



STUDENT GOVERNMENT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Student Government Assembly Meeting October 8th, 2013

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guests
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Justin Stein, Friar Society: student at the law, representative when I was in college, friar society oldest honor society, apps out, any student over 75 hrs eligible, main part is essay discuss significant contributions to univ, tell membership what you have done and significant, many are in grad school and don't remember things on campus, make it clear, due on oct 18th in ssb, tammy nordwood award for faculty, staff and admin who have done significant to help campus, at friarsociety.org
 - b. Walker Fountain, Hook the Vote: voter registration deadline yesterday with other programs registering voters, several hundreds registered, hosting deputization sessions to make people eligible to register others to vote, focus on primaries, bigger names on it, partnering with dps and Travis county, 1st election where you need to have state/fed id to vote, doing best to educate ut students on that
 - c. Crystal Norra, Texas Spirits: kickoff concert, wishes and well, love goat on oct 16th, benefits make a wish, \$2 cover charge if you are under 21, 8pm -2 am
 - d. AR 16 authors: not fast tracking, want you to make informed decisions, any questions, feel free to ask, stress the support of ar 16, because there is a paradox, live in shadows but also integrated into being a longhorn, sg has a body to recognize undocumented students who are underrepresented, oct 14-18 is undocumented longhorns week, facebook us, be part of those events, show that sg is supporting of community
- VI. Ex-Officio Member Reports
 - a. Senate of College Councils
 - i. Andrew Clark: conference call, with cfo of ut, talking about tuitions, big updates, 4 year fixed rate is optional, ut Austin will pursue that as option for students, can choose 2 or 4 year option, regular 2 year tuition, not going to see any adjustments on that, no new revenue from other places, integrity ut week, oct 21-25, tabling, food on greg plaza with t-shirts given out, oct 24th- lunch event to meet pres powers at 1st floor of sac at noon, new piece of legislation for senate: faculty exit survey, ut has no idea why they leave, it's a common business practice and we're getting us caught up, want to extend this to graduating seniors and students who were accepted but didn't choose ut, torchlight rally on Wednesday, execute plan to win on Saturday,
 - b. Graduate Student Assembly
 - i. Few announcements: process of working on grad school bill of rights, 1st draft, want to hear from you all, ask TAs and friends in grad school and let them know about it, hear a lot more about this, ut 180, conflict of interest with



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effect in spring, will effect faculty members and therefore affect students, forces faculty people and professional staff members, like TAs and student workers to disclose financial information of family to make sure there is no conflict of interest, gsa part of that convo, grad diversity focus group with dsc, holding more such conversations, improve on diversity b/c important part of education process, gsa hosting a carnival on nov 17th with rides and games, everybody welcome, one of the prime locations, tailgate on nov 2, collaboration on senate for TA of the month, senate is holding it with business school, nursing, information and engineering, nominate TAs

c. Events and Entertainment

- i. Thursday: man of steel, union theater, 6 pm, next week: define American event with Jose Antonio Vargas and educate people on issue in sac ballroom, at 7 pm, Tuesday oct 15th : up in union theater, 6 and 9 pm, Thursday: Monsters University, Union wants to create infographic to release first Tuesday of month with all of our events on it

VII. External Appointment Reports

- a. Legislation today, tried to be involved, important to look at this, see what you can do to help, peers as longhorns, citizenship drives, especially if you speak Spanish, you should look to get involved, how you and your assets can help
- b. PSAC: pres student advisory council, be link to powers, any of you want us to spread word about initiative, feel free to come to us, Horacio or Ugeo, come with president's feedback, meet with him once a month, different issues around campus: sharing services, increase online courses, travis country redistricting, regents, football predictions, get my gmail from Horacio or Ugeo, I'll bring up issues to Pres. Powers, My email is-jag518@utexas.edu, 214-705-0777

VIII. Advisor Report

- a. Marilyn Russell – marilynr@austin.utexas.edu
 - i. One thing: when is torchlight parade has diff answers: comm building at 7 to be in parade, the pep rally will be at 8 in main mall, stay safe this weekend, the higher ed coordinating board app will be on sg website soon, ask us questions about it, being part of nomination pool: 15 nominees, 5 from reps, 10 for advisory committee, it is a 2 year commitment, interested in education policy, how things get done at state level, info online, stakeholders meeting on Thursday,

IX. Executive Reports

- a. Horacio Villarreal, Student Body President – hvillarreal27@gmail.com
 - i. Sidenote: best meeting, seeing a lot of people, university communication, updated that app, campus classes on blackboard now on ut app, Texas book festival from oct 26-27th at Capitol, texasbookfestival.org/festival/php, for those who enjoy reading, longhorn showdown, we have all the funding for that event, have officials and shirts, begin official promotion, 2-3 minute vignette on it,



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- b. Ugeo Williams, Student Body Vice President - michael.ugeo.williams@utexas.edu
 - i. Good evening, Marilyn Russell, dean Lilly, and all of guests, campus connectors in the room, coming to sg meetings, meeting Monday, Tuesday and every other Sunday, design a logo for campus connected, 1st initiative is with tweets- following us and utsg and getting more followers, cultural legislation tomorrow 2-3 pm in sg office so that we can bring it up next week, introduce something for reps to engage with students, top rep contest, bring a friend (or more), let us know who you brought, going to have contest for the next few months, get a friend here, tell them about sg, guidelines: 5 outreach points by end of month, winner gets dinner with Horacio and me and we pay for it,
- c. Chief of Staff, Braydon Jones – braydon.k.jones@gmail.com
 - i. Need an appointee for food services committee, evaluated food (like dshs and vendors like chick fil a), look at new vendors, looking for a junior, app in newsletter, cool communities, good feedback on similar one for housing, structure of internal sg, delegation is great, cannot do it by myself, 4 policy directors and have 4 weeks in a month so that works out, each director has one to give an update, reading constitution, agency director sent me biweekly monthly report, written report, agency director retreats, deadline to fill doodle is 5 tomorrow, have to attend if you are new or didn't attend spring, getting org interested in doing branding for us,
- d. Communications Director, Alayna Alvarez – alayna_alvarez@utexas.edu
 - i. Newsletter went out, announcement for 24/5, sending promotional items for facebook, countdown: change profile pictures daily, for u ride and 24/5 powered by u ride, soft launch for it tonight, need a ride to far west, lake Austin and riverside, from 12 am-3am at pcl, but honestly they don't turn down people going anywhere outside of those areas b/c want people to get to know them, reps I am assigning you guys orgs, redo that for first year reps, all of the org meeting you are a liaison between them and sg, that's how you work with them, google doc, have a week to do this, fill out name by each org you want, each person picks 37, no overlap, email that to you after meeting, we are being filmed, we can go back and watch you, we can see what's on computer screens and chatting during important things, also use microphones
- e. Internal Financial Director, Mackenzie Spaniol – kenzieespaniol@yahoo.com
 - i. University union boards director, 2 more candidate, couple more to do, no more appropriations until spring, special projects, not a ton of money, but if you need some for initiatives work with me,
- f. External Financial Director, Kornel Rady – korirady135@gmail.com
 - i. 1. Boots: We are doing an incredible job with selling and marketing of the boots this year. Thursday I am attending a presentation in which the marketing teams will be showing me all that they have come up with. I am excited to actually implement their plans. We also for the first time in 7 years will have the boots advertised on the billboard on Guad by Allen's boots.



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- ii. 2. Orange Outreach: There was a meeting last night planning some of the new events. Robert, I am sure will inform all of you about the upcoming events we have planned for our initiative.
 - iii. 3. Rings: Thank you to all that tabled for the rings! We did a great job and will hopefully be able to continue our relationship with Texas Exes regarding their ring sales.
 - iv. 4. Endowments: We just gave out money in the Excellence Fund appropriations process, which was a successful process. It was tough to decide with the governing board exactly what we are going to do with the Endeavour fund so I want to open up the conversation with you all next meeting.
 - v. 5. Uride 24/5/ Safe Ride: The soft opening is tonight, so if you live in Riverside, Lake Austin, or Far West give Uride a call starting at midnight!
 - vi. 6. I also have two pieces of legislation in the works. Let me know if you are interested in some IT legislation sponsorship!
 - g. Administrative Director, Joshua Tang – tang.josh@gmail.com
 - i. Agency/rep retreat, please respond to poll, memo in back of room about AR 16, office hours Tuesday from 9-12 discuss legislation, make sure that everyone is on same page and bounce ideas off each other, come by and visit me, varun, associate director is organizing a dinner and mix at 6 next Tuesday, prepare for sugar,
- X. Director and Executive Staff Reports
- a. Policy and advocacy director: Braydon mentioned internal structure, making legislation fit agencies, write 1st rough draft, speak with each agency director about that, have that expanded, agency have their own council, help them be more productive, process working well, all of agencies have expanded on what they are going to be doing, updates- wra focusing on gender distribution of speakers and what the trends, set up women's mentorship program for students, doing process for vagina monologues on campus, org panel on women's health and ACA, bringing students and faculty to health fair, talking about issues in women's health, other agencies coming up to speak
 - b. LLA: submit work orders, lla receiving exec mentor and committees soon, lla meeting tonight
 - c. Diversity and inclusion agency: developing agency and rebranding, represent needs of students who feel underrepresented, figuring that out, talking with students and org and areas of with larger contacts like deans of students and lla, students have place in sg and get needs taking care of, working on invitations, diversity inclusion, 3 events in one week, hard to define diversity and inclusion, each event is different because people talk about diversity differently- will have different tables for socioeconomic status, gender and race, a professional one with a lecture and engagement, social and environment, interact with other students,
 - d. Orange Outreach: Bastrop service event, 2 weeks from now, Bastrop had wildfires two years, 900 volunteers to clear up and repair, big service event on Saturday in two



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weeks, from 9-3, take carpools/cars, get in touch with Robert and Kory, will be painting, planting trees and cleaning up

- e. Students w/ disabilities: trying to increase disabilities awareness, offices with students with disabilities partnership, on oct 15th will have disability advocacy training, by the agency, pick that up, what you can do to help, yall can know about this, we need help, please consider going, changing within our agency, modeling it after qsa, have a board of council, work with sure walk and address students who can't carry books around, hoping to have joint initiative, senate with course instruction survey, asl certification, more official opportunity for students to pursue that
- f. QSA: LGBTQ history month, this Thursday is queer political activism rally from 11-12, will have a speaker and faculty and staff speak about testimony of coming out, want you know about coming out, it's not as easy as just coming out and saying that family will love you, get excited about coming out day on the 11th, celebrating people who are coming out, promote that event, on west mall steps, standing up and talking about that, qsa meeting in cla 0.130, safe sex, next Wednesday, discussing sex education for queer community, get educational talk and free pizza, big event fall event- queer Texas conference in cla building, email reservation at texasqsa@gmail.com, costs \$10 and get free shirt, food and drinks, from 9-6, will have keynote and speakers from all over Texas, will have a creative writing activity and about being an ally with other activities, see yall there, 1/10 ppl identify as LGBTQ
- g. Nontraditional students: working out a relationship with student veterans and veteran services, contact veterans on campus, recreate things they have done successfully, firearms safety, link with nontraditional students for that,

XI. Judicial Report

- a. Chief Justice, Philip Wiseman- wiseman.philip@gmail.com
- b. Sergio: first sg meeting, new clerk, good to see different councils and representatives, want to go to law school, excited to work with yall,
- c. Take a survey to see the reforms and success, how we approach transformation of legislations, compliance with open meetings will be full force in spring, finishing legislation by nov for special elections,

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

- a. AR 16- In Support of Undocumented Students and Undocumented Longhorns Week
 - i. Rivera: fast track not happening, few of the concerns, currently 400 undocumented students, highest number in any university in the country, many escaped or too young to recognize what was going on, support undocumented students, this would say that these students are recognized by sg and undocumented longhorns week is next week
 - ii. In 2001, Texas allowed 65000 undocumented students to go to college with in-state tuition, they don't have SSNs and could be deported but it passed with bipartisan support b/c dreamers and undocumented students came from across



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the state to share their story, my story: when I was 2, my family came here from Pakistan, I represent 1.4 million undocumented people who are Asian, we are a part of religious minority which is severely persecuted so my parents took a position any parent would take, I lived here for 20 years, we applied for asylum and were denied, this has been my reality for many years, I got a call when I was in college that ICE agents put my parents in jail, 1000 people per day put in jail for this, so support 11000 students in state and 13 million in country who don't know their future

1. Committed to legislative affairs

XIV. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Committee – kallen.dimitroff@yahoo.com
- b. External Affairs Committee – nosaaaimuyo@utexas.edu
 - i. Last week ring sales- people signed up to table didn't show up, not cool, Texas exes not happy about that and that is an important relationship, sg relationship as a whole, we need to put the right face to sg, sign up for things and events and attend them, don't sign up if you can't attend
- c. Financial Affairs Committee – christopherjordan@utexas.edu
- d. Legislative Affairs Committee – johntbrown@utexas.edu
 - i. AR 16 will be discussed at 7 on Sunday in the sg office, spread the word, if meeting changes, we will email yall
- e. Rules and Regulations Committee – aghouston@utexas.edu
 - i. Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 pm at sg, meeting time will not change even with torchlight rally, discussing constituency reports, internal rules and bylaws, combine those two in a constitution while discussing the same thing, anything you like institutionalized, write legislation and put it up for voting in special election
- f. Student Affairs Committee– carolinecarter@att.net

XV. Chair of the Assembly Report

- a. Kenton Wilson – Kenton.Wilson@utexas.edu
 - i. Assembly board meeting later on Sunday evening, probably around 6, office hours 3-5 tomorrow, usually 11-1 but pushing it back, working reps to pursue initiations and work with others on that, everyone in this room has stuff they want to accomplish, make sure voice is heard so that you're not lost, take time to read bylaws, not the most exciting but good way to procrastinate

XVI. Representative Reports

- a. Barth and Carter: board for homecoming has been picked, meeting on Sunday at and will be meeting every Sunday at 9, come let us know what you are thinking, working with Texas exes and athletics for this, would like opinions and suggestions on that
- b. Houston: symposium and installations around school of arch, working on one with colored tulle called cubic prisms, hung in courtyard and 1 of 6 installations, arch school council had first meeting, don't have a lot of input from students and we want to use any way to make school better, we are 6th in undergrad arch program, attended



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- qsa meeting last week on relationship violence and it was really informative, go to other vav events, good info on how to be friend for someone in a bad relationship,
- c. Hughes: natural sciences, look at my cover photo, star party coming up
 - d. Rivera: thank you for reading my legislation, for future, any issues with legislation, please feel free to talk about concerns
 - e. Aimuyo: external affairs not meeting this week, send emails out to different org, can't record outreach until you send those emails, new reps will get emails on what you can and cant get points for, liberal arts week this week, Thursday 11-2 at Gregory is pie a student leader, \$1 or 2 to pie a student leaders, can't get outreach points but cool event
 - f. Ahn: last week you all voted on my bill and passed it, 1st study session this Thursday in jester,

XVII. Announcements

- a. Raza: thank everyone for applying for change institute, over 100 applications which well over record, only take 50 which is a good problem to have, liberal arts week and I will be in it, you can throw a pie in my face, now seeking orientation advisors, huge component of univ, we had a recommendation to improve and enhance orientation, get \$2500, live in jester east, didn't have to apply for another job because of that, info sessions: tonight, tomorrow before torchlight and Sunday at 8:30 in burdine 106
- b. Strickland: OU rally tomorrow, wear your orange Wednesday, tomorrow is last day for where's hookem- find stuffed animal on campus and tweet it to DOS to get free class ring,
- c. Ugeo: tejas club, new member honoree this Thursday at 9 pm, falls under univ rules and they will all be dressed up
- d. LLA: they are here to know yall, know all of their names, if you have opportunities for a shadow they are expert shadowers, they will be sitting in your seats
- e. Brown: director of Greek relations for IFC, food drive, nov 14-16, IFC is going to be partnering to promote that with other Greek councils, reps who ran on philanthropy should get on that, get a lot of food donations
- f. Alvarez: Horns students newspaper needs sport writers, getting platform points, and contacts for new reps
- g. Russell: ann burrows, we need pick a name and slogan for efforts, how to intervene more safely, if you are interested we would love more student involvement, any of our agencies, shoot us an email
- h. Braydon: Texas cowboys having harvest moon on nov 20th, contact me or Kenton for tickets, each have 10 to sell, starts at 6 pm, with turnpike troubadours, longhorns traditions week is one of the greatest initiations of dean of students, wear orange, if you don't have orange I can hook you up with orange
- i. Wilson: Aaron Watson also coming, benefits The Arc of the Capital Area, a charity to help children with developmental disabilities

XVIII. Second Roll Call

XIX. Adjournment