

**Minutes for the Student Government General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2003- 7pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Roll Call #1

GUESTS

Kevin Curry- we need a process to put officers on trial before the students, we need to elect our chief of police, and we need to have a racial harassment/discrimination policy on campus

Please call Chief Van Slyke
512-471-4441

_____ and Sid- The Art of Living- Stress Management

This is a group on campus that educates the UT community about stress management- powerful breathing techniques, yoga, etc. The key is breathing- breathe in the present (not past or future). How can we reach more students on campus? These kinds of programs are on campus all over the country. Please take a flyer and spread the word. Weekly yoga sessions- open to anybody, meditation sessions, concert

William Wyatt- Red Pill Forum

Purpose- to create a format and environment where students of the university community may convocate in order to: build friendships, etc

Tyler Bowling- President of Red Pill Forum

Did a lot of partying freshman year, etc until he found will and started going to these meetings. Red Pill Forum changed his life- this is really powerful

Will- you (SG) have to be a part of this!!!

Katie King- we will write a resolution about this, then one person from SG will be appointed to work directly with Red Pill Forum.

OPEN FORUM

Molly Rogers- UT Watch

Tuition deregulation-> UT Watch has opposed this because: 1) tuition is undoubtedly going to go up, 2) public schools around the nation have already doubled their tuition, 3) more and more students are having to take out student loans- student borrowers average about \$27,000 each. UT Watch is going to try to get a postcard campaign going (postcards to state reps), starting a petition. Go to www.utwatch.org to find out more about tuition deregulation

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules and move New Business to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

20 AR ~~27~~ *The Student Government at the University of Texas at Austin does not give the Top Ten Percent Rule (HB 588)*

Representative Durham- reads statement about importance of this resolution.

Representative Haley- check your political party at the door- do what is best for students

Questions entertained.

Representative Garza- is this just for African Americans, or just in general?

Representative Durham- in general, using these as examples

Representative Gupta- 2nd therefore be it resolved- it looks like minority percentages are up

Internal Financial Director Price- that is inaccurate

President King- change numbers

Representative Durham

Representative Kirkland- before he can make his mind, he wants to see numbers from the satellite schools

Price- we are SG at UT Austin- so we wanted it to relate to us

Also, graph in Daily Texan today, the graph was wrong

Representative Riley- this is a good resolution, but there are some things missing- make it clearly for diversity is why we don't like it

Representative Durham- Thanks for recommendation to change title. This has nothing to do with Affirmative Action. This just says that the students at UT know that this is not the end-all and be-all of diversity...

Representative Shuler- the percentage of white students has declined- this will hurt your case

Representative Durham- no it doesn't

Representative Navratil- explicitly define "functional" in resolution or throw it out
authors- we'll define

Representative Eichenbaum-

Representative Durham

Representative Jiang- say that the African American population in Texas is 11% and that the population hasn't come close to matching it.

More questions...

The point of the resolution- Bush, etc are saying that African American and Hispanic numbers are going up- but they are not. We are using these minority groups because they are the groups that are being talked about by Bush and by Faulkner.

Vice President Kounelias- no more questions- go to University Policy tomorrow!!!!

Moved and seconded to extend the time to ask questions on wording and intent of AR ~~X~~
Motion failed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Faulkner's memo about the budget concerns for the next few years- it was geared towards faculty, but there will be one for students soon....
- Dinner with Faulkner on February 19th – 6-8pm in room 212- Only Reps and Committee and Agency Directors- by tomorrow morning
- Sheila Jackson Lee Feb. 10th Mon. 11-12:30- we are allowed to bring 20 people from SG- only sign up if you learn tuff about her before you go and actively participate
- Women's Legislative Day
- Student Regent Bill came out of legislative council- if you want to come by Katie's office to look at it before it goes back to the Senate, please do
- There will be a forum about the Yudof resolution
- There will be Red Pill Forum legislation..
- Thanks to Liz and Amy who helped draft pictures on the website legislation
- Will Taylor wrote a brilliant article that was in the Alcalde
- Sportsmanship Honor Code- if you want to see what we have so far, let Katie know...
- Next Weekend- UT System Advisory Committee meeting in Brownsville- if you have issues, let Katie know
- Thanks to everyone who came by the office yesterday
- Look at what Becky and Annie and Tany made for Katie!! ☺ (paper dolls of exec)
- We are voting on tuition deregulation tonight- we are voting right now about a specific part of the tuition deregulation package

Moved and seconded to move Old Business to the next item on the agenda. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

AR 23 Expressing Fervent Opposition to Tuition Deregulation

Authors reintroduced resolution. Only grammatical changes have been made. Right now UT Student Government is the chief opposition to this. Representative Mofoye- why would the Speaker of the House be against this?

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. No objections. Motion passed.

AR 25 Calling on the University of Texas at Austin Student Government to support the proposed Racial Harassment/Discrimination policy change (VOTE)

Authors were not made aware of the progress faculty members have made on their own policy changes. We have been invited to sit on their board- if you have any input, let the authors know

5th Whereas: ???

Representative Mofoye- we were just made aware that our resolution is unconstitutional We need a student board...

Moved and seconded to table AR 25. Motion passed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- We will be on the West Mall tomorrow and Thursday to sell tickets to Battle of the Bands- if you can't come, call Stacey!!!
- Thursday night is going to be a ton of fun, but please remember that we are the ones hosting this., so be responsible.
- The Student Services Fee committee met and decided to give \$50,000 to keep it going through the summer
- University Policy Committee meeting tomorrow night- please come
- Please keep up with the Daily Texan every day!!!
- Representative of the Week- Chris Vaca- went with Bobby to the capital to bring the resolution. Yay Chris ☺

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- We have close to 1,000 signatures for the Student Regent petition- keep working!
- Voices Against Violence retreat this Sunday for men- please come
- Princeton Review scholarship goes to... Kevin Curry!!! ☺

EXTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Is everyone ready to party?!!!
- Battle of the Bands is going so well!
- The first ad for a student organization on the Co-op jumbo-tron has gone to Student Government- go check it out!
- There will be an article in the Daily Texan on Thursday

INTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- encourages everyone to read Kevin's story
- tell people to apply for appropriations
- if you still want to be on the committee, it's not too late
- Friday at 6pm in Jester, there will be a forum about Top Ten percent

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

- Internal Rules for Student Government were finally approved by the administration!!!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Happy Birthday Bryan Pravda!
- STC will do a traditions workshop during Explore UT

REPRESENTATIVE'S PRIVILEGE

Representative Vaca- while in the house the other day... Reps love our website...
Representative Eichenbaum- Clinton tickets will be available this Monday- Texas Box Office or Texas Union Box office- start at 10am- get there much earlier- not many tickets available.

Representative Navratil- really impressed with the assembly- was here when Hopwood came about- it is appalling that we are striving to get back to those levels... when this comes up for a vote, vote your conscience

Representative Durham- loves the mic and to hear himself talk. Don't have a stigma with Ben and let it affect legislation- join up! The resolution is not about Affirmative Action. We are being lazy with this issue. Stop worrying about your own discrimination. The Top Ten percent plan does not work!

Representative Buckley- Faulkner talked to CNN and said the Top Ten Percent plan is working- but it is not. Brent Purdue is running for Regent- real UT System Regent.

Recycling- Physical Plant is going to provide trucks for recycling. It should be good to go in a month. Banks- \$747,000 for Chancellor Yudof, plus mansion, and car allowance Regents gave 10,000 at least to the Chancellor's endowment Willie Hunt and Rita Clements gave 100,000... Sandia- there was never even an option to bid, but UT spent \$900,000 on the contract.

Weng- if you want to join the At-Larges to buy an ad for Vagina Monologues

Representative Pravda- article in Daily Texan- there was a swastika painted on a Jewish Synagogue on MLK, Jr. Day- there's a lot of ignorance going on in this city

Representative Jiang- China's diversity.... China has implemented something similar to Affirmative Action

External Financial Director Bina- when Neel, Bina, and Nam had something to say, everyone assumed it was about Asian Americans- racial profiling just happened here tonight

COMMITTEE AND AGENCY PRIVILEGE

Abdul-Jabar- there is a lack of respect for Committee/Agency heads

Michael Alexander- thanks to everyone who showed support to the MLK statue issue.

Taylor- thanks to everyone who has helped with the petition drive ☺

Gunther- please sign the signs for the bus drivers to appreciate them. There will be changes to the NR route- contact Thomas if you want details

Middleton- Take Back the Night will be Thursday, April 24th at 8pm of the Tower. Feb. 15, 21, and 22 for Vagina Monologues. Tickets go on sale on February 10th. Buy an ad with a statistic about violence

Apperson- Monday April 7th, at 7pm in Texas Union Ballroom (free!) for Judy Shepard- buy an ad in the program. The Judometer- we have just shy of 6,000 dollars

APPOINTMENTS

Sam Keyburn- ISAA

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. No objections. Motion approved.

Attorney General Wallace swears in Keyburn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Shuler- Spike and Mike is still going on

Representative Bissar- last night was first meeting of semester for social work council- great meeting! ☺

Schtoffman- copyright issue- starting a petition against it

Representative Holmes- This Friday Dance Marathon is having an event at Maggie Mae's- \$5

Representative Aurentz- wants to corn row his hair for

Billingsley- Alison Witt has resigned and FLO has taken Freshmen Council under their wing

Representative Buckley- in a play- Jim Holt- please go!

Representative Navratil- nominate your teacher for

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm

Sang "Eyes of Texas"