

Minutes for October 30, 2007 Meeting

- I. Call Meeting to Order-Meeting commenced at 7:01pm
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes- October 23, 2007- Minutes approved
- IV. Guests
 - A. Jennifer Speer- Division of Recreational Sports, jstep@mail.utexas.edu
 1. Gregory's tenth anniversary
 - a. Used to be a non-air-conditioned gym
 - b. Recently renovated
 - c. Shirts and cups will be made to celebrate
 2. Nearing twenty millionth visitor
 - a. Balloon drop for twenty millionth visitor
 - i. This visitor will receive everything offered by the gym (ex: intramurals, rock climbing wall) for free
 - ii. Visitor will have his or her picture taken
 - B. Special Musical Guests!
 1. Ransom Notes
 2. Auditions on November 11 for male singers
 3. www.Ransomnotes.org for more information
 4. Songs performed
 - a. "The Way You Walk"
 - b. "Let's Get It On"
 5. Concert- This Friday, 7:30pm, Jester A 121A
- V. Open Forum
 - A. Robin Berdinderg with UT Libraries
 1. Engineering library is only library that buys all the textbooks for the classes
 2. Amazon and eBay sell textbooks for half price (half.com and textbooks.com)
 3. Library services available this time of year
 4. IM chat available with a librarian
 5. BEVO bucks may be soon used for printing
 6. Can still reserve rooms to study online
 - B. James Hudson with UT advisory forum
 1. Brackenridge Tract Situation
 - a. 74 acres of land adjacent to Lake Austin Blvd.
 - b. Encompasses two graduate complexes, prestigious biological laboratory, and golf course
 - c. Brack-tract Track force- Decided that the current use of the land is not in the best interest of the University
 2. 75% of people living within the tract are international students
 3. Personal experience:
 - a. Started graduate school two years ago
 - b. Capable of finding an apartment because of the cheap prices offered by the university at Brackenridge
 - c. President Powers stated in his inaugural address that he wanted to increase the size of graduate programs in the university
 4. Questions and Comments:

- a. If they do not receive enough money and do not have sufficient housing options, quality grad students may go elsewhere
 - b. Harm on recruitment could affect the prestige of the university
 - C. Daniel Ryan- Speaking about student housing
 - 1. Graduate student living in Brackenridge
 - 2. The report raised doubt of whether providing family housing was beneficial
 - a. Family housing plays a role in student decisions about which University to attend
 - 3. The report suggests that a subsidy might be a good alternative to housing
 - a. This suggestion shows that they did not understand the purpose of family housing: To provide safety and a sense of community
 - 4. Asks for support in calling the Board of Regents to support families living on the Brackenridge Tract
 - D. Ana Gonzalez-speaking about student housing
 - 1. Children in elementary school coping with language barriers
 - 2. Concentration of international students has made the school to respond to student needs
 - 3. If student housing disappears there will be no such services for the children
 - E. Katie Sowa-Texas Spirits
 - 1. Video of mascot for national contest
 - 2. UCA nationals for cheerleaders
 - 3. First year for the mascot to submit the video
- VI. Marian del Sol motions to move New Business concerning AR13 to the next item of the agenda
 - A. Motion approved
 - B. AR13 Adjustments
 - C. Representative Umberg motions to extend presentation
 - D. After review AR13 is sent to the Legislative Policy Committee
- VII. Ex-Officio Reports
 - A. Graduate Student Assembly
 - a. Brian Gatten, gatten@mail.utexas.edu
 - a. November 9th, Regents Meeting
 - b. November 13th, President Powers at GSA meeting
 - c. Will not be at Regents Meeting but Bradley Carpenter will take his place
 - d. Continuing to work on statistics department movement
 - B. Senate of College Councils
 - a. Stephen Myers, stevemyers@mail.utexas.edu
 - a. Senate undergrad research award application is due this Thursday
 - b. Research week website is up and link will be sent out soon
 - c. Introduces Melissa Rodriguez (part of Senate's Executive Board) and Albert Young
 - C. Student Events Center
 - D. Student Services
- VIII. Appointments
- IX. Executive Reports

- A. President: Andrew C. Solomon- a.solomon@mail.utexas.edu
 - 1. Election Round Table- Sundays, 3pm, SG Office
 - a. Election reform was an issue when he took office
 - b. Interested members of all ages can come to talk about issues, elections, etc.
 - 2. TPAC Forums Postponed
 - a. Will delay the release of recommendation by a week
 - b. Prefer to have recommendation released after Board of Regents meeting
 - c. One meeting before and one after Thanksgiving
 - d. Will also have the TPAC committee give a presentation during SG meeting on the 27th in conjunction with the GSA

- B. Vice President: Nicole Trinh- netrinh@austin.utexas.edu
 - 1. Big 12 Breakdown
 - a. Pre Conference Thursday, 7pm, Rio Grande Restaurant
 - i. Every delegate will attend
 - ii. Chance to meet them
 - iii. Meeting them at 6:30 at hotel pre-dinner.
 - b. Conference Itinerary, Friday-Sunday, November 2-4, 2007
 - c. Volunteer Sign Ups Round II
 - d. Big 12 until 12 (midnight) starting at 7pm on Wednesday 10/31
 - 2. Rep of the Week- Erica Knudson

- C. Executive Director: Jordan Davisson- jordandavisson@mail.utexas.edu
 - 1. T-shirts- \$10- Now available
 - 2. Polo Shirts- Payments due Next Tuesday, November 16th
 - 3. Retreat/Dialogue ideas
 - a. If anyone wants to create more dialogue inform Jordan
 - b. Pairing up with DoS?
 - 4. Get flu shots!
 - 5. Don't forget Trunk or Treat tomorrow
 - 6. Director of the Week-Taylor Ellison

- D. Communications Director: Vicki Nguyen- vicki.nguyen@bba04.mcombs.utexas.edu
 - 1. RBRU went well
 - 2. Next Mobile Meeting – November 13th, Centennial Room (Belmont/football stadium)
 - 3. OnCampus Calendar/Press Releases- Let Tonya (LLA) know if you want to have information put onCampus Calendar

- E. External Financial Director: Stephen Gilstrap-sgilstrap@mail.utexas.edu
 - 1. BOOTS UPDATE – Earl Campbell = Awesome!
 - a. Thanks to everyone who attended Co-op tailgate
 - b. Meeting with designer on Thursday to work on flyers
 - 2. High School Workshop- November 17th
 - 3. Presenting to Career Services Committee about Career Roundup- Friday

- F. Internal Financial Director: Frankie Shulkin-fshulk714@aol.com
 - 1. Nathan Bunch and Frankie met Thursday to meet about religious committee
 - a. Have scheduled meeting with Dr. Arellano for next Thursday
 - 2. If you are a member of an organization that received funding, please stay in touch with SG

G. Secretary to the Assembly: Chelsea Wade-
chelsea.wade@bba05.mcombs.utexas.edu

X. Committee Reports

- A. Rules
 - 1. Meeting Sunday at 8 or 9pm to discuss any questions regarding committee
 - 2. Will discuss some resolutions on the agenda
- B. Finance
- C. Internal Affairs
- D. Outreach
 - 1. Asks that you CC any emails you send out regarding Outreach
 - 2. utsgoutreach@utmail.com
 - 3. Meeting moved to Thursday at 5pm
- E. Fundraising
- F. Legislative Policy
 - 1. Approved the Cesar Chavez resolution
 - 2. Meeting- Sunday, 5pm, SG office

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. AR10: Honoring the Perseverance of the Cesar Chavez Statue Committee and Support of the University of Texas at Austin's Administration
 - 1. Recognition of those that made the statue possible
 - 2. Motion to approve by acclamation
 - 3. Motion seconded
 - 4. AR10 approved

XII. New Business

- A. AR12: Welcome and Support for the Big 12 Student Government Leadership Conference
 - 1. Encouraged to add friendly amendments to legislation
 - 2. Wondering if representatives would sponsor
 - 3. Nathan Bunch-Motion to fast track
 - 4. Motion seconded
 - 5. Fast track approved
 - a. Friendly amendment- "Be it further resolved... November 2-4..." change because do not want to endorse underage drinking as might be present this weekend
 - 6. Motion to approve by acclamation
 - 7. Motion seconded
 - 8. AR12 approved hearing no objections
- B. AB15: Obligations of Agency Directors
 - 1. Bill tabled to next week to be brought up as New Business
 - a. Author not present to introduce it
- C. AR13: In Support of UT Families and Graduate Student Housing
 - 1. Amendments
 - a. Task force report, available online, seems to raise doubts of the mission of the student housing
 - b. Resolution should directly address this question
 - c. Should include some language advising against financial assistance as a substitute for ending Brackenridge Tract
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- d. Community housing offers safe community
 - i. Subsidy could never take the place of housing
 - e. Moving the apartments to where they are currently located would take away services offered by Matthew's Elementary School
 - i. Close to campus
 - 2. Alternates the Task Force suggested?-No
 - 3. Keshav and Marina are going to work on making the amendments AR13 next week
 - a. Looking for At-Large support
 - 4. Andrew Solomon-What about the golf course in Brackenridge Tract as talked about in the "Daily Texan?"
 - 5. Cesar Martinez-Espinosa-Is there enough graduate housing as demanded?
 - a. Waiting list for the apartments is about 1 year
 - 6. Prashanth Magadi- Does Task Force include any students?
 - a. Task Force is appointed by Board of Regents which denied student membership
 - b. Last spring they had a town hall meeting but "apparently didn't hear well enough"
 - 7. Brian- November 9th Board of Regents meeting taking comments about the Brackenridge Task Force
 - a. President Powers November 13th 5pm talking in GSA meeting
 - 8. Did University take steps to provide alternative housing?
 - a. Task Force did not give any alternative for housing
- D. AR14: In Support of Increasing the Submission of Legislation
 - 1. Difficult to send out legislation
 - 2. Referring to internal rules of procedure
 - 3. Follow Internal Rules since we do not have a functioning website
 - 4. Martinez- Why is the last "Be It Further Resolve" present?
 - a. Internal Rules have to do with power, knowledge of rules deals with ability to speak
 - b. Willing to remove
 - 5. Trinh-AR14 assigned to Rules
- E. AR15: In Support of Enforcement of the Internal Rules of Procedure for the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin
 - 1. Attendance is not being counted at committee meetings
 - 2. Third resolution submitted is not on the agenda
 - a. Deals with absences
 - 3. Moved to assembly Rules (as well as AR14)

XIII. Agency Director Reports

- A. Woman's Resource Center
 - 1. Finished fixing the infrastructure of the agency
 - 2. Pamphlets available
 - 3. Tabling Wednesday and Thursday
 - 4. Planning a play for the Spring
 - 5. Yet to receive complete confirmation but they will soon have a gender meeting on the Status Quo of Woman
- B. High School Outreach
 - 1. November 17th
 - 2. Need help for everything to run smoothly
 - a. Morning help with people parking in the garage and directing them to the Rec Sports Center
 - b. Set up of lunch and breakfast
 - c. Workshops in morning and afternoon

3. Next week an exact list of the jobs available will be present
- C. LLA
1. Thanks for dressing up!
 2. Thanks for sending work orders
 3. Service outlook project
 4. Meetings- Sunday, 9pm
- D. Philanthropy directors
1. Booth at Pi Phi/Kappa Delta Halloween Carnival
 2. BEVO buddies mentor program at a middle school
 - a. Positive impact on kids in middle school
 - b. Fun (invite everyone)
 3. Trunk-or Treat- Meet at 5pm
- E. Campus Safety
1. 350 more safety packets delivered to housing in West Campus
 2. Security Committee recently discussed bomb threats
 - a. What administrators should do? Plan of action?
 - b. Working on burglary prevention program
 - c. Always lock car
 3. For any safety concerns that might not be addressed, contact agency
- F. FLO
1. FLO retreat this past Sunday
 2. Haunted house yesterday
 3. Introduced new concept
 - a. FLOject
 - b. An event created all by the FLOers

XIV. Representative Reports

- A. Nathan Bunch- representative from Muslim Student Association
1. Working with Nathan and Frankie with MSA
 - a. Gregory Gym Arena- Get as many people to fast as possible
 - b. Hopes to raise over \$3000
 - c. www.texasmsa.com/fastathon
 2. Peers Against Secondhand Smoking
 - a. Interested? Send email
- B. Katie Sowa
1. Taking a leave of absence starting after the next meeting
 2. Executive Board is working on finding someone to replace her as a voting body
- C. Keshav Rajagopalan
1. November 11th- dodge ball tournament
 2. www.utdm.org
 3. LLAs and Keshav working on SG website project
 - a. Met with DoS
 - b. Ideas for back-end stuff- Please send out an email
 4. SALD meeting
 5. Resolution to address Senate's case regarding education
 - a. Grandfathering
 - b. A+
- D. Falil Oritola
1. Trick or Treat for UNICEF, October 31st, 6-8pm
 2. Ice cream social for TA's- Friday, 1pm, Welch
- E. Prashanth Magadi
1. Working on legislation to add minors onto UT transcripts
 2. Meeting- Monday, 8pm, SG Office

3. Endorsing Senate's proposal to let faculty counsel know SG and Senate are unified

XV. Announcements

- A. Next SG Meeting 11/6: Greek Life Education
- B. Pi Beta Phi's Bowling for Literacy fundraiser- November 7, Register your team at <http://www.formspring.com/forms/?157944-BFDvBEkOnZ>
- C. New initiates to Friar Society include three SG people
- D. Harvest Moon presented by Texas Cowboys next Friday, 6pm, Waterloo Park
- E. New speakers next Fall
- F. Participate in fasting event
- G. Applications went out 10/29 for Camp Texas
- H. Ransom Notes at Tejas House- Thursday, 9pm

XVI. Second Roll Call

XVII. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 9:57pm