

Assembly Meeting - 2/1/00
7:00 PM – Glenn W. Maloney Student Assembly Room

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A regular meeting of the Student Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin was called to order at 7:18 PM on February 1, 2000 in SSB G1.310. Secretary Lora took the minutes.

Roll was called at the beginning of the meeting with the following Representatives, Committee and Agency heads, and executive board members not present: Gardner, Halstead, Jovel, Mehta, Murphy, Patel, Woods, Yang, Smith, Chao, Buchek, Gulati, Barrientes, Cunningham, Frantz, Midgely.

The minutes were approved.

Open Forum:

1. Stephanie Tooke – Drowsy Driving Program. She wants people to volunteer to help spread the word on campus.
2. Ted Bosquez – Emerging Leaders Retreat is coming up for outstanding freshmen and sophomores. Tell people to sign up. Applications are upstairs at the SOC desk.

President's Report

Parisa Fatehi

1. Union Board – Deliberation has been going on about whether to move the Visitor's Center into the union.
 - Students First Initiative – people will be wearing “students first” stickers
 - Aramark contract has been chosen to renew their contract. Burger King might be put in the Business Atrium.
 - External Review – going on.
2. COSGA at A&M. All C&A directors please ask your committees if anyone would be interested. We're looking at sending a max of three.
3. Emerging Leaders Retreat – Feb. 11. We're looking at doing an interactive presentation. Student government needs volunteers for the presentation. Randy, Jay, Robby Slaughter, and Victor are interested.
4. University Co-op Elections
5. Texas Youth Vote 2000 – Conducting voter registration drives next week so that people can register to vote in the primaries.
6. Leadership Award Nominations – forms are color-coded and are going around.
7. Work on your projects.

Vice President's Report

Eric Opiela

1. Will be talking about AR 37 – placing majors on diplomas. Many other universities put majors on diplomas, and we would like to see this being done. Also would help double majors.
2. Feb. 8 at noon – have a rocking chair session where students can come up and ask Eric, Parisa, Dr. Vick, and Faulkner and talk to them and ask questions. Please publicize this to your college councils and help spread word. It's on the West Mall.
3. Daily Texan today – safety features on two-way radios on busses. New radios do not have silent alarm for hijackings and the other does not have a closed-circuit conversation. We were alerted about this situation yesterday. Capital Metro became aware of it yesterday and in 5 business days there will be a statement on what they will do to remedy the situation.
4. Project 2000 – Representatives please go to your college councils and get them to make it a council project. This is the largest university-wide volunteer project.
5. Texas Blazers need a few good men. If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application upstairs.
6. Do your projects – Eric read list again and said he will continue to read it until we get a progress report.
7. Thanks for helping with the shuttle bus surveys.

Executive Director's Report

Randy Thompson

1. Communications Requests – You need to fill out the forms from the office rather than just telling Kate.
2. Thursday – S.I.N. Night – Student Involvement Night – Free pizza in the assembly room at 6 on Thursday night. All committees and agencies need to be there. Reps need to go there as well.
3. E-mails from Architecture people went out this week. Also, please let architecture people know that we had a spot open up.
4. West Mall table was revived today. Thanks for everyone who went. West mall table stuff is now with the SURE Walk stuff.

Internal Financial Director's Report

Robbie Macalik

1. Appropriations applications are due tomorrow. If you get a phone call asking to sponsor one, please accept. You just have to introduce the group. Due tomorrow by 4.

There was no report from the external financial director, attorney general, or secretary.

Cabinet Report

Sara Galvan

1. Faculty Week – Please support all the events.
2. Who's Who Applications are coming out.
3. State of the College Addresses – Deans write an article to put in Daily Texan.

Agency & Committee Reports

1. Transportation Agency - Slaughter reported that surveys have received over 2,000 entries on the web and about 600 more in the office. Great success. Tomorrow is the last day for the survey at 7:00. Hope to have a preliminary report next Tuesday and a full report the following week.
2. Transportation Agency had heard about silent alarms and decided to deal with it after the surveys were done.
3. Executive Director Thompson – Office hour is served by doing bus survey. You can still do it by tomorrow at 5. If you don't do it, it will be counted as an absence.
4. Corrigan & Trejos – Come out to all the faculty week events. Main mall kickoff on Monday from 12:00-12:30.

5. ESB Chair Ferguson – We need to go over voting procedures. We have three options:

-do nothing

-double phone capacity – but that will be extremely expensive

-allow any UT phone number to be a voting number

-release all phone restrictions

Also it was brought up to extend the filing deadline, but it was decided that it is now set. No one else can file now.

Candidates seminar is Feb. 8 right before the SG meeting.

Representative's Privilege

1. Representative Babcock – If you need to leave early, please notify us ahead of time. Come on time and don't leave early.
2. Representative Friedberg – Quorum issues – we could be setting a precedent for the future. Please think carefully about them.
3. Representative Rosen – working on improving registration as her project.
4. Representatives Barrera & Woods – project is running of the horns.

Representative Quintanilla moved to suspend the rules to add AR 38 to the agenda.

Representative White seconded. Passed.

Representative Quintanilla moved to place AR 38 as first item under unfinished business and to change the title to "Supporting the Advocates..." Passed.

AR 38 – Supporting the Advocates for Innovative Campus Architecture
Representative Quintanilla presented the resolution. Debate.

Representative Michels – FOR – got a whole bunch of e-mails about this. Architecture students really want this passed. Let's help them get the ball rolling.

Transportation Agency Director Slaughter – Likes the spirit of this bill, but he feels like this bill is vague and doesn't clearly define what we want. Has reservations, but surveyed people on west mall and they're all for it, so support it.

President Fatehi – suggests friendly amendment "creation of a document in consultation with the SG of UT Austin outlining...". Accepted, but added the creation of an ad hoc committee...

4. Assemble an ad-hoc committee for the writing of the document
aforementioned.
Accepted.

Representative Idol – Fine Arts council had a forum. We also want to keep communication with the regents open.

Representative Babcock – support having student involvement, but had a disability review and realized that the architects had made huge mistakes in safety escapes.

Representative Barrera called the question. Representative Hammond seconded. Passed.

Vote on AR 38. Passed as amended.

Representative Babcock moved to take AB 24 off of the table. Passed.

AB 24 – Amending the election code
Debate.

President Fatehi – withdrew her sponsorship. She just wanted to increase discussion on the topic. Her feeling is that some groups will be affiliating anyway without a ticket name.

Representative Hammond – AGAINST – talked to his constituents. Against the first amendment right to assemble. This would not give any significant advantages to

independents. However, it does encourage straight ticket voting. Propose the following amendments... strike everything except 7.16. Representative White seconded.

Transportation Agency Director Slaughter – AGAINST the amendments – people vote using the fliers, not necessarily the ones given by election. Include new amendment to strike being able to take any campaign stuff into voting.

Representative Friedberg – FOR AMENDMENT – sends symbolic message

Representative Friedman – AGAINST AMENDMENT – people will just memorize names

Representative Hammond – this will just require people to think more about individual candidates

Representative Kovar – sent out e-mail to college. This amendment strikes a compromise between the two views.

Representative Rosen called question. Representative Barrera seconded. Question on amendment. Passed.

Vote on amendment to strike 2.13, 5.18, and 6.05. Division (16 for, 8 against). Passed.

Debate on bill.

Representative Friedberg – against – could make people feel less connected to tickets. People want to have less harassment on west mall. Also, we need to help independents.

Representative Babcock – against the amendment – elections were just fine without the tickets

Transportation Agency Director Slaughter – wants this to go into action right now. Representative Friedberg moved to strike section 2 making this go into effect immediately.

Representative Michels – Amendment is a good thing. This is going to make people think more about people who they're voting for.

Representative Paige moved to call the question. Representative Raman seconded.
Passed.

Vote on AB 24. Passed as amended.

AB 25 – Amending the Election Code
Representative Hammond introduced the bill.

President Fatehi suggests a friendly amendment: “candidates ... and do not affiliate with any others running in the student gov. election during the campaign.” Accepted.

Representative Friedberg suggests amendment to scratch a & b from section 6.05.
Accepted.

Debate.

Transportation Agency Director Slaughter – maybe we should set a cap for any association one or 40. Think more carefully about 25% formula. Won’t be significant. Maybe double the amounts.

Representative Friedberg moved to call the question. Representative Buchan seconded.
Division. (11 for, 9 against). Passed.

Representative Day moved to table AB 25 until the next assembly meeting.
Representative DeZern seconded. Passed

AB 26 sent to internal affairs.

AR 37 – Supporting the Placement of Majors on Diplomas
Attorney General Olcott took the chair. Vice President Opiela introduced the resolution.
Representative Gross moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Rosen seconded.
Approved by acclamation.

Representative Davis moved to suspend the rules to add AB 27 to the agenda. Passed.

AB 27 – Supporting the Election Code
Representative Davis introduced the bill. Changed to AR 39 cannot proceed until sections of the election code are changed.

Representative Raman moved to suspend the standing rules to reopen representative's privilege. Passed.

Representative's Privilege

Representative Friedberg moved to adjourn. Seconded. Failed.

Representative Barrera – If we vote on this tonight, feels like we need to consult constituents opinions before voting.

Representative Hammond – Has now come up with a new amendment to increase caps for candidates. Moved to take it off of the table. Representative Babcock seconded. Division. (12 for, 12 against chair voted no). Failed.

Representative Hammond moved to reconsider the previous vote. Representative Babcock seconded. Debate.

Representative Davis withdrew AR 39.

Representative Michels moved to call the question on motion to reconsider the vote to table AB 25. Passed.

Now in debate to reconsider the vote to not take AB 25 off the table. Failed.

Representative Sokol moved to adjourn the meeting. Representative Day seconded. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Opiela at 9:32 PM. The meeting ended with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas".