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AR: 21

Title: Resolution honoring the work done on behalf of SG's non-voting agents

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Owner: Laura Gladney-Lemon

[1] **Whereas** much of Student Government's day to day operations are carried out by the hard work of un-elect non-voting agents of SG including, but not limited to committee and agency heads, committee and agency members and volunteers, Longhorn Legislative Aids, our executive branch, as well as our professional support staff including Becky Carreon, Annie Elderbroom, Tany Norwood, and our work study students, Kyle Sherbenou and Valerie Veneges, as well as the support of The Dean of Students, Teresa Graham Brett.

[2] **Whereas** without the tireless dedication and long hours these individuals give to SG, neither the day to day operations or the projects of SG, which provide services to the students would be carried out. Consider the following examples of exemplary service to SG by those non-voting, non-elected members of SG:

[3] **Whereas** Jessica Rice, LLA Director and Senior Ring Liaison to the Texas Exes, helped organize and create the Longhorn Legislative Aid program.

[4] **Whereas** Michelle Fuller-Wigg, Community Agency Co-Director, has informed the student body about SG via speaking to organizations and flyering for events.

[5] **Whereas** Abby Livingston, Community Agency Co-Director, worked hard to implement the game day shuttle

[6] **Whereas** Carrie Tilton-Jones, Women's Resource Center Co-Director, has been responsible for constructing putting up an entertaining and informative website for the WRC, raising awareness of body image issues with Love Your Body Day, putting together a great V-Day production of The Vagina Monologues which raised money to end violence against women and girls.

[7] **Whereas** Cassandra Johnson, Women's Resource Center Co-Director has been integral to building women's community bit by bit through coordinating volunteers and programming, as well as making safe space for women

[8] **Whereas** Amber Billingsley, University Policy Co-Chair 2003-2004 and FLO Director 2003-2003, co-authored the legislation creating the Longhorn Legislative Aids. Furthermore, in addition to her regular duties as chairperson, Amber has always been willing to work on projects big or small as need arises.

[9] **Whereas** Leith Abdulla, ITECH Director, worked to implement SG elections online.

[10] **Whereas** Wes Carpenter, Student Forum Co-Director, was integral in starting the Texas Leaders Lunch, an working hard to make this event an ongoing tradition at UT. Wes also proudly represents SG in the Spirit and Traditions Council.

[11] **Whereas** Katie Herbek, Student Forum Co-Director, was also integral in starting the Texas Leaders Lunch, is working hard to make this event an ongoing tradition at UT. Katie also played an important role in the September 11th Memorial.

[12] **Whereas** Clayton Stewart of Membership, worked tirelessly all summer recruiting freshman to be in SG.

[13] **Whereas** Kera Alhilai, Students with Disabilities Director, created a student support group, and assisted in

rebuilding the SSD website. Furthermore, Kera has worked hard to bring awareness and solutions of student problems to this body and administrators.

[14] **Whereas** Thomas Gunther, Transportation Director, worked hard in the planning and implementation of the Bus, as well as creating more viable alternative transportation choices. Furthermore, Thomas negotiated as the representative of the students with Capitol Metro on projects including the Airport 100 service, "Night Owl" service and the Dillo Service.

[15] **Whereas** Shea Suski, of Parking & Traffic Appeals Board and Technology Enhanced Learning Committee, worked on the plan that came out of TEL which has the possibility to impact the University in terms of using technology in learning.

[16] **Whereas** Chris Kennedy, has worked independently to revise the constitution as well as "loosely assisting" Leigh in improvements for the website.

[17] **Whereas** Cirri Hough, Sure Walk Director has worked very hard in rebuilding and revitalizing the Sure Walk Program.

[18] **Whereas** Stacey Middleton, Student Advocates for Non-Violence Co-Director, has been a student voice in SG for issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other related matters. Much of her work has been in networking with other organizations such as the Women's Resource Center and Voices Against Violence, planning events such as Take Back the Night as well as supporting other organizations events. Furthermore Stacey has been instrumental in working towards the establishment of the Gender and Sexuality Center.

[19] **Whereas** Christopher Vaughn, Student Advocates for Non-Violence Co-Director, has worked hard to organize Take Back the Night as well as planning for commemoration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Furthermore, Chris has facilitated discussion within the assembly surrounding issues of interpersonal violence.

[20] **Whereas** Dan Paschal, Legislative Relations Agency Director, has lobbied against tuition deregulation, lobbying for legislative changes to UT admissions on behalf of SG. Furthermore, Dan serves as our Liaison to City Council and is working on building bridges with the federal government by working to organize a trip to Washington DC. Finally Dan has created a LRA website that covers all government legislation on education.

[21] **Whereas** John MacDonald, State Issues Chair of Legislative Relations Agency, worked hard in writing and lobbying for AR 20 (top 10% cap) within the Assembly, and is currently working on taking it to the next level by working with members of the state government to get it on the agenda in a potential fourth special session.

[22] **Whereas** Shivani Shah, of Student Health Advisory Committee, has participated in Stressfest, Wellness Fair, World Aids Day, and other related activities. Furthermore, Shivani has helped evaluate medical fee increases and looked at ways of cutting down UHS costs.

[23] **Whereas** Stacy Gurevitz, Freshmen Advisor, has worked hard in educating the incoming freshman population about SG.

[24] **Whereas** Corinna Kester, Campus Environmental Center Director, was instrumental in founding the Environmental Center and getting it incorporated as an SG Agency.

[25] **Whereas** Evan Young, of Student Services Fee Committee, has deliberated in the fee committee to come up with a suitable fee for all Students at UT.

[26] **Whereas** all of the agency and committee directors are indebted to those that serve with them as committee members and volunteers because their hard work enables them to be as effective as they are, in turn making SG effective.

[27] **Whereas** SG's Longhorn Legislative Aides, Andrew Lara, Elliott Reep, John Ly, Courtney Livingston, Rabiya Mahmood, Adam Mardel, Jennifer Harris, and Brandon Chicotsky have all provided a huge service to the assembly by tirelessly researching issues which allow assembly members to better write our legislation as well as performing clerical functions as needed.

[28] **Whereas** while certainly in higher profile positions than those listed above, with the exception of our President and Vice President, our executives are unelected and are not allowed to vote, but also put in countless hours of work. Consider the following examples:

[29] **Whereas** Brad Wallace, Executive Director, worked to organize the SG retreat. Furthermore, he has been instrumental in lobbying the legislature and organizing committees.

[30] **Whereas** Whereas, Kara Yates, Attorney General, in addition to her normal duties served on the Student Library Committee to address student concerns about the campus libraries. In this position she served as an advocate for students in a difficult time of budget cuts.

[31] **Whereas** Marc Eichenbaum, External Financial Director, has not only lobbied to the legislature on our behalf he was able to secure a \$10,000 donation.

[32] **Whereas** Karen Weng, Internal Financial Director, had the highest number of organizations ever applying for appropriation. Above and beyond her normal duties of meeting with all of the organizations, she lobbied and received a substantial sum of extra money from the assembly to allocate to these groups.

[33] **Whereas** because this document was authored from the results of an informal survey the author claims this document is adequate only to paint a broad picture of how hard the non-elected agents of SG work. In no way is this document inclusive of either illustrating all of the people that work on SG projects or the amount of time and energy put in by those who are included.

[34] **Be It Resolved** the assembly acknowledges and appreciates the hard work of all of those named specifically above.

[35] **Be It Further Resolved** the above resolution will have inadvertently left off many people who work hard on behalf of SG, while these people's names are not included in the body of this document physically, they are however included in spirit. Considering this, the assembly wishes to recognize all of those who contribute to the work of SG.

[36] **Be It Further Resolved** in recognition of the work done by non-voting agents of SG, and the firm understanding by the assembly members this body could not function, well, if at all without these people the assembly will enter into a new era of partnership and cooperation with non-voting members of SG, based on mutual respect.

Footnotes

None

Comments

None

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