



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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Assembly Meeting – 4/25/00

7:00 PM – Glenn W. Maloney Student Assembly Room

Meeting started at 7:10.

Rep Beattie motioned to suspend rules to swear in approved members. Seconded.

Approval of minutes.

Guests

1. Pelli Group (Sara Galvan)- Master Plan of the University
2. Brian Ferguson – Master Plan of the University- Union Expansion Committee

No one signed up for Open Forum tonight.

President's Report

Daron Roberts

There will be 12 appointments presented to you tonight. Last week's forum created beneficial dialogue, but this week please refrain from any mention of tickets. Limit comments to the merit of the candidate alone. There was no intentional bias in the selection process. The following is a summary of the appointment process:

- April 3 was the original deadline but because of lack of applications for a variety of positions, deadline was extended.
- April 10 was the final deadline. (247 total applications)
- Top 3 candidates for each position were interviewed.
- There was a committee of people that sat in on interviews. Matt Hammond and I attended all interviews. Other attendees appropriate to the position were there. Questions that were asked included what position do you desire and why do you want the position.

- There was a meeting last night where concerns were addressed about the process. 35 people attended.

Questions were entertained, but there was none.

Vice President's Report

Matt Hammond

- Legislation can be introduced at anytime. It is necessary to bring them to me by Friday in order to get them on the agenda.
- Floor was given to Randy Thompson and Robbie Macalik.
 - Thompson discussed, "What does Executive Director Do?"
 - Macalik presented the previous withdrawals from SG, which was a check for the Student Forum Agency to HEB. He will also be working on the appropriations committee during the summer.

Chair of the Cabinet of College Councils' Report

Katy Zarolia

The last Cabinet meeting was Thursday. Brian Ferguson discussed the Union proposal and after an hour of discussion, Cabinet decided to not support the proposal. Please go to the meeting tomorrow night about this so that you can effectively represent the student body.

Committee and Agency Reports

- Student Forum Agency – Tooke reported that an Ad Hoc Committee met last night about the SG newsletter and a report was submitted to President Roberts. It will be monthly with specific sections that provide representative/student body feedback. Tooke also presented awards to SG members for their active participation in the SG Week Dunking Booth.
- Transportation Agency – Slaughter reported that a student will be part of the Search Committee for the New Director of Parking and Traffic Selection. Also, everyone who is interested is welcome to help...see him.

Representatives Privilege

None.

Appointments

Representative Knight moved to limit all debate to a minute. Seconded. Motion passed.

- Hilary Lefko spoke on behalf of herself for the position of Legislative Relations Co-Director. Representative Friedberg moved to call the question. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Lefko approved unanimously.
- Leith Abdulla spoke on behalf of himself for the position of Information Technology Agency Director. Representative Chao moved to approve by acclamation. Seconded. Motion passed.
- Marshall Hill spoke on behalf of himself for the position of Student Forum Agency Co-Director. Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Seconded. Motion was objected by Representative Patel. Motion failed. Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Long seconded. Motion passed.
- Phuong Lien spoke on behalf of herself for the position of Students with Disabilities Agency Director. Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Kovar seconded. Motion passed.
- Randy Thompson spoke on behalf of himself for the position of Faculty Council Representative. Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Long seconded. Motion passed.
- Jarred Toussant spoke on behalf of himself for the position of Executive Director. Representative Ortega moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Rosen seconded. Objected. Motion failed. Voting occurred, and Toussant was approved by a two-thirds majority.
- Stephanie Tooke spoke on behalf of herself for the position of Communications Director. Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Patel seconded. Motion passed.
- Richa Gulati spoke on behalf of herself for the position of Student Services Fee Committee Co-Chair. Representative Patel moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Ortega seconded. Motion passed.

- Nathan Hennigan spoke on behalf of himself for the position of Student Services Fee Committee Co-Chair. Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Cox seconded. Objected. Motion failed. Representative Rosen moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Patel seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

AB3 – To Create an Ad-Hoc Committee to Investigate Problems of and to Revise the Election Code---Decker (Two Year at Large) and Friedberg (Two Year at Large)

- Representative Decker introduced the bill. Everyone has an opinion, and the goal of this bill is to discuss all the problems and possible solutions.
- Representative Friedberg reported that he had spoken with many people and the feedback seemed to be positive for the approval of this bill.
- Representative Friedberg addressed the question of AB3 relationship to AB1. AB3 calls for a committee that all are invited to that will first and foremost address AB1.
- President Roberts asked who should be appointed to the committee, and Vice President Hammond pointed out that it must have an appointed chair as an ad-hoc committee.
- Friedberg discussed that all are invited to serve and Representative Decker should be appointed chair.
- Attorney General Olcott questioned the phrase, “responsible for investigating campaigns.”
- Representative Johnson questioned the timing of the committee meetings and report.
- Representative Hammond expressed the concern of there being too little student interaction before the first Assembly meeting in the fall. Asked to make a friendly amendment to Section E moving the report from the first meeting to the fourth meeting.
- Representative Decker accepted the amendment.
- President Roberts questioned the phrase, “The ESB Chair shall be encouraged to attend all meetings.” There is usually not a chair at that time. He then proposed a friendly amendment that changes the wording to “all former ESB Chairs.”
- Representative Kovar then proposed a friendly amendment to Section C to change the wording to “the campaigning process.”
- Representative Johnson moved to untable AB1. No one seconded.

- Representative Rosen moved to call the question. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. AB3 was passed unanimously.

Representative Rosen motioned to suspend the rules and swear in the new members.

Representative Hammond seconded. Motion passed. New members were sworn in by Attorney General Olcott.

There was no new business.

Announcements

- Representative Chao announced FLO's Date Auction occurring Thursday night.
- Representative Bodnyk announced NSC's 5K Fun Run occurring Sunday at 9:30 to benefit Neighborhood Longhorns.
- Internal Financial Director Macalik announced a Women's Resource Center Event occurring Wednesday from 2-4 in Calhoun 100.
- Robbie Slaughter announced that Grading Policies and Recycling surveys are available on the Internet.
- Vice President commended the Assembly on good attendance and encouraged the Assembly to "keep it up."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM by Vice President Hammond. The meeting was concluded with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas."