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**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**II. Roll Call #1**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Guest**

Bobby Stone-Shuttle Bus

Zack Hall-UT in DC

**V. Open Forum**

Prathiba Pandey: Tax Free Textbook meetings will take place on Wednesday 5:00p-6:00p and Thursday from 5:30p-6:30p in the SG Office.

April 11, 2007: State-wide Student Lobbying Day

Keep UT Hate Free: Please Volunteer and spread the word about volunteer opportunities Volunteer Sheet for passing out flyers March 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>

Ryan Jordan-Ryan.Jordan@mail.utexas.edu: Longhorn Speak: Royce West@ 6:30 p.m. in the CMA: Top Ten Percent Legislation

Mary-Katherine Vigness: Hook 'em Arts meeting: Thursday, March 22, 2007 in the MRH

**VI. Officio Reports**

Senate of College Councils: Steven Myers: Senate of College Council confirmed its executive board for the 2007-2008 year last week. Faculty Appreciation Week is this week March 19,2007-March 24, 2007. Faculty Feud: Thursday, March 22, 2007 @ 5:00 p.m. in CAL 100.

Student Events Center

Student Services Associations

PSAC: Discussed the Statistic Course Issues

Discussed Keep UT-Hate Free

Discussed UT on the Hill

President signed a commitment to Sustainability today

Discussed International Relations and the process of grouping courses

**VII. Appointments**

**VIII. Executive Reports**

President: Danielle Rugoff-rugoffdr@mail.utexas.edu

Vice President: Marcus Cenicerros-mcenicerros@mail.utexas.edu

Rep of the Week: Grace Lee took the capitol by storm this past week and represented the assembly well to members of congress and the BIG XII delegation.

SSBC Report: the Student Services Budget Report has been published for FY 07-08. Please let me know if you have any questions about how your tuition dollars have been allocated.

**BIG XII on the Hill:** Over 40 studnets from 10 BIG XII schools joined us in DC for the inaugural advocacy day in our nation's capital. The group meets with 20-30 members of congress and Undersecretary of Education Sara Martínez Tucker. It was very successful.

**BIG XII Global Leaders Study Abroad Program:** I am in the process of researching a curriculum and finding international funding for the first joint study abroad program for the BIG XII. If you are interested in helping with this, please let me know.

Executive Director: Evan Autry- [cautry@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:cautry@mail.utexas.edu)

**International Studies:** Student Government, Senate, Graduate Public Affairs Council, and Liberal Arts Council all compiled their research on international affairs and our proposed academic plan which should be published and posted on the SG website (as well as the other organizations) soon.

Keshav and I will meet Thursday to compile my own research for a short presentation to the Undergraduate Studies Committee. Dean Woodruff is excited that Keshav will be taking this project on next year and is in full support of adopting an International Studies program here at UT. Anyone interested in getting more involved, contact Keshav or me.

**SG/CO-OP Boots:** After speaking with Kris Salazar, it seems that we will have a design in mid-summer. Currently, I am working on setting up a follow-up meeting with her. Once I get some dates she's available, I want to involve some people interested in following it up next year. Remember, we profit from these and the money goes directly to students. If the concept becomes popular, we have the potential to provide more student groups with more funds for their events, etc.

Communications Director: Rita Thornton-[r.f.thornton@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:r.f.thornton@mail.utexas.edu)

**End of Year Projects Report:** Please look over the list of projects going around the room, if you have worked on a project that is not on the sheet, please add it to the bottom with your email address so that I can make sure and get the information for it. Also if you notice your project is not on the sheet, which means you have not filled out the green binder!

**Blazer's Endowment Dinner, March 24:** Representatives, you have been invited to the Blazer's Endowment Dinner this Saturday evening at 7pm. If you can make it please make sure to RSVP to <http://www.texasblazers.com/endowmentdinner.html> target="\_blank"><http://www.texasblazers.com/endowmentdinner.html>. They Blazer's have been working hard on this event and would really appreciate your attendance!

**Newsletter still going out:** I only have 3 more newsletters to write! :( So let's make sure they are my three best! Please send me your updates by Sunday! Thanks!

I look forward to seeing you all out at the KUTHF events next week! And Save the Date: James Carville and Mary Matalin at Hogg Auditorium on April 11!

External Financial Director: Alex Nguyen-[amnguyen@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:amnguyen@austin.utexas.edu)

**Bricks:** next Monday, March 26, is the last day to get a brick engraved before Spring Commencement. Please come see me if you'd like to order a brick to commemorate your achievements here at UT. Remember that half of all proceeds will go back to benefit Student Government's endowment.

**KUTHF Posters:** I'll have 200 copies of 11x17 posters available in the SG office tomorrow. Please come by and grab a stack to post around campus.

**Student Leader Reunion, Saturday, April 14:** I need 4 volunteers to help during this event. It will take no

more than 2 hours. Please let me know if you're available to help!

Internal Financial Director: Keshav Rajagopalan-keshraj@mail.utexas.edu

Search Committee for the Director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center:

Monday, March 19

Dr. David Ramirez

2:20 - 3:00 pm

SSB 3.406

Thursday, March 22

Dr. Chris Brownson

2:20 - 3:00 pm

SSB 4.212

Friday, March 23

Dr. Stewart Cooper

2:20 - 3:00 pm

SSB 4.212

Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee will be meeting this Friday at 8 am

Secretary to the Assembly: Devin.Fletcher@bba02.mcombs.utexas.edu

Faculty Council Recommendation: Thanks to all of you who submitted your suggestions regarding the Faculty Council Recommendation. I have taken all of the suggestions into account and incorporated the changes into the final document that will be submitted to the Council this week.

#### IX. Committee Reports

Rules: Agenda Bill is indefinitely tabled. Rules next meeting will take place April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00

Finance:

Internal Affairs:

Outreach:

Fundraising: Please pass the Brick Brochures along

Legislative Policy:

#### X. Unfinished Business

AR18: Code of Conduct and Professionalism (tabled)

AR19: Campus Wide Bevo Bucks Use (tabled)

AB 17: First Year Representation Amendment (Tabled)

AB22: Amend Article XXXX of the Internal Rules (Tabled)

#### XI. New Business

**AR 20: Honoring Becky Carreon -Fast-tracked**

This Legislation will recognize Becky for all of her service in the Student Governance office.

Vote to fast-track

**Motion to fast tract passes**

Motion to approve AR 20: Honoring Becky Carreon by acclamation

Motion seconded

**Motion Passes**

**AB 25: Campaign Accessibility Act**

Reduces Individual Candidate expenses to 85% of pre-bill amounts

Reduces Candidate Association expenses to roughly 75% of pre-bill amounts

**Windle:** These are arbitrary numbers and if you can think of numbers that are better I would gladly entertain them. There is a larger focus on campaigns than on Student Government

**Stoldhandske:** I think that money is an issue; however money gets changed through ESB and the nature of reporting of itself is not clear.

**Windle:** I think that too much money gets spent and this is a step in the right direction to help reduce overall cost.

**Shulkin:** This year the election cycle is not only about getting someone into office, but it is about promoting Student Government and ways to get involved.

**Windle:** The assumption that candidate associations will promote SG in the future given the circumstances of this year, however it is unreasonable.

**Stanis:** Do you think that by having a campaign cap that we are encouraging individuals to spend to the limit?

**Windle:** No, I think that history has shown us that the candidates with more money spend close to 90% of the limit.

**Fertita:** It should be considered that fundraising from external sources is where most of the money comes from during the campaign.

**Chicotsky:** Is this a solution to your independent pursuit for higher office? Have you entertained multiple issues?

**Windle:** I have spoken with various individuals pertaining to this issue over the course of a few years. There has been research of comparable size institutions, discussions with ESB and representatives, as well as administration that are involved with Student Governance.

**Autry:** Is this truly creating a solution or just masking a greater issue?

**Windle:** While I don't think this is the specific sole solution, I do believe that it is a start to creating conversations that will lead to more plausible solutions.

#### **AB 26: Assembly Continuity Act**

This will create two-year terms for two individuals within each of our largest colleges.

**Solomon:** Would this put smaller colleges at a disadvantage?

**Windle:** No, I don't think it would put small colleges at a disadvantage. What I think it would do is to keep us from recreating the wheel. It will institutionalize to some degree individuals the opportunity to create multi-year projects.

**Stanis:** Am I doing a disservice to my students by voting for this bill, because it eliminates the checks and balances that exist within this current system.

**Fertita:** Why did you discount the thought of increasing the number of representatives per college?

**Windle:** It may work

**Stoldhandske:** Will this diminish the conversation between two-year at larges and the college representatives.

**Windle:** I would hope this would spawn more multi-year projects and increase communication between college representatives.

**Chicotsky:** You allowed the two-year position to move into the college position which is noble, but it removes the incentive to serve because there is no prize. Do you see how your solution is not applicable to how people function

in this institution?

Windle: We should not avoid the problem because we aren't able to police ourselves

Bunch: Do you feel by institutionalizing more two-year positions that you will be limiting the breath of individuals who would become involved in Student Government or the number of populations served.

**AB24: Increasing Stipend**

This will propose an 18.75% increase in the salary of the Student Government President. The University of Texas is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the Big XII of what other Student Government Executives are paid.

Where does this money come from?

This money comes from the Student Service Budget Committee and anything that we approve above that comes from non-student service budget funds.

**Agency Director Reports**

Alex: Thanks again to everyone who assisted with Campus Safety Week

**XII. Representative Reports**

Chicotsky: The UT in DC crew was amazing and worked extremely well and was very professional.

UTEID: When the program goes out school-wide the problems occurring with blackboard will no longer be occurring.

Solomon: Appointment applications went out yesterday and we would like to ask for your assistance in getting them out to your other listserves.

**XIII. Announcements**

Jean Holloway Award Deadline is March 30, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. [www.texasexes.org/jeanhollowayraisinitfortexas.org](http://www.texasexes.org/jeanhollowayraisinitfortexas.org): Friday, April 20, 2007

April 21: BYX Island Party

April 27: Orange and White Ball

Keep UT Hate Free: RSVP at [uthatefree@gmail.com](mailto:uthatefree@gmail.com)

**Margaret C. Berry Scholarship for Outstanding Sophomore Women**

**XIV. Roll Call #2 for Representatives**

**XV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:31