

UT Student Government Assembly Meeting - 10/5/99
7:00 PM Glenn W. Maloney Student Assembly Room

A regular meeting of the Student Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin was called to order at 7:10 PM on October 5, 1999 in SSB G1.310. Secretary Lora took the minutes.

Roll was called at the beginning of the meeting with the following Representatives, Committee/Agency Heads, and Executive Board Members not present: Babcock, Cash, Gardner, Halstead, Hammond, Jovel, Mehta, Pichardo, Putman, Smith, Chao, Buchek, Cunningham, Lissner.

The minutes were approved.

Guests: Brooke Grona, University Ombudsman

Representative Raman moved to suspend the rules to allow AP 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 to be the next items of business. Representative Woods seconded. Passed.

Representative Quintanilla moved to suspend the rules to move AP 5 to be the last item on new business. Representative Camacho seconded. Passed.

New Business

AP 2 - Texas Onyx has declined to accept the money.

AP 3 - UT Juggling Society - Representative Davis introduced them. They would like to buy yellow balls for people to juggle. They received \$80. No debate. Passed.

AP 4 - National Community Pharmacist Association - Representative Buchan introduced them. They want to use the money to send people to a conference. They received \$120. No debate. Passed.

AP 6 - Alpha Phi Omega - Representative Garner introduced them. They will use this money for blood drive publicity.

Representative Quintanilla moved to increase the allocation from \$150 to \$325. Representative Garner seconded. Failed.

There was no debate for giving APO the original \$150. Passed.

AP 7 - Naval ROTC - Representative Woods introduced them. They are planning to run from our stadium to Cotton Bowl stadium for OU weekend and would like to use this money for the hotel. They received \$104. There was no debate. Passed.

AP 8 - Kappa Delta Chi - Representative Camacho introduced them. They are planning a Latino faculty/student/staff mixer and would like to use the money to pay for the guard. They received \$240. There was no debate. Passed.

AP 9 - Mortar Board - Representative Patel spoke on behalf of Mortar Board. They would like to use the money to help pay for their Preferred Professor dinner. They received \$118. There was no debate. Passed.

Representative Garner moved to reconsider the vote on AP 6 to change the amount that APO was awarded from \$150 to \$200. Vote. Division was called. (13 for, 9 against). Passed.

Business is now to reconsider AP 6. Debate.

AGAINST - Representatives Gross & Dickerson - We may want to wait until we have heard from everyone or consider to give the money to groups who received nothing.

FOR - Representative Garner - The amount of publicity really does affect the number of donors they'll get, and they can't afford to wait until the end of appropriations after we've heard from everyone because the blood drive will be over.

Vote. Failed. The amount stands at \$150.

Representative Davis moved to suspend the rules to move the Student Volunteer Center request for appropriations from next Tuesday's agenda to tonight's agenda. Representative Murphy seconded. Passed.

AP 10 - Student Volunteer Board - Davis spoke on their behalf. They received \$280. There was no debate. Passed.

Open Forum

1. Robby Slaughter talks about considering all of the appropriations carefully.

Representative Day moved suspend the rules to move AP 5 to the next item of business and to make him the sponsor. Passed.

AP 5 - Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association - Day introduced them. They would like to use this money to help put on a student conference at UT. They were allotted \$250 for t-shirts. Debate. Vote. Division was called. (19 for, 3 against). Passed.

President's Report

Parisa Fatehi

1. Thanks to all the visitors who came out tonight.
2. Congratulations to all of us for Hook the Vote 99. We handed out 6000-10000 voter registration cards! Special thanks to Ian Davis, Dan Lissner, Michael Wilt, Ted Bosquez, and LRA for all their extra efforts.
3. Torchlight Parade starts tomorrow night at 8:30 at Kinsolving. Be there at 8:15 if you would like to carry the SG banner.
4. APO blood drive is going on the week of October 18. SG is signed up to be in the competition to get the most donors.
5. Cabinet/SG mixer - You can still sign up, however, we only have 27 spots. College reps who pay have top priority.
6. The dinner at Faulkner's is October 20 at 7 PM. This is the last night to sign up. You may not bring dates.
7. Let's truly seek out student opinion for all the issues that we've been discussing. You should be doing this at speakers circuit, college council meetings, and at the SG tables. You can also go to soapbox on Tuesdays from 12-1 on the west mall.

Vice-President's Report

Eric Opiela

1. Check your absences on the absence sheet in tonight's agenda.
2. Texas Travesty got money to continue to publish. Next year they will be an official publication.
3. The paper today said that shuttle bus drivers were threatening to strike. The strike could start midnight Saturday, but there are currently contingency plans and so it should affect campus very little if at all. Keep up to date on the issue.
4. We are currently working on a transportation plan to handle life in 2025. One thing we're looking at is a lightrail system and HOV lanes on interstates. Let him know if you have any suggestions.

Executive Director's Report

Randy Thompson

1. Reports are due from Committee & Agency heads.
2. Reps need to go to the Committee & Agency meetings or you will be counted absent.
3. Please look at the absence sheet and e-mail him about any changes.
4. Member of the week - Karen Gross for her work on hook the vote and appropriations.

Internal Financial Director's Report

Robbie Macalik

1. Next week we have to pass the budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.
2. We also need to submit a bill to reallocate \$4000 to go towards the budget.
3. Thanks to everyone who helped with the allocations.

External Financial Director's Report

Jamille Wilkes

1. Look at the props & honesty sheets in the back of the room.

There was no report from the attorney general.

Secretary's Report

Aurora Lora

1. Tomorrow is Robbie Macalik's 21st birthday!

Cabinet of College Councils' Report

Sara Galvan

1. Took an informal poll on the usefulness of the university honors center.
2. The Provosts council has been working on student evaluations, problem courses, TA language barriers, and other issues.
3. Hearts of Texas - They're looking forward to working with us again on this. Last year, SG beat Cabinet.
4. Cabinet meeting is Thursday in this room. Please stop by.

Committee & Agency Reports

1. Student Forum Agency - Representative Woods thanked everyone who came to the last forum.

Representative's Privilege

1. Representative Friedberg - Please work your table office hours.
2. Representative Gross - Give Robbie Macalik a hand for his work with appropriations.
3. Representative Tran - The scholarship has already been started. Maybe we can help get people to donate money to the scholarship fund by talking about it at events.
4. Representative Davis - We registered a lot of people for hook the vote. Early voting starts October 18.

Appointments

1. Jeff Sokol spoke on behalf of himself for the position of two year at-large representative. There was no debate. Roll was called. We do have quorum. Passed.
2. Katie Franz spoke on behalf of herself for the position of Students with Disabilities co-chair. There was no debate. Passed.
3. Robby Slaughter spoke on behalf of himself for the position of transportation agency director. There was no debate. Passed.
4. Dan Hamilton, Robert Booth, Jaclyn Roberson, & Amelia Manning spoke on behalf of themselves for the position of Judicial Commission members. Judicial commission chair Marcie Shelton addressed the assembly and gave her opinion on judicial commission candidates. Debate. Quorum was determined by hand raising.

Attorney general Olcott made a recommendation that the judicial commission meet again to discuss the candidates. President Fatehi took that recommendation and rescinded her recommendations.

The new appointees were sworn in.

New Business

AR 27 - Calling for the creation of an Ad Hoc committee for UT Earth Day

Representative Barrera presented the resolution. Debate. Representative Quintanilla moved to call the question. Representative White seconded. Passed. Vote on AR 27. Passed.

AR 28 - Supporting the Creation of a Mandatory One-Time Orientation Fee for all Incoming Students

Representatives Friedberg & Woods presented the resolution. Quorum was called by raising hands. Only 23 voting reps were present. We do not have quorum.

Announcements

1. Transportation Agency Director Slaughter announced that his first Transportation Agency meeting will be October 13 at 6:00 in the SG office.
2. Representative Tabor - Innervisions gospel choir is having a concert October 16.
3. Executive Director Thompson - The SG Gathering will be next Wednesday from 6:45 - 8:15 in the CBA Hall of Honors. All reps and committee and agency heads must be there. There will be snacks. This is for volunteers to learn more about SG.
4. Representative Hammond - ALAS is having a fundraising party on October 16 to raise money for their conference.
5. John Walthall spoke about the upcoming Millennium series.
6. Representative Woods - spoke about the importance of showing up on time and staying for the whole meeting so that we don't leave quorum again.
7. LRA Director Bosquez - reported that next week LRA is having an internship forum.
8. External Financial Director Wilkes spoke about the upcoming fund-raiser for the Nebraska game. They're going to be painting faces and selling noisemakers and they still need more volunteers.
9. Correspondent of the week - Jay Raman

The roll was called at the end of the meeting with the following representatives, committee and agency heads, and executive board members not present: Babcock, Camacho, Cash, Dickerson, Friedman, Gardner, Halstead, Jovel, Levy, Mabry, Mehta, Michels, Murphy, Pichardo, Putman, White, Dibrell, Finch, Smith, Chao, Buchek, Gulati, Tooke, Cunningham, Carter, Wood, Koorse, Trilli, Lissner.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-President Opiela at 9:08 PM. The meeting ended with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas".

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	Retreat	12-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	4-May	17-Sep	Retreat	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	3-Oct	Total	Total
Reps													
Babcock											x	1	2
Barrera													
Brimhall				x	x	x	x	x				5	2
Buchan													1
Camacho				x							0.5	1.5	
Cash		x					0.5		x		x	3.5	0.5
Davis													
Day									x			1	1
Dezern				x					x			2	1
Dickerson									x			1	0.5
Donde							0.5	x				1.5	1
Friedberg													
Friedman													2.5
Gardner	x											1	5
Garner							x			x		2	2
Gross													
Halstead										x		1	2
Hammond	x											1	
Jovel													3
Levy				x	x						0.5	2.5	3
Mabry											0.5	0.5	1
Mehta											x	1	1
Michels	x											1	1.5
Morris													
Murphy													1.5
Patel													2
Pichardo	x		x				x	x	x	x	x	7	1
Putman								x				1	1
Quintanilla							x					1	1
Raman													2
Rosen													2
Schwarz													1
Tabor													1
Tran							0.5					0.5	6
White											0.5	0.5	1
Woods													
Yang													1

* This week we will be counting absences for committee/agency meetings

Attendance Superstars (no absences to anything)

- Barrera
- Davis
- Friedberg
- Gross
- Morris
- Woods