



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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**University of Texas Student Government Assembly Meeting
September 18, 2001**

Meeting started at 7:04PM.

Roll call taken by Secretary of the Assembly, Jessica Cole

GUESTS

Jenn Joe-Hearts of Texas: SG raised \$4000 for American Red Cross, with the whole week we raised a total of \$15,000 for Red Cross.

Steve Pace-Bevo Bucks Program: The program is spreading through campus. Email at bevobucks@mail.utexas.edu. Working on getting vending machines and the Union and paying for things on and off campus. Can check out the web-site @ www.utexas.edu/student/bevobucks.

OPEN FORUM

Andrew Friedburg: Thank you for all SG has done for the National tragedy. There is a proposal for major codes that he presented last semester. I have a meeting with the Provost next week. I would like SG's support, especially from the Representatives. Email me at afriedberg@mail.utexas.edu.

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules and move Appointments to next item on the agenda.
Passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Tom Woolsey-Co Director of University Policy Committee

Introduction. No questions were entertained. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation.
Approved.

Brad Wallace-Director of Membership Coordination Committee

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Objection by Representative Dingle.
Continued with questions. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Approved.

Elizabeth Chambers-Freshman Advisor

Introduction. Questions were entertained. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Approved.

Katie Janke-Women's Resource Center

Introduction. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Matt Hammond

1. Almost of the assembly came together and got the Vigil together with tons of help. Thank you Fiana, Charlotte, Leith, Tanny Norwood, Dean Dison, and Annie Elderbroom. Lars, you were the team captain, thank you.
2. Thank you for the SG retreat. Thank you Lars and Jarrad for your hard work.
3. Thank you for the volunteering last night for the media blitz. Thank you Julie and Sunil.
4. There is a bill that went through the Texas State Legislature to have a flat rate tuition. It was approved by both legislative chambers. The two colleges that were chosen by the administration and the College of Natural sciences and Liberal Arts will be testing the waters for this bill. This will be active Fall 2002.
5. I had a meeting with Joe Pal and Dr. Bob Harkins. Talked to them about the issues we discussed at the retreat. Architecture School will have two extra loading zones. He will add another bus to go the opposite direction on the 40 Acres route, or he will have one of the existing buses turn around. "Parkers" will pay before they get into car to exit the parking garage and exit with your receipt, improve signage.
6. Burnt Orange Signs: They will be up within the semester.
7. There will be Longhorn silhouettes on 24th Street on both sides of Speedway, pedestrian crossing will be Longhorns. Speed bumps will also have Longhorns.
8. Please fill out the survey.
9. Radio Show has been going really well. Tomorrow will be with Mamta from the Multi-Cultural Center and talk about the Student Forum.
10. There is an opening for a two-year at Large spot. Please apply by Friday.
11. The PR firm is not doing the job for the release of the 23rd Street Project. It will receive between \$1.5 and 3 million dollars for the project. Hope to break ground on 23rd Street by January and completed by May 2002.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Jarrad Toussant

1. I have never felt more proud of my colleagues than this past week. I feel the retreat was a success. I am postponing the release of the Agenda until next week.

2. The Student Forum is Wednesday from 5-7pm. There will be a panel of distinguished faculty and staff from UT. There is also a Student section with a panel of mental health experts and religious leaders from the community. Students can air their grievances from the past week. Please encourage all you know to attend the Forum.
3. We have developed a campaign called "Discrimination Divides." It is an effort to erase the lines of discrimination on campus. There were 10,000 buttons ordered and handed out throughout campus. We need all of your help to hand out and promote the campaign. Jarrad handed out explanations for the campaign.
4. Following the meeting tonight, there is a large amount of flyers that need to go to dorms across campus. Please hand them out if you can.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Lars Clemensen

1. If you have paid your money for a T-shirt or polo, please go get them in the SG office.
2. The buttons for the campaign will go out tomorrow. We will also have a West Mall table promoting the Forum and the campaign in general
3. Please note that AR 8 does not have a sponsor, any and all may sign on.
4. SG became leaders for the world by helping your country:
We have pictures on Time.com, LA Times, CNN, Boston globe, Bombay, London times, and went across the state. We have been an example to the world. Passing out a letter that will be sent out to from the Executive Board.
5. Passing out a list of Internal Affairs meeting times, as well as committee assignments.
6. SG Retreat was a success. By no means were any of you left out though you may have missed the weekend. These are your ideas to put in motion.

EXTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT Hollye Sears

No report

INTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT Shawn Abboud

1. Please pay for your shirt and polo. We are behind on that payment, please pay by Tuesday at 5PM. If it goes unpaid, you will have one absence marked for you.
2. Applications for appropriations are due September 24th.
3. First meeting for appropriations will be in the SG office Sunday, September 23rd. If you are a voting member of the assembly, you cannot sponsor an organization in which you are also a member of.
4. The budget is \$5,750 because of the application session with 36 organizations.
5. I have Authored a bill, AR 8. Please read before it is introduced.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT Pranav Gandhi

1. A student applying for a spot has to have a min. of 12 hours at UT.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Jessica Cole

1. If you come into meeting late, please pass a note up to me so I can count you for the voting record. You will still have a 1/2 absence.
2. Assembly meetings are business casual.

CHAIR OF THE CABINET OF COLLEGE COUNCILS Kevin Robnett

1. If you read the Daily Texan about the general Faculty Meeting-the proposal of having a student on Faculty hiring from the Cabinet was not passed. You will be updated on further steps taken.
2. Honor code: Really want the student body to be a part of this. Changed the committee meetings for more student input.
3. Undergraduate Research Journal: Applications are in SG office and deadline is November 1st.
4. All of the college reps. have been attending their meetings-thank you.

Return back to appointment process.

Julie Sowa-Student Forum Agency Director

Introduction. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Approved.

Swearing in of Appointees by Attorney General Pranav Gandhi.

REPRESENTATIVES PRIVILEGE

Rep. John Holmes-introduced Amy Rowe lonestarquuen@aol.com or amy.rowe@morganstanley.com

Introduced resolution

AR 10-*Supporting the creation of a large American Flag to honor the victims of the September 11th tragedy*

A resolution for the entire community come out an help paint the United States flag and send it as a gift to New York. Needs a lot of manpower, donations and promotion. Questions were entertained. This will be added into New Business.

Moved and seconded to place AR 10 on the agenda under new business. Item placed on agenda.

Representative Alex Chavez-there are still issues with the Team Cleaning Plan in the custodial staff. The staff is understaffed and the job is not getting done with the Team Cleaning Program. Feel the administration is taking advantage of the custodial staff, having them take a shuttle bus to get onto campus. This is because of the new parking permit program for UT staff. Have been holding meetings, but it is difficult with the car-pooling system in place now.

Representative Vanessa Bilanceri-It would be a good idea in the future if people who have not been appointed yet, to not participate in things with SG until their appointment.

Representative Angie Long-buttons will be passed out at the Forum on Wednesday. At the West Mall tables we will hand out flyers for the Forum and on Thursday we will hand out more buttons.

Representative Erin Smith-there was a town hall meeting regarding the RLM Microwave Towers. This was approved in 1993 and are just now implementing it. Many questions were answered and see me for more info.

Nakeenya Haynes-Be very careful and mindful of how you hand out the buttons and make it clear that this is not pro-war or pro-peace. Do not be pushy.

Representative Russ Bodnyk-have received complaints from assaulted students and they thank SG for their efforts. Lib arts and Nat Sci, you can demand more courses and other things in those colleges for being a guinea pig. Can we push back the deadline for applications of two year oat large?

Representative Bodnyk yields floor to Robby Slaughter.

Slaughter-we have appointments for legitimacy reasons, it is special for the appointees to be treated in the way they should be. Lets consider the approval process more carefully.

Representative Rendi Norwood-Lets ask companies for money instead of making another flag. They could use it more.

COMMITTEE AND AGENCY PRIVILEGE

Leith Abdulla-Cannot do spotlights on UT web very quickly, need two to three weeks. On the SG site I can do it pronto.

Paul Dabney-Had some really good meetings with people involved in this committee. Meetings will be held as they are currently until another person is appointed.

Cross-First LRA meeting did not a lot of attendance, please come next Monday!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AB 7 *To remove provisions in the Internal Rules of Procedure referencing the Calendar Clerk to the Assembly*

Approved through Internal Rules. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Passed.

AB 8 *To amend the Internal rules of Procedure to provide for a Legislative Process*

Approved through Internal Rules. Questions were entertained. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Objection. Moved and seconded to call the question and move into voting. Passed. Move into voting on AB 8. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

AR 8 *Recognizing the attack on America on September 11th 2001 and the immediate effect on the University of Texas at Austin student body*

Internal Financial Director Shawn Abboud introduced the resolution by reading a letter he wrote for the Daily Texan. Questions were entertained. Dingle offers a friendly amendment to strike:

The aftermath of the attack on America

Abboud respectfully rejects.

Moved and seconded to move into debate. Passed.

Representative Travis Hunt-commend Shawn for his spirit and passion. Commend the entire assembly to sign on to bill and proudly sign name to resolution.

Representative Nakeenya Haynes-this has been recognized because of the attacks on certain religions and races. All should be involved in the condemnation of discrimination against any group or person.

Price-would like for Abboud to reconsider the friendly amendment from Dingle

Norwood-support the aftermath part

Moved and seconded to call the question. Passed. Moved and seconded to have a roll call vote for signing onto resolution. Roll call was taken and the resolution was passed and sponsored unanimously by the Student Government Assembly.

A standing ovation followed the passing of AR 8 authored by Shawn Abboud.

AR 9 *Resolution Calling For Increased Safety/Security Around Kinsolving Residence Hall*

Introduced by author SAASA Director Kasey McClain. Questions were entertained. Will be discussed in University Policy Committee.

AR 10 Resolution to make a flag and hang it on the Tower

Moved and seconded to table the resolution. Passed. Tabled indefinitely.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlotte Hudson-Committee meetings started already so please come.

Anna Amezcua-Youth Camp Retreat need to raise money. Please help me.

Carnival in speedway

Next Thursday Ross Perot will be speaking on Sept. 27th

Sunil Varghese-Help hand out flyers and post the forum on websites. Business Career Expo on Friday .

John Holmes-Please be a mentor for FLO

Nakeenya Haynes-Meeting on Thursday in MIC at 5:30 PM

Jarrad Toussant-If any of you are travelling to or past UT dorms, please take some flyers with you!

Roll call #2 was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas" by the Student Government Assembly.