



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Student Government Assembly Meeting  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### I. Call Meeting to Order

### II. First Roll Call

### III. Approval of Minutes – November 23, 2010

### IV. Guests

### V. Open Forum

- a. Audrey White- Daily Texan- Last meeting as official campus reporter. Will still be around. There will be a new person in January. Email me, call me, I'm still interested so I can pass it on to other people. Its been an interesting year.
- b. Melissa Dunn- Healthy Peer Sexuality Educators- In the process of creating a new workshop. Need student input of what kind. Please do surveys, be honest so we can create programs for students by students.
- c. Daniel- University Initiative- I'm one of the hunger strikers. In support of the Dream Act. I encourage you to vote in favor of this resolution because it affects a lot of students here in Texas. Texas is the first state to pass a law like this.

### VI. Ex-Officio Reports

#### A. Graduate Student Assembly

#### B. Senate of College Councils

C. Student Events Center - Taylor Steinberg- It is the end of the semester so we don't have a lot coming out. We have a Japanese next, then the last exorcism, then the 40 acres best DJ showcase in the ballroom. The SAC will open Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> the Tuesday we come back. I hope ya'll go check it out, its really incredible. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> is the ribbon cutting @ 10am. The SAC will host events, starting with a bunch of daytime programs on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Especially the following week.

### VII. Appointments

### VIII. Deputy Advisor Report

A. Melinda Sutton- [msutton@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:msutton@mail.utexas.edu)

### IX. Executive Reports

- a. Executive Director – Jimmy Talarico - For the reps, raise your hand if you have not received one of these reform task force reports. Hang on to this report for you reps, this is your copy. There are also copies given to Dean Lily and Tom Dyson. There is a lot of good information in there. I don't know if there are any other taskforce members that are here but I'll be here to answer questions after the meeting.
- b. President – Scott Parks- Update on the ESB process. The committee needs to do a few things before we release the names. Then we will begin training.
- c. Internal Financial Director – Aryele Bradford - I am preparing the budget for next semester. Ill be meeting with veronica next week. If there is something you need, send me a detailed proposal by December 15<sup>th</sup> so I can review those over winter break that'd be great.



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### X. Agency Director Reports

- A. FLO Director – Taylor Ragsdale- Really successful fundraising event. Able to get about 1000 dollars for our organization which we will use towards our community service project in april. We will be restructuring the program to have stronger leadership aspects for the freshmen.

### XI. Representative Reports

#### A. Council Reports

#### B. Committee Reports

- a. Lawler- Update, there is going to be a planning commission meeting this Thursday, bringing up the problem of zoning. It will make it tough for greek houses, cheap housing ect. Also there is apparently chris reilly is putting gtogether a city wide parking meter task force. Council update, one of the things we brought up is the issue of the building renaming. The majority of people we asked would be interested in this. So ask around.
- b. Woods- Tone of the meetings, I said something about it last week. There was snickering last week. Not a single person told the person that isn't correct. A year ago I said something very inappropriate, to another and someone corrected me. If you have something to say about legislation, do it during debate. If you do it during Q&A then people cant respond. In my opinion it is much more important than the rules. I am sad I spent so much time arguing about the rules, and I don't see how we can pass reforms if we cant get this straight first.
- c. Ann- Pharmacy Council is having a pres election. Deadline is tomorrow to vote. Project collaboration, we screened over 1000 people this semester, next semester we hope to double that. We are trying to expand to more areas. Our other goal is to have a field day where we have outdoor activities and bring the school together.

### XII. Unfinished Business

#### A. AR 27 - In Support of Maintaining Current Tuition Residency Law

- i. Butler-LPC met last Tuesday right after meeting, made a few changes. Clarifying "appeal" and change some language.
- ii. Constituent- This resolution to me comes down to other students to continue to go to this university. To have the ability to even go to a college in a state of Texas. This sets up an avenue for them to do so. It doesn't set up affirmative action style standard. It's just a uniform standard that other citizens are held to. It's an issue of fairness. The main arguments I've heard is that it is unfair that undocumented students are able to pay instate tuition. Undocumented students contribute 18billion dollars a year; while out of state students don't make that contribution. These kids come from out of the US, but not





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really by their choice. If there is some quality that defines what it is to be a Texan, I don't think a piece of paper next to their name is that. We should make sure that our constituents should remain to be our constituents. I made a few grammatical tweaks. Basically you have to have a relative, or be skilled to petition for citizenship or green card to work permit if you have a college degree or in an area where you are skilled.

- iii. Kabir- Amended
  - iv. Beige- After you get your green card to you have to wait 5 years, and you can do anything to mess that up. Its not binding, but there are many ways where you are walking on eggshells. You can easily loose everything you've made.
  - v. Bayer- Amend the last whereas statement. It doesn't make sense to say...
  - vi. Kabir- Move to debate
  - vii. Portillo- I'm surprised to find myself over here. I supported the dream act. I do believe in maintaining the current law. I think this resolution is a little bit pointless. If I understand it correctly there has no serious talk in the Texas legislature to take it away. What I suspect is this could be retaliation of a bill from A&M. Their goal was to make fox news.
  - viii. Jeremy- Almost everything you just said was wrong. A lot of that is untrue. Whenever we initially passed the resolution, there was an entire section removed to talk about on a later date. To say it is reactionary to A&M is untrue. To get into why were addressing this right now is because there have been significant attempts to repeal it. There are certainly talking about lawsuits, and the move to repeal this piece is very real. With regards to the A&M thing this only came after that by way of coincidence. This is the way the conversation has been moving the last couple months. A part of me really wants to alter this conversation.
  - ix. Kabir- Debate closed. AR27 passes by roll call.
- b. AR28
- i. Miller- Nash and Steinberg were present at our meeting. We came to our resolution in honor of dr. berry, our resolution was edited. As it stands now there are certain avenues you can go through, but there is no official nomination process, but it is almost too soon. This is purely symbolic.
  - ii. Armendariz- yesterday I do not think the right revision was made.
  - iii. Miller- I just took Jimmy's wording.
  - iv. Kabir- Amendment proposed.



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- v. Woods- I have a couple of grammatical amendments to offer.
- vi. Portillo- I think that there are some interesting points here. This is starting to get a little bit obscure. What if we were to put a "be it further resolved" at the end.
- vii. Miller- It calls for a process, without explicitly asking for it. We are not up for creating that process. What were saying is we want to honor berry, which will get administrators talking.

### B. AB 17 – Student Government Reform

- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Second Roll Call
- XVI. Adjournment