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Student Government Assembly Meeting March 6, 2012

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Taylor Metting, Libertarian Longhorns
 - i. I have flyers to hang out after my speech
 - ii. I came here to talk about fluoride warnings. In 2008 I moved here because I got into UT, I was talking to someone about dental fluorosis, I looked into, joined fluoride free Austin, for three years we tried to get city council to put a warning label on water bills. I don't drink the water on campus, as a child I was exposed to it, I got dental fluorosis, I was diagnosed with osteopnea, precursor to osteoporosis, thyroid tests, lupis, what is going on? Im 22 and why am I so sick? Probiotics, reverse osmosis water, water system with fluoride free water, most people don't know the risk, 1 in 10 women has a problem with her thyroid and fluoride contributes to that. Women are particularly susceptible, as are minorities. There are experts on both sides of these issues, and I could go on and on about the potential harmful effects, but I am here to tell you that water fluoridation isn't necessary, and people have a right to know what is in their water. Hexafluocidic acid, organic foods, hormones, pesticides, the student body needs a warning. It would be nice to see fluoride free water in Austin and UT campus
 - b. Dr. Laura Presley, Chemist
 - i. Thanks for having me, I am a former student here at UT, I got my PHD in chemistry from Welch hall down the street. One of the things I want to talk about really briefly is two things that are very intuitive. If you look at the molecular structure of the chemical, it is two benzene rings. If you took any chemistry youd know this. That is very toxic and one of the most carcinogenic compounds there is, I spent a lot of time in the oil and gas industry and the semiconductor industry, benzene rings are really toxic. Would you take an antibiotic every day? That's what this is! It is not the best thing. Bacteria grow resitant to this. As educated people we understand that. I just wanted to relay those two things to you guys and you can make that decision
 - ii. Love: What about potential reaction with other compounds in our water?
 - iii. Preseley: Can react with chlorine to form chloroform, also can form dioxin, our tap water doesn't filtrate this
 - iv. Thayer: How is it that the government doesn't have some sort of way to go around this?



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- v. Presley: A lot of things slip through, including aspartame, it got pushed through politically, a lot of things slip through, we have to use our knowledge, that's why an educated work force is the most important thing. You have the information and you know this stuff
 - vi. Rosenthal: Are there other things in certain shampoos like sodium laureth sulfate?
 - vii. Presley: There are, you just have to look at your labels. I was sick for a long time like Taylor, I backed up as a chemist, I wanted the least amount of chemicals, What I do is do as much organic as possible, it is inexpensive, raw organic foods are the most healthy
 - viii. Im also running for city council, there is no one on our council that has a technical background, and that is important
 - ix. Lawler: Who are you running against?
 - x. Presley: Mike Martinez, and we have good endorsements from the Mexican-american population
- V. Ex-Officio Reports
- a. Cameron Allison, Student Events Center
 - i. Tomorrow 7pm African American
 - ii. SAC Auditorium 9pm Jurassic Park
 - iii. Thursday 9pm and 6pm Immortals
- VI. External Appointment Reports
- a. Louis Armendariz, CMHC Advisory Board
 - i. Meeting today, it was really cool. We focused on eating habits and eating disorders, the CMHC has a different take on eating habits, dieting leads to eating disorders, 99.5 percent are caused from dieting, you don't want to diet, you just want to have a nutritional meal every day and a well balanced diet, you should let your body/mind eat whatever kind of food it wants. If that sounds wrong to you, there is a way they can make that make sense, we are helping spread the word about the new website, if you have any questions and if you want to get involved, let me know and we will talk about dieting and how its actually bad for you. It's crazy, but it makes sense. If you want to talk about it, let me know
- VII. Deputy Advisor Report
- a. Melinda Sutton, Deputy to the Dean of Students – msutton@mail.utexas.edu
- VIII. Executive Reports
- a. Natalie Butler, Student Body President – natalie.e.butler@gmail.com
 - i. Still having office hours Wednesday at noon, there could be weather problems tomorrow
 - ii. I saw a lot of you tweeting and out at Explore UT, thanks for doing that. It has two purposes, getting young students to think about college and bringing in



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top recruits that have been admitted to UT but haven't accepted, it's a cool event and it was good to see you all there

- iii. UBC is hearing from dean's and departments about budgeting, its interesting to hear all of the perspectives, some say they need more faculty, need more staff, need to pay faculty more, really different across the board, UBC will continue to hear those
- iv. TSM Board meeting tomorrow, they don't have a director at the moment, normally they are open but I don't know if this one is, it is tomorrow morning
- v. Thanks for coming out to some of our small spring safety week, Get Sexy, Get Consent, Movie and discussion about terrible sex education
- vi. There was a woman who was in student government before my time, her name was Jessica Fertida, her car exploded and she died about a year ago, she was really involved in SG, graduated in 06, Family is honoring her by endowing advocacy efforts within SG, I am so excited about this, it is a wonderful way to honor her, we aren't sure exactly how it will function, it will come and will probably be a decision by the next assembly, we talked about resources for lobbying efforts, and this frees us, it's a small endowment at first, but I am taking it upon myself to continue to seek donations for this, details are still being flushed out. I think advocacy is one of our biggest priorities, so I am really excited to see how it will change things
- vii. Happy Spring Break!
- viii. Climate Survey is being tested, if you want to be a part of it, let me know, 5 pm on Thursday in the SG conference room, if you test then you can't be part of the random sample.
- b. Ashley Baker, Student Body Vice President – ashleyv.baker@gmail.com
 - i. Today we launched find a space, encourage ORG leaders to use this for room reservations, its useful and cool
 - ii. Capital Metro Officials are here to present information about a Cameron Road Route Transition, please pay attention, it affects a lot of people
 - iii. The first slide here shows the current route by stop, number of students, this change extends service to mosaic apartments and dell pediatric
 - iv. Lawler: They are losing money but they are extending the route?
 - v. Baker: Increasing current ridership
 - vi. Armendariz: Increase the amount of shuttles?
 - vii. Baker: Safe number, route is shortened, same amount next time
 - viii. Lawler: Downsides, why would we not approve this?
 - ix. Garcia: Reinli, Clayton, Sheridan
 - x. Lawler: How many students?
 - xi. Garcia: About 10
 - xii. Thompson: How far to the nearest stop now?



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- xiii. Garcia: 2 blocks at most
- xiv. Desai: Why was only this route in particular the only one affected
- xv. Baker: Wanted to make sure the route wasn't cut, will be talking about the logistics
- xvi. Lawler: Red line through mosaic?
- xvii. Garcia: Few years down the road
- xviii. Thompson: Comparison to other routes?
- xix. Baker: It's the lowest
- xx. Thompson: Ranking?
- xxi. Garcia: EC/WC/FA 4,000 per day, 1,000 on this route, it varies and they are all quite different, some go on 35, some just north
- xxii. Lawler: Do we know any differences in the socio-economic status of the area? Mosaic is a new luxury apartment complex, will they be riding the bus?
- xxiii. Baker: I was contacted by someone who will be there, people study in that area
- xxiv. Garcia: Dell contacted us about providing service to that area, and it didn't make sense to use student fees for the small population that was using it, we provided alternative solutions, now there is a higher population using that route, so we thought the best solution would be to change the Cameron road route, students go there to study, visit
- xxv. Henning: The 37 bus serves that route, but it only comes every half hour or so, population has increased, more students
- xxvi. Lawler: Are we fronting student money to fulfill a promise that cap metro made?
- xxvii. Garcia: Capmetro never had plans to extend to Mueller
- xxviii. Baker: East Campus changes, will produce less hours to shorten deficit, reduce hours by 1,500, the top box shows the current route and the bottom box shows the new route. I had several concerns but
- xxix. Lawler: Are those students going to be picked up by another bus?
- xxx. Baker: Currently engineering and law students can use the forty acres bus route to get to the East Campus to get to their car
- xxxi. Fassio: How many students will be affected with this proposal?
- xxxii. Baker: This is generally affecting students who drive their cars to campus and park in east campus, we have agreed to put signage up to indicate the changes
- xxxiii. Lawler: How many students though?
- xxxiv. Baker: It wasn't enough to make a difference. There is still a spot on manor
- xxxv. Lawler: IS that where the lot is?
- xxxvi. Baker: Yes, it is all in that area
- xxxvii. Fassio: So is the parking concentrated by that area?



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- xxxviii. Baker: Students West of 35 will have to ride the 40 acres, and students to the east of 35 will have to walk a little further
- xxxix. Lawler: Has there been a public forum?
 - xl. Baker: Capital Metro is having three public forums, information on the website, will place signage, can email if they have comments
 - xli. Baker: I sent you all an email about the SG leadership celebration, please fill it out, invite family and friends
 - xl. Appointment applications are online, if you have friends that want to get involved please encourage them to apply
- c. Andrew Townsell, Chief of Staff – andrew.townsell@gmail.com
 - i. Congratulations and thanks to Ashley for all of the work she has done on the room reservations system, she is being modest
 - ii. Hook the vote debate is tomorrow at 8pm in Gearing 105, it will be fun
 - iii. March 22 7-10 rally on Gregory plaza, want to see old reps, new raps
 - iv. Underrepresented students mixer march 27th, working with the veterans center on care packages
 - v. FLO mixer was tonight, I was pleased with the turnout, thanks to jesse Kenton and louis for planning that event
 - vi. Health and wellness – spring safety, get sexy get consent, sex ed video compilation, we always do safety week in the fall but we wanted to do spring safety week, our numbers could have been better but our programming was good
 - vii. Longhorn run is going well, still meeting regularly, promo run next month, neon run week before roundup, we will be dropping neon longhorn run gear through west campus, details will come together
 - viii. If you haven't already, please register now, LHR2012 promo code 5 dollars off, looking at next year's date, we want to institutionalize it
 - ix. Saferide is moving right along, meeting with Gale Stewart to get student feedback surveys
- d. Sydney Fazende, Communications Director – sydneyfazende@gmail.com
 - i. I wanted to say thank you for everyone who has been retweeting me this past week, Crystal, Yaman, Kristen, every re-tweet gets more views, twitter allstars
- e. Madison Gardner, External Financial Director – jmgardner22@gmail.com
 - i. There is a new philanthropy initiative landscaping volunteering, March 21st, April 31st, any new reps
 - ii. This new endowment is a really exciting time, its fun to see happen, its kind of the first of a new series of donors we are looking to get
- f. Ilse Quijano, Internal Financial Director – quij.ilse@gmail.com



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- i. One of the last times you will hear me talk about appropriations, we are meeting tomorrow at 8pm, we have finished interviews, the committee will send something out over springbreak about fast-tracking some of the monies for events.
 - g. Louis Armendariz, Administrative Director – louis.m.arm@gmail.com
 - i. First of all, we had our SG FLO social, it went extremely well thanks to Andrew, jesse and Kenton, thanks to all who came out, cool to have yall out there
 - ii. Leadership Celebration is April 15th, right after the longhorn run, look forward to that, Ashley and I are doing a lot of work on that, if you want to help plan we are sending out invitations, get your parents to attend, mark your calendars
 - iii. Ashley sent out a doodle to the new representatives for a new representative retreat, working on how to write pieces of legislation, parliamentary procedure, 3 branch relationship, if you want to get involved please let us know
 - iv. Dieting report is kind of weird, what they were trying to say is that inner beauty matters most, the way to express it is that over the years we have become a bit more lustful in how we see eachother and everyone else, a lot of us is thinking that dieting is the best way to go, but I know this sounds crazy but there is another side to it, look online or email you if you want more info.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs – Chase Covington – charles.covington@bba10.mcombs.utexas.edu
 - b. External Affairs – Bekah Thayer – bekah.thayer@gmail.com
 - c. Financial Affairs – Joseph Lee – josephlee@utexas.edu
 - d. Internal Affairs – Janette Martinez – janette.martinez12@gmail.com
 - e. Legislative Affairs – Yaman Desai – yaman.desai@gmail.com
 - f. Student Affairs – Laurel Pugliese – laurel@pugliesefamily.com
- X. Executive Staff Reports
- XI. Representative Reports
- a. GET JOHN LAWLER'S REPORT
 - b. Laurel Pugliese
 - i. I wanted to say that Robert Love and Nadia did such a good job in committee with their legislation, they were extremely thorough an ought to be recognized
- XII. Unfinished Business
- a. AR 33 – In Support of Banning Anti-Bacterial Soaps at the University of Texas at Austin
 - i. Love: Very excited to be here, we will be the first student body to ban antibacterial soaps on campus, we had a lot of minds working on this, they wrote a great bill, Dr. Presley answered a lot of questions
 - ii. Desai: Move to approve by unanimous consent



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- iii. Love: Move to amend to allow UHS to use triclosan (outside of university health services)
 - iv. Amendment Passes
 - v. Covington: Move to approve by unanimous consent
 - vi. Love: We are going to leave it as is
 - vii. Lawler: So did the amendment say that UHS can use triclosan in its full capacity?
 - viii. Desai: Move to approve by unanimous consent
 - ix. Approved unanimously
 - b. AR 35 – In Support of Moving to an Online Platform for Academic Advising Scheduling in the McCombs School of Business
 - i.
- XIII. New Business
- a. AB 5 – Invest in Texas Constitution
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Second Roll Call
- XVI. Adjournment