



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Student Government Assembly Meeting
February 25th, 2014

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guests
 - a. Carlos and Fabiana, SOS Venezuela- here to speak about an issue the country is currently facing, population is 30 mil people, largest oil reserves in the world, people are tired, lack of freedom of expression, lack of opportunity, high level of polarization, Columbian news channel only one showing, government shut down and cracked down on freedom of speech, 24,700 people killed, 4th most dangerous country in the world, level of homicides increasing, students decided to protest, taken to jail 9 hours away, student leaders decided to take this to a new level, feb 12th, ask every CD and show support, give a document to liberation of students, at 2 pm, students called off the protest, student groups were very mad about this, right to protest protected by constitution, group of students running away from police, student killed by police, police and national guard violating right to protest, patriotism is very intense, Tuesday, Feb 18th- governor asked for death of a students, many students were personally killed by government, fighting students who have no way of defending themselves, 62 journalists have been victims of oppression, community terror groups, censorship of mass media, right to protest and gather are guaranteed by the government, determination to see things improve in my country, we want to live in a democracy that upholds freedom, let our voice be heard, goal is not to discuss politics, we are seeing basic human rights, you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free, UT is founded on these core principles, see this a body of students who support each other and other students, UT's center for Latin American studies is number 1, how can we be number 1 if we don't support Latin American, surely set the precedent for all students to speak up against this, dream about Venezuela, help build a better country, indifference of good people should worry us more than bad things people do
 - i. Vincent- what else can we do to help?
 1. Informational session, support and advertising, more protests, entitle us to come to representatives to get more help
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Stephanie Morgan- Texas THON
 - i. Invite to our event this Sunday from 10 am-10 pm, great cause, \$37000 donated to hospital, party with a purpose is the theme,
 - b. Grant Heimer and Nick Spiller, LEA
 - i. Created a community that didn't exist before, 100 new innovation adventures, in Austin's great innovation system, continue to support LEA, have Michael



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Dell as keynote, Rod Canion, co-founder of Compaq, bring together students of all disciplines, general promotion, specifically sharing the startup job/internship fair, 30 startups from Austin looking for new talent, uteweek.com, there will be Shark Tank casting, 11 am-3 pm on Thursday in between coffee and Michael Dell Keynote

- c. Hook the Vote- Texas primaries, early voting ends on Friday, Monday is the voting day, Union lobby event from 8 am-5 pm on Sunday, campus wide elections this week, information is on the hook the vote website,

VI. Ex-Officio Member Reports

- a. Graduate Student Assembly
 - i. Recognizing the power of student government and voices on campus, great to see so many people here, congratulations to Nick with having such a successful agency, GSA is cohosting the job fair so please come, voted on tuition policy advisory committee, we would like to have student voice on that, asking for more transparency on shared services, GSA elections is tomorrow as well, encourage the right to vote, GSA benefit ball, on March 7th, dance, banquet and music, at the SAC ballroom, passed resolutions on tuition policy and shared services last Wednesday, utexasgsa.org has resolutions, now dealing with appropriations, set aside time for exec alliances within the meeting, introducing 2 more pieces of legislation in the
- b. Senate of College Councils
 - i. Restructuring of internal structure, 2 more positions opening up, registration changes, new president elect,
- c. Events and Entertainment
 - i. Showing frozen at union theater at 6 and 9 pm, Texas union film festival coming up, hit a record number of submissions, band- sleighbells for 40 Acres Fest ,

VII. External Appointment Reports

VIII. Advisor Report

- a. Marilyn Russell – marilynr@austin.utexas.edu
 - i. Polls open at 8 am, share promotional graph, traveling to China, application on DOS website, due on March 12th , group trips, Tejas scholarship due 3/2, good luck on elections, announcing the winner on Thursday on main mall at 6:30

IX. Executive Reports

- a. Horacio Villarreal, Student Body President – hvillarreal27@gmail.com
 - i. Thank them to for coming out, really happy to help them out tonight, met with LOC's exec board last night, shared great ideas, going to AIPAC this weekend, pretty excited to going to that, sharing via social media about that,



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going to DC March 24-26th again on behalf of UT, lonestar showdown, april 13th, trying to get students there by chartered bus, get out there and vote,

- b. Ugeo Williams, Student Body Vice President - michael.ugeo@utexas.edu
 - i. PTS is looking to launch free parking, pilot program, looking for students to help out with that program, working on legislation for work-study eligibility, affected by snow days b/c these were unplanned, having to do with college affordability, reached out by Mayor temp about issues in Austin, celebrating Christi Biggs tomorrow to honor her life,
- c. Chief of Staff, Braydon Jones – braydon.k.jones@gmail.com
 - i. Reached out by Greg Abbott to get a field operator, let me know if you are a senior and interested in getting this job, getting agency media all together, combined agency and bylaws, branding coming soon bc elections,
- d. Communications Director, Alayna Alvarez – alayna_alvarez@utexas.edu
 - i. 3000 new followers this week on twitter, ring week is this week, some of the funds go back to sg funds, buying rings is based on our promotions, change profile pictures to ring week, need to make sure sales are good, elections are tomorrow and Thursday, entrepreneurship week, looking ahead, impact report, info graphics for longhorn on the hill, tshirts are printing,
- e. Internal Financial Director, Mackenzie Spaniol – kenzieespaniol@yahoo.com
 - i. Finished last round of appropriations, DC trip, submit all the names for the approval next week, trademarking is backlogged,
- f. External Financial Director, Kornel Rady – korirady135@gmail.com
 - i. Excellence fund, getting that out to organizations, starting to create application for Rebecca Carreon scholarship, George Mitchell is happy with boots sales,
- g. Administrative Director, Joshua Tang – tang.josh@gmail.com
 - i. Students approached us to write this legislation on human rights, have a banner on the Daily Texan website about elections, getting started on impact report, integrated approach to topics as opposed to having each branch separately

X. Director and Executive Staff Reports

XI. Judicial Report

- a. Philip Wiseman, Chief Justice- wiseman.philip@utexas.edu

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. AR 27: In Support of Better Emergency Preparedness at The University of Texas at Austin
 - i. New title, changed things, offer support for legislation, felt better represented, language that seemed critical to university was changed, more about being prepared for emergency, list of suggestions can use to get more involved with being more prepared, unanimously passed out of committee,



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1. Vincent- Why did certain authors pulled their support? What changed?
 - a. Ahn- Have to ask them, changed to not be so accusatory towards university
2. Barth- spoken to Bob Harkins? Did you invite their office?
 - a. Ahn- no b/c he has spoken to us and made us aware of his concerns, did not talk to that office
3. Brown- Talk to any faculty on this issue?
 - a. Ahn- I am a public health major and this is what we talk about in my major, I asked for their input, student involvement is crucial as well as administrators
4. MacMath- how is this legislation necessary?
 - a. Ahn- scope needs to be broadened, army of students needs to learn about these procedures,
 - b. May- snow day issue pointed to larger issue of emergency preparedness, feel like students can work with Dr. Harkins
5. Barth- seen the website and existing sites?
 - a. Yes, but more needs to be done
6. Vincent (to Barth)- why did you withdraw support?
 - a. Not needed after Dr. Harkins' visit, more concerned with past events
 - i. 15-6-2 passes

XIII. New Business

- a. AR 29: In Support of Two-Ply Environmentally Friendly Bath Tissue for the University of Texas at Austin
 - i. MacMath- decided to not fast-track, repeated student concern, especially in McCombs, suppliers are managed centrally, has to be done university, admins want to see student support, willing to make the change with student support, repeated support for this, this was not fast-tracked because we heard some objections to that,
 1. Jordan- why can't we use 1-ply twice? Who else besides UBC has heard this?

MacMath- Issue of student voice, heard many, many students talk about this and council gets angry about this issue as well, they listened to their constituents
 2. Barth- have other students and councils seen this?
 - a. Brown- LAC and other groups are concerned about this issue, talked to various administrators about this,
 3. Maingot- how are we going to pay for this? What justifies pay hike?



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- a. MacMath- up to administration to decide, won't raise any costs,
- 4. Mishra- have you considered informal classes that are there?
 - a. MacMath- aware of this, talked to administration about this
 - i. Student affairs committee
- b. AR 30: Honoring the Life and Service of Cristi Biggs, Associate Dean of Students
 - i. Ugeo-she passed away on Dec, 30th, knew her personally, honor her service and life, honoring her tomorrow which is why we are fast tracking it,
 - ii. Jones- gave so much to this university, completely changed orientation, knew her really well,
 - iii. Unanimously passed 8:41 pm
- c. AR 31: In Support of Students and Human Rights in Venezuela and Ukraine
 - i. Martinez- in the past two weeks, people experienced a ton of violence, media has been taken down and forms of expression suppressed
 - ii. UT values voices of students, matter of respect for life and freedom,
 - 1. Houston- Why is Ukraine added?
 - a. Tang- International students from Ukraine here as well, we are working with them to uphold human rights as well
 - b. Legislative affairs 8:22 pm
- d. AR 32: In Support of Texas THON
 - i. In support of children's hospital, student govts across the state have supported events like this, we love student government support, we already get money from you guys and have many events through the year, great way to have friendly competition with other students, A&M raised \$30000, we are in our 12th year, so we want to get to that point, fast-track b/c event is Sunday
 - ii. Unanimously passed 8:46 pm
- e. Spring Appropriations (Round 2)
 - i. Over appropriated so we did a blanket 20% deduction across the board, full funding, falls under per review of a great event, find a fair way to decrease that

XIV. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Committee – kallen.dimitroff@yahoo.com
 - i. Work on academic decathlon, bill powers is tentatively planning to speak, volunteer forms going out soon, \$1000 cash prize for each member on the team,
- b. External Affairs Committee – nosaaaimuyo@utexas.edu
- c. Financial Affairs Committee – christopherjordan@utexas.edu
- d. Legislative Affairs Committee – johntbrown@utexas.edu
 - i. Have one more committee meeting, AR 31 this Sunday, 1 pm in SG conference room, may move into assembly room,

Approved
appropriations
w/ 20% cuts



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- e. Rules and Regulations Committee – aghouston@utexas.edu
 - i. Meeting next Monday at 6:30, will introduce issues after spring break, something nice and neat, passed changes to constitutions, create two forms of changes, cannot wear/have political signs near polling places so be careful,
- f. Student Affairs Committee– carolinecarter@att.net
 - i. Meeting this Sunday, will tell you the time later
- XV. Speaker of the Assembly Report
 - a. Kenton Wilson – Kenton.Wilson@utexas.edu
 - i. Go to Texas THON this weekend, shoutout to Josh for everything he's done
- XVI. Representative Reports
 - a. Martinez- come to meeting on Sunday about legislation on human rights
 - b. Houston- Allowing city relations to be more of an organization for students as a whole, getting students involved with, meeting with dean and architecture students about student lounge
 - c. Barth- We will be having brunch before leg affairs meeting on Sunday
- XVII. Announcements
 - a. Martinez- There's a violin competition
 - b. Molina- Come to violin competition, it already started and ends this weekend
 - c. Maingot- Texas THON from 10-10 this Sunday, get a team with SG, a lot of founders were from SG
- XVIII. Second Roll Call
- XIX. Adjournment