
THE 114TH SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, November 11th, 2020

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: KERRY MACKENZIE

PARLIAMENTARIAN: SARAH SPIVEY

CLERK: BRAXDON CANNON

- I. Call Meeting to Order - 7:03 PM
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Rep. Foshee - Moody moves to approve 10-27-2020 in addition to 5-5-2020 minutes by unanimous consent. So moved.
- IV. Representative Reports
 - a. Rep. Konduri - First Year
 - i. Summary
Working on COVID-19 Legislation and is really excited to work on this.
 - b. Rep. Kumar - First Year
 - i. Summary
Working with Josh on making sure elections are fair and up to date. Is looking at changes. Plans on drafting legislation soon. ESB wants to get the power to call out rules they see violated not wait until a complaint has been filed. If you have input feel free to contact the people working on this legislation.
 - c. Rep. Gutierrez - Transfer
 - i. Summary
In the middle of drafting legislation to change the CAP program. UT needs to take a bigger role in giving counselors to satellite school. Many people leave the CAP program because UT does not provide enough resources.
 - d. Rep. Ainsworth - U-Wide
 - i. Still need people to submit videos! Contact her if you want to be a part of it.
- V. New Business

- a. J.R. 20-05: A Joint Resolution in Support of a Renewed Universal Opt-In Pass/Fail Option for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021
 - i. Rep. Le - Nursing type moves to abridge the regular legislative process to vote on J.R. 20-05: A Joint Resolution in Support of a Renewed Universal Opt-In Pass/Fail Option for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 by unanimous consent. Rep. Wongso - U-Wide seconds. So moved.
 - ii. Summarize Authorship Speech

Urging UT to reinstate pass/fail and extend Q-Drop deadlines. Calling for the Q-Drop deadline to extend till after final grades are posted for both semesters. Calling to allow classes to change to a pass/fail status, and have those classes still count towards your degree requirement, and not count towards 6 pass/fail changes. Currently there is a petition with 9,000+ signatures in support. If you can share and spread the petition.
 - iii. Q&A
 1. Rep. Selimoglu - Cockrell
 - a. Summarize Question

What can we do as representatives to make sure faculty council votes on this, and they vote 'aye'? Should we reach out to them?
 - b. Summarize Answer

It will eventually have to go through the faculty council. Will launch an email campaign soon. Leland and Caroline will be keeping in touch with everyone to help spread the legislation's message.
 2. Spkr. Mackenzie - U-Wide
 - a. Summarize Question

If implementation is hard for the fall, would you consider adding in additional wording for professors to take it upon themselves to make their classes to be more equitable for students?
 - b. Summarize Answer

So far, professors have been really open to adjusting. Senate is trying to experiment with ways to approach this issue, possibly approaching deans.
 3. Rep. Selimoglu - Cockrell
 - a. Summarize Question

How would you respond to this affecting the graduation and retention rate?
 - b. Summarize Answer
 4. Spkr. Mackenzie - U-Wide

- a. Summarize Question

Are y'all aware of any worries for independent licensing schools?
 - b. Summarize Answers

The department should individually talk with their students about how this affects grad plans.
 - iv. Rep. Counihan- COLA moves to previous question on J.R. 20-05: A Joint Resolution in Support of a Renewed Universal Opt-In Pass/Fail Option for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 by unanimous consent. Rep. Murphy- COLA seconds. So moved.
 - v. Rep. Menon - McCombs moves to approve J.R. 20-05: A Joint Resolution in Support of a Renewed Universal Opt-In Pass/Fail Option for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 by unanimous consent. Rep. Le- Nursing seconds. So moved.
- b. J.R. 20-06: A Resolution in Support of Enhanced COVID-19 Response Protocols
- i. Summarize Authorship Speech

COVID-19 cases are rising throughout the country. Trying to implement a random testing program for off-campus students, which would be invitation based. Would like to require on-campus residents to be mandatory tested. Wants to increase transparency by separating on-campus and off-campus data. All the data is private so there is no worry of personal data being online. Wants to have the first two weeks of classes in spring to be online to increase testing and minimize spread. Wants to continue the attendance policies and all classroom lectures being recorded.
 - ii. Q&A
 - 1. Rep. Wall - McCombs
 - a. Summarize Question

Is this J.R. looking to implement a mandate that classes be online for two weeks, or making it optional for students.
 - b. Summarize Answer

The hope would be that faculty could choose to host their classes online. Tries not to mandate too many things for legal reasons. J.R. wants to increase the number of people who might choose this option.
 - 2. Spkr. Mackenzie - U-Wide
 - a. Summarize Question

If this were to pass how would this be implemented?
 - b. Summarize Answer

Has been in communication with UT Admin. They would present this to them so that it is clear that it is student supported. This resolution would help their cause.

- iii. Rep. Wall - McCombs moves to abridge the regular legislative process to hear J.R. 20-06: A Resolution in Support of Enhanced COVID-19 Response Protocols today in assembly by unanimous consent. Rep. Murphy- COLA, seconds the motion. So moved.
- iv. Rep. Menon - McCombs moves to previous question on J.R. 20-06: A Resolution in Support of Enhanced COVID-19 Response Protocols by unanimous consent. So moved.
- v. Rep. Seyer - CNS moves to approve J.R. 20-06: A Resolution in Support of Enhanced COVID-19 Response Protocols by unanimous consent. Rep. Murphy- COLA seconds the motion. So moved.

VI. Ex-Officio Reports

a. Dave Dessauer- Advisor

i. Summarize

Thank you everyone for continuing to work extremely hard. Despite everything that has happened, everyone pushes through. Thanksgiving is soon, so make sure you get a COVID-19 test before returning home.

VII. Executive Board Reports

a. Owen McGeary- Administrative Director

i. Summary

Revising agency media standards. Soon to begin on some continuity projects with the admin team.

b. Audrey Balliette- Advocacy Director

i. Summary

Creating a SG code of conduct and a policy on sexual misconduct. Currently, there is a big blind spot for sexual misconduct issues within Student Government. Would like to put together a task force, so if you are interested in helping reach out to Audrey.

c. Vinit Shah- Chief of Staff

i. Summarize

Still looking for external appointments. Sign up to give blood! Help distribute testing flyers (sign up using the form). Always feel free to reach out to Vinit if you need anything.

d. Oriana Garcia- Communications Director.

- i. Summarize
First podcast was released last week. Mental Health and COVID-19 week is next week so keep that on your radar and make sure you interact. If you are interested in trying out for Jeopardy! please do so.
- c. Ethan Jones- Financial Director
 - i. Summarize
The Carreon Recipients were selected. Make sure to donate blood. Beginning on the class gift project. Check out the podcast!
- f. Winston Hung- Vice President
 - i. Summarize
Please make sure to make good decisions. Thank you for sharing the sentiment survey (over 700 responses). Sign up to give blood. Houseless initiative coming soon maybe. Reach out to Winston if you need anything.
- g. Anagha Kikkeri -President
 - i. Summarize
Extended the deadline for the application of the previous mentioned position. Please consider applying. Make sure to donate blood.

XII. Assembly Committee Chair Reports

- a. Chair Chandler- Student Affairs
 - i. Summary
No updates.
- b. Chair Menon- Ethics and Oversight
 - i. Summary
Among Us social went great. Hope everyone had a safe halloween. Make sure to fill out the absence excuse form if needed.
- c. Chair Brown- Governmental Affairs
 - i. Summary
Meeting on November 15th at 2pm. Zoom link to come.
- d. Chair Le and Wongso- COVID-19
 - i. Summary
Shoutout to the LLA's and assembly members for help drafting the J.R. Make sure to get tested before returning home if you can.
- e. Chair Counihan- Legislative Policy Council
 - i. Summary
The videos are up on youtube. Make sure to check them out. If you have legislation please email them to James and Kerry by 5pm Friday.

XIII. Speaker of the Assembly Report

a. Summarize

Only 3 assemblies left for this semester! From 11/18-11/25 Kerry will be offering optional 1:1 meetings if you want to discuss legislation/initiatives for the upcoming year. Make sure to get tested before returning home if you can.

XIV. Second Roll Call

XV. Adjournment - 8:20 PM

- a. Rep. Le- Nursing moves to adjournment by unanimous consent. Rep. Seyer - CNS seconds the motion. So moved.