

## Minutes for September 11, 2007 Meeting

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Meeting commenced at 7:01pm
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call #1
- IV. Approval of Minutes- September 4, 2007- Minutes approved
- V. Guests
  - A. Dr. Brian Roberts, Vice President for Information Technology
    1. Dr. Roberts is in charge of IT across campus. ITS provides many important services such as email, Blackboard, and telephone services.
    2. Over the summer ITS examined UT's web presence and set up a webpage for students to learn about IT issues. ITS continues to request feedback about how they can assist students.
    3. ITS offers walk-in services in the lobby of the FAC.
    4. ITS is beginning to hold conversations about student email. Some topics include trends, student opinion, and practices at other schools.
    5. Dissatisfaction with Webmail is high
      1. The number of students with mail.utexas.edu accounts is dropping.
      2. 30% of students forward emails to another address.
      3. The UT email service isn't competitive with commercial offerings (features and cost).
    6. Many students continue to use UT's Webmail.
    7. Will survey students to discover what they want in an email service.
    8. Outsourcing to a service such as Microsoft or Google would allow the University to brand its own email and would provide students with email accounts past graduation.
    9. The University requires that students have and maintain an email, but does not require that students use a particular server.
    10. Three options:
      1. Maintain status quo, but re-architect our existing email system
      2. Utilize free Google or Microsoft solutions
      - c. Purchase and run our own system
    11. ITS will explore these options and survey students. ITS will begin making more difficult decisions towards the end of the semester.
    12. Most students who forward their mail have their mail sent to gmail, followed by yahoo and then hotmail.
    13. There is about 16% satisfaction with current email service.
    14. ITS will send a survey to student leaders to find out what email service attributes students prefer.

15. National survey revealed that many students prefer to use a university email service for official messages.
16. Jung- Is the McCombs School of Business part of this conversation?
  1. Dr. Roberts- Not at this time.
17. Herndon- Since emails can be forwarded, why doesn't the ability to forward mail solve this problem?
  1. Dr. Roberts- The forwarding of mail is a good indication of student dissatisfaction with the service.
18. Sowa- I have been receiving SPAM from various list serves.
  1. Dr. Roberts- ITS catches 94% of incoming email and prevents it from being sent to students. ITS blocks 10 million messages a day, but has to be careful about avoiding false positives.
19. Kuo- I have been having problems accessing wireless internet.
  1. Dr. Roberts- Come to our help desk in the lobby of the FAC.
20. Rajagopalan- What security measures have been updated since the last security breach?
  1. Dr. Roberts- Use of restricted wireless internet is a good example of improved security. ITS has made tremendous efforts to sustain security consciousness. This is a significant challenge on a campus with widely distributed IT. ITS is responsive to security threats.
21. Facebook is becoming searchable and is no longer a closed, trusted community.
22. Moore- gmail data mines many emails. Would outsourcing lead to the data mining of student emails?
  1. Dr. Roberts- This is a possibility, especially following graduation. ITS is very concerned about privacy.

B. Katie Cook, Archer Center Development Director

1. Dereth Finn- Archer Fellowship, SG in DC Program
2. Video available on webpage: [www.archercenter.org](http://www.archercenter.org)
3. Formal information sessions will be held on campus
4. Open to people of all studies
5. Applications due mid February, interviews will follow
6. Email any questions

VI. Alarcia-Mencia motions to move New Business to the next item on the agenda

- A. Motion approved
- B. AB 5: Adjustments to Representative Responsibilities
  1. Amin- In light of the outreach initiative, we have created a set of rules for representatives to follow.
    1. Will ask that each representative sign up for three SG appropriated events. This will show SG support for student organizations.
    2. Will also ask representatives to make at least five interactions with organizations. Two of these interactions

should be face-to-face. These meetings could include a meeting with an executive member, attendance at an event, etc. It is a representative's job to actively communicate with student organizations.

2. Bill will be sent to Rules Committee and will go up for approval at next meeting.
- C. AB 6: Rules for spending for Additional Non-Student Fee Accounts (Special Projects)
- D. AB 7: Spending Rules for Non-Student Service Fee Accounts (Fundraising)
- E. AB 8: Rules for Spending for Additional Non-Student Fee Accounts (Gifts)
- F. AB 9: Rules for Spending Non-Student Service Fee Accounts (Checking)
  1. AB 6-9 are spending rules for Student Government accounts.
  2. These rules are the same as last year.
  3. These rules will go up for approval at the next meeting.
  4. Contact Frankie Shulkin with any questions.
- G. AB 10: Granting Spending Powers to the Executive Branch (Fast-tracked)
  1. Since we cannot pass the budget at this meeting, we need to give the Executive Board the ability to make necessary expenditures during the next week.
  2. Rajagopalan motions to fast-track
  3. Motion seconded
  4. Motion passed
  5. Motion to approve AB 10 by acclamation
  6. Motion seconded
  7. Motion approved

## VII. Open Forum

- A. Keshav Rajagopalan
  1. Texas Cowboys Lectureship begins two weeks from Tuesday. General Wesley Clark will speak at 8pm in the Texas Union. Admission is free and tickets can be picked up at Texas Union.
  2. Texas Cowboys have opened selection for the upcoming fall semester. Cowboys is a service and spirit organization. Talk to Keshav if you are interested in applying.
- B. Prathiba Pandian- Thank you to the freshmen for coming to the meeting.
- C. Chico
  1. Union Board will meet on Friday and he will learn a great deal about the Union's budget.
  2. University Democrats meeting- Tomorrow at 8pm in MEZ 1.306

## VIII. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. Graduate Student Assembly- Biweekly meetings, Tuesday at 4:30pm
- B. Senate of College Councils- Stephen Meyers
  1. Attended Student Advisory Council and met with leaders at peer institution to come up with recommendations for improvement in these schools. Please give any recommendations or ideas to Stephen or Andrew.
  2. Senate orientation will be held on Sunday

3. First Senate meeting will be held on Thursday at 7pm
- C. Student Events Center
- D. Student Services

#### IX. Appointments

- A. Out-of-State Students- Fariya Eusufzai- Tabled
- B. Policy Director- Lance Kennedy
  1. Application included in agenda
  2. Government major from UTA
  3. Rajagopalan- Can you highlight some of the ideas you have for this position?
    1. Kennedy- Worked for an IT firm that does consulting. A big part of this job is increasing efficiency. The consulting firm offered to donate their services to Student Government.
  4. Ginn- Moves to approve by acclamation
  5. Motion seconded
  6. Lance Kennedy is approved
  7. Executive Director, Jordan Davisson, swears Kennedy into his position

#### X. Executive Reports

- A. President: Andrew C. Solomon- a.solomon@mail.utexas.edu
- B. Vice President: Nicole Trinh- netrinh@austin.utexas.edu
  1. Student Regent and Higher Education Coordinating Board Positions- Received nonvoting student on the board, but we are now working to gain voting rights for this student.
  2. Outdoor Leadership Development Facility- Will be used for both recreational and leadership development purposes. We are now beginning the research process.
  3. Cesar Chavez Statue Unveiling- October 9- SG will host an activist panel before the event. The LULAC National Treasurer and two UT staff members will serve on this panel.
  4. SSBC and PPAC Update- Allocation process is transparent and open to feedback. SSBC allocates over \$35 million to various departments on campus. PPAC has met three times and created a council to identify the priorities of the university and how they align with the University's budget.
  5. Representative of the Week- Jeffrey Thompson
- C. Executive Director: Jordan Davisson- jordandavisson@mail.utexas.edu
  1. QSA did an excellent job with their Welcome Carnival.
  2. Retreat- Thank you for attending.
  3. Make-up Retreat will be held on a Saturday in October and is mandatory for people who didn't attend retreat. Please email Jordan with a Saturday in October that works for you.

4. Agency Assembly Meeting- This Wednesday, September 12 at 7pm, SG Office
5. Office time this week- Wednesday 1-4pm
6. Internal Affairs Committee Meeting this week- Members please check your email to decide a meeting time.
7. Representative Attendance- Three absences mean probation. Jordan will be in her office tomorrow from 1-4pm and available to discuss attendance.
8. Bagel and Lox with Nurses and Docs

D. Communications Director: Vicki Nguyen-  
vicki.nguyen@bba04.mcombs.utexas.edu

1. Outreach Committee Meeting – Friday 2pm
2. UT Volleyball vs Iowa State Tailgate- September 19, 5:30pm, Gregory Plaza
3. Next Mobile Meeting- September 25, Cooley Pavilion (basketball practice facility). We will coordinate carpooling and free parking is available.
4. Committee on Financial Aid to Students meeting Update- Looking for suggestions for Office of Student Financial Services
5. Newsletter Updates - Sundays

E. External Financial Director: Stephen Gilstrap-sgilstrap@mail.utexas.edu

1. UT Boots will be available at the Co-op beginning this Friday. Please get the word out. Stephen will send a PDF of the boot advertisement. Please forward this PDF to anyone who may be interested in purchasing a pair.
2. High School Workshop Update- Third annual workshop will be held November 17. We are optimistic about the turnout.
3. Career Round-Up Starting Up – Please give Stephen ideas for improvement.

F. Internal Financial Director: Frankie Shulkin-fshulk714@aol.com

1. Appropriations application due Thursday, September 27
2. Interviews will be held Sunday, September 30, 1-5pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the UTC
3. Encourage your organizations to apply and have them set up an interview time with Becky as soon as they can

G. Secretary to the Assembly: Chelsea Wade-  
chelsea.wade@bba05.mcombs.utexas.edu

1. Email your announcements to Chelsea by Sunday at 12am if you would like them added to the agenda.
2. Dinner at Maudie's Too- 1212 S. Lamar, 512-440-8088

XI. Committee Reports

- A. Rules
- B. Finance
- C. Internal Affairs
- D. Outreach
- E. Fundraising
- F. Legislative Policy- Meeting Sunday at 5pm

## XII. Unfinished Business

- A. AR 9: SG Supports Advancements for Proactive Diversity (Tabled)
- B. **AR 10:** In support of the Campus Environmental Center's Campus Recycling Master Plan
  - 1. Master Plan is now attached to legislation
  - 2. Hubs will be placed at all intersections around campus.
  - 3. Manz- How much money do you think you will make from the recycling?
    - 1. CEC anticipates making about \$3,000 from recycling.
  - 4. Manz- Would off campus students be encouraged to bring their recycling on campus?
    - 1. CEC will create a task force for these students.
  - 5. Motion to make a friendly amendment to change recycle program to recycling program
  - 6. Will the manager be a full time or part time worker? Where will you get the money to pay this manager's salary?
    - 1. The manager will be a part-time employee. Money will come from various negotiations made on campus.
  - 7. Howard- When would the recycling plan go into effect?
    - 1. This depends on how long it would take to receive funding and deal with university bureaucracy. The plan will go into effect next fall at the earliest.
  - 8. Motion to move the previous question
  - 9. Motion approved
  - 10. Motion to approve by acclamation
  - 11. Motion seconded
  - 12. **AR10 is approved**

## XIII. Agency Director Reports

- A. LLA Director- Applications due Friday by 5pm
- B. Keep UT Hate-Free- Meeting Tuesday at 6pm in SG Office
- C. QSA- Almost 400 people attended Welcome Carnival
- D. LRA- The bill that SG lobbied for in DC passed. The bill provides more favorable interest rates for student.
- E. MCA- Social will follow next meeting.
- F. Transfer Students
  - 1. Met with UT Transitions and look forward to working with them
  - 2. Met with about 45 transfer students and only three knew about SG. Will look into educating transfer students about SG during orientations.
- G. SDA- Dinner will be held on December 7 at 6 or 7pm

XIV. Representative Reports

- A. Sowa- Looking into setting up off campus dining dollars
- B. Thompson- If anyone is interested in improving advising, please let him know
- C. Ginn- Leadership Development Waterfront Facility- Let him know if you are interested in working on this project or have any suggestions
- D. Rajagopalan
  - 1. Please provide input for new SG website
  - 2. Accessibility on campus- Working with mobile campus to create emergency notification service (without advertising) for the hearing impaired
  - 3. On campus student events calendar is now available online
- E. Garza
  - 1. Tuition Policy Advisory Committee discussed summer attendance and tuition issues.
    - a. Students usually only take three hours of class during the summer and are therefore not eligible for financial aid.
    - b. Working to establish installment plan.
    - c. Looking to decrease hour requirement for emergency loan and increase loan amount
  - 2. Met with Chico to discuss Riverside Task Force. Please email Yvette if you are interested in working on this project.
- F. Howard- Working to create a forum called "Hold Your Reps Accountable." Please provide Bradford with suggestions.
- G. Bunch- Met with Muslim Student Association to discuss religious sensitivity issues
- H. McWhorter- Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting tomorrow

XV. Announcements

- A. Tuition Website Meeting- Thursday, September 13, 4-5pm, MAI 26
- B. Please educate yourselves on upcoming legislation
- C. Thursday, 9pm- Second Tejas Coffee, Topic: How we justify violating moral imperatives
- D. Next Wednesday, September 19- Alpha Chi Alpha and MCI will hold an MLK event

XVI. Roll Call #2

XVII. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm