bring Student Government to the representatives.
 - iii. Matthew Hicks – Questions?
 - iv. Carlson – Do you have any plans to reach out to graduate students?
 - v. Fazende – My initiative is to giving 30 student organizations to different students, and they will be speaking to these organizations. I believe through this
 - vi. John Lawler moves to approve by unanimous consent.
 - vii. **Sydney Fazende is approved for Communications Director.**
- c. Internal Financial Director – Ilse Quijano



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xii. Madison Gardner is appointed External Financial Director.

e. Administrative Director – Louis Armendariz

- i. Natalie Butler – With Clerk being created there will be a lot of opportunities for the Administrative Director to be new an inventive.
- ii. Louis Armendariz speaks on his involvement in the Tejas Club, Student Government, Student Organization Safety Board.
- iii. John Lawler – Since this is a new role, there are already a significant amount of new positions that will focus on programming. How will your role fit into this?
- iv. Louis Armendariz – With the new culture of Student Government I want to open this up to many new students.
- v. John Lawler – I still don't understand what this position will be.
- vi. Natalie Butler – So with this new role it will be changing to focus on large scale events.
- vii. Matthew Hicks – With no questions.
- viii. Bekah Thayer moves to approve Louis Armendariz as Administrative Director

ix. Louis Armendariz is appointed Administrative Director.

X. Deputy Advisor Report

XI. Executive Reports

a. Natalie Butler

- i. Application Update – Interviews will be conducted this week and throughout the weekend.
- ii. Invest in Texas – Carisa Nietzsche and Yaman Desai are the new leaders and will be continuing the initiative until the end of the session
- iii. Hold Up for Hope Benefitting Japan – All day. April 30th
- iv. Platform Implementation – The executive board is excited to be working and will begin implementing platform goals ASAP
- v. Leadership Celebration - April 17th: SG Leadership Celebration. 3pm.
- vi. Transition

XII. Agency Director Reports

XIII. Representative Reports

a. Yaman Desai –

- i. Planning college leader round table with the white house about civic engagement. Speak with Yaman for more info.
- ii. Hook the Vote. If you want to be involved, talk with Yaman