



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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THE **108TH** SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guests
 - a. Mayor Lee Leffingwell, City of Austin
 - i. Went to UT, wasn't in SG. Mechanical Engineering major, parking hasn't improved. Couple of introductions. All a UT family at his office. Football talk. Fourth largest city in Texas. Have passed a few cities in size. Austin doubles in population every 20 years. Austin metro area is fastest growing in the US. Birthday of Austin- December 27- 175th birthday. Fourth most congested city in the US. Transportation infrastructure is hard and expensive. Here to ask for help on Nov. 4- Prop 1- road rail transportation bond. Rail component for cityshare to build first phase of urban rail. Will not borrow until Fed matches funds. \$400 million of road projects. Comprehensive transportation bond on the ballot. Urban rail part of regional project. Project Connect- the first phase is now. Would run right down San Jacinto and through UT campus, Capitol complex, connecting north to south. Project to improve I-35. Costs \$1.9 billion- have to do hard things, and now is the time. Threatens economy, environment and quality of life. Budget sessions for the city can be brutal. Uber- shortage of taxis in Austin. Support w/ few caveats- network of routes need to be established. One criticism- don't really care about municipal rules. 2021 completion date. Grant project money- Mopac and I35 congestion. Numbers picked the route- answers the opposition. Didn't want to mess with Guadalupe Street.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Suspend rules after external rules- Hear after.
 - b. Amanda Barrington- Freshman Founder app closes on Friday. LEA hosting a TEDmed talk at the SAC auditorium.
 - c. Crystal Mora- African American affairs. Last weekend, Black President's Retreat. MEC is hosting transfer student social. Great partnership between SG. Appropriations are coming up. Tell RSOs to apply.
- VI. Ex-Officio Member Reports
 - a. Graduate Student Assembly



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- i. Frank Male- haven't met this semester. Excited for first meeting. Done a lot over the summer.
 - b. Senate of College Councils
 - c. Events and Entertainment
 - VII. Internal Appointments
 - VIII. External Appointments
 - a. Abz Zeitler- Green Fee
 - i. Started Green Greeks. Wanted to go to Environmental Studies. Worked with the CDC. Super Bowl Committee when it was in Indianapolis. Recycling committee, electric cars. Working with Food is Free. Green Fee appropriates funds to run programs around the University.
 - b. Nina Lemieux- Campus Area Neighborhood Planning Committee
 - i. Lives in North Campus. Lots of tough relationships between residential areas and west campus. There can be compromise. Cleaning up west campus. Making sure safety is a priority. City Relations Taskforce would also be involved. Getting voters excited for proposals. Question posed about lighting- wants to help but doesn't exactly have the budget to do so. Resp
 - c. Inmer Cardona- Texas Recruitment Interview Services
 - i. Works in community engagement role. Meetings weren't very beneficial. Wants to hold more accountable at meetings. Are appointed by assembly. Wants to work on public engagement center.
 - d. Jesse Guadiana- University Academic Calendar Committee
 - i. Not here to transform the calendar. Wants to be a voice for the student perspective. Lots goes into planning. Wants to push for fall break. Affects those in the minority community because many have to push for jobs. Starting earlier and finishing later can have effects. Would be a liason role.
 - e. Genna Wade- Diversity and Equity Student Advisory Council
 - i. Works for the Division of Diversity and Equity, there is not a lot of people of color in this room. Goal of the university is to have more diversity. SG can be elitist. Lots can be done with regards to racial climate. Wants to start this dialogue. Served in a couple of offices that inspire heterogeneity. Want to make them more aware of assistance that can be given.
 - f. John Brown- Invest in Texas Director
 - i. Worked as the codirector of Invest in Texas. Wants to keep working there. Came prepared with a powerpoint. There's a lot going on with Invest in Texas. Forwards a restructuring of leadership. Has been meeting with Carlos Martinez with the Governor's office. Don't have final say of agenda- will compile list of issues for the session. Students will be polled first in the process.
 - g. Frank Male- Student Services Budget Committee



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- i. Executive team for the Graduate Student Assembly. Managed a decent job- budget didn't drop to zero. Doesn't offer much feedback right now- transparency is heard everywhere, but matters most here where budgets are really tight.

IX. Advisor Report

- a. Alex Kappus, *Deputy to the Dean of Students* – akappus@austin.utexas.edu
 - i. Say hello to him. Will hold office hours, and reach out to me. Shoutout to saferide initiative. Things are looking good and are up on HornsLink. Dean Lilly wants to you to explore Student Organization Center.

X. Executive Reports

- a. Kornel Rady, *President* – korrady135@gmail.com
 - i. Wants incredible speakers at each meeting. Thanks for saferide initiatives. Hoping to have a trial run during the season for tailgating. Working with Texas Exes to help Invest in Texas- meeting individually with legislators and alum to make voice heard. Weekly initiative to push for the University.
- b. Taylor Strickland, *Vice President* – taylor.strickland@utexas.edu
 - i. New e-bus location on the other side of congress. More UT policemen on bikes- want a personal front facing presence on campus. Light walk- want lighting in more places for safety outreach. Any suggestion on bike safety is appreciated. Met with community leaders to add to transparency and engaging students in conversation.
- c. Chris Jordan, *Chief of Staff* – christopherjordan@utexas.edu
 - i. Policy directors at UT oftentimes have confusing positions. Fixing structure of order here in SG. One role is to work with reps about legislation. Course packets here at UT. Need accessibility for students with disabilities. Want to standardize procedure. Safety week. Voices Against Violence soon. Neglected to be encompassing in relationship violence. Have a hand in safety. BeVocal- system wide campaign to promote bystander intervention for all forms of violence. Lots of new apps for specific agencies. Agency director meetings occur weekly. Voter registration event. Rock the Vote- if you haven't registered to vote, do that. Hosting a mayoral debate for candidates. QSA and FLO starting up. One-man Henry V in Austin.
- d. Nathan Waters, *Communications Director* – watersnathan1@gmail.com
 - i. Met with a few organizations today. Campus environmental center hosting event. Tailgating and recycling. Different events on campus make sure that events stay green. Website is being updated. Working on a calendar for SG. Many orgs are interested in pushing legislation.
- e. Rachel Miller, *Internal Financial Director* – Rachel.miller@utexas.edu



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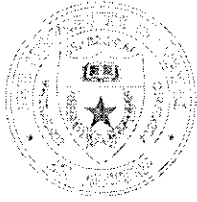
- i. Lots of budget requests and workshops to be done with them. Lots of apps to come in. Interviews soon. Special projects coming soon. Running application. Let someone on finance committee know.
 - f. Kyle Mason, *External Financial Director*- kylemason1@utexas.edu
 - i. Given by Rachel Miller- relating to endeavor fund if you want to apply. Green promotion week soon. Lots of help needed. Signup needed. Rebuilding relationship with Texas Exes. Push the LLA app. Alum newsletter will be coming up soon.
 - g. Nosa Aimuyo, *Administrative Director*- nosaaimuyo@utexas.edu
 - i. If anyone's interested in urban rail projects, talk to Nosa. Thanks to everyone regarding external appointments prep.
- XI. Director and Executive Staff Reports
 - a. Robert Svoboda- City Relations- Urban Rail- please contact me if you want to be on board (haha) with legislation and the project. Want to work with Uber and Lyft- created survey to submit to working group about transportation. University Area Partners- crime stats in West Campus- crimes committed by transient populations increased, Peace Park redevelopment. Hitting from both ends- mayor and me. Historic year for the city of Austin. Get out information for students at the ballotbox. Noise ordinances in west campus not allowing music outside.
- XII. Judicial Report
- XIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. AR 8- In Support of the State Loan Access and Student Protection Act
 - i. Students weren't able to access loans at certain points. 36% of money goes unused within loans. Wants to send this resolution to all Texas congressional representatives and senators to make Congress aware of what's going on with student funding for higher education. Make sure that students get education they deserve. AR 8 passes by unanimous consent.
 - b. AB 1- The 2014-2015 Student Government Operating Budget
 - i. Same budget that was proposed last week after committee meeting. Passes by unanimous consent.
- XIV. New Business
 - a. AB 2- Code of Rules and Procedures
 - i. No substantial changes- most were formatting. Previously had 2 internal documents. Were amended and changed in different times, led to 2 documents that contradicted each other. One change is that chair is now referred to Speaker, different names for committee. Changes to judicial court. Lots of processes were refined. Agencies are reformed, those are the biggest changes but nothing substantial. Comments by Braydon- needs involvement to make sure everything goes smooth. Keeping provision about interview notes for now. Committees next year will become larger. Delegate to rules and regulations committee
 - b. AR 13- In Support of Student Tailgating on Campus



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- i. Create a student tailgate. Working out logistics to ensure best experience. Other schools have experiences this. Students need consideration in this process. Legislation encourages earlier appearance and encompasses in tradition. Faculty council doesn't have a stance. East Mall could be potential location. Parking is an issue to be worked out. Student engagement is a priority. Commence to student affairs committee.
 - c. AR 14- In Support of Extending Hours at the Belo Center for New Media on the University of Texas at Austin Campus
 - i. Currently closes at 11pm. Students love to study there because of modern design. Would benefit all students on campus, especially those in west campus. Can impact students greatly due to having a place to study- what all students do. Exact opposite corner of campus. There are some obstacles to funding, but there are avenues to change this. Another option- and breadth is key. PCL is packed. Need options for everyone. Wouldn't affect faculty. Would pay staff extra. Commence to student affairs committee
- XV. Speaker of the Assembly Report- Braydon Jones– braydon.k.jones@gmail.com
 - a. Reps, make sure that you're reading the copies of the meetings. Supposed to be sent out on Saturdays. Read before class! First year elections are coming up soon. Seminar soon. First year reps will be joining soon. Reemphasize AB 2- look over that soon.
- XVI. Assembly Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs Committee
 - b. External Affairs Committee
 - i. Wants to find meeting time.
 - c. Financial Affairs Committee
 - i. Feel free to send appropriations questions about budget, or things about budget issues. If money isn't used for what appropriated, we reallocate funds accordingly. Set our meeting times- Monday at 8:30pm.
 - d. Legislative Affairs Committee
 - i. Sunday before committee meeting- met with City Relations- progress with group. City politics affects us strongly. Invest in Texas works with John Brown to be involved with process. When session is more calm, different representatives would be honored for work and dedication.
 - e. Rules and Regulations Committee
 - f. Student Affairs Committee
 - i. Stay after- need meeting time.
- XVII. Representative Reports
 - a. Nalley- Uber/Lyft legislation meeting tomorrow.
 - b. T. Patel- legislation for Urban rail- drafted, will be posted on facebook page. Reach out to me. Reach out to Nosa as well. 24 hr FAC legislation coming soon. Find a good time to meet up.



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- c. Cavazos- business wants to move to top of agenda. Before reports. Suspended reports and moved it up. Stay involved with students, constituent correspondence. Voting issue- double major issue- work on legislation to choose college to vote in.
- d. Geison- FAQ page for appropriations- working on that. Rachel gets tons of emails. Page for updates. Special projects opens soon. Went to the ring workshop on behalf of SG- great presentation, get a class ring! Ring week is something to get involved, we get money from it. Please sign up for tabling.

XVIII. Announcements

XIX. Second Roll Call

XX. Recess