
THE 114TH SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
Tuesday, March 30th, 2021

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: HOLLY AINSWORTH
PARLIAMENTARIAN: SARAH SPIVEY
CLERK: BRAXDON CANNON

- I. Call Meeting to Order - 7:03 PM
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Special guests
 - a. Ethan Smith (Policy Director)
 - i. Summary
He is a housing policy advocacy director this year. Wants to talk about the financial aspect of housing. People who live on campus, statistically, have a higher chance of not dropping out, and have higher GPAs. San Jacinto prices also have increased \$6,000 per year, even though there has been zero change to the meal plan or quality of the dorm. Believes UT should match the market rate for its housing pricing. University Housing and Dining's profit margin continues to increase, at the expense of students. Wanted to create the knowledge base for representatives to be knowledgeable of the changes made to housing.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Rep. Cope - Law School moves to approve last week's (3/23/21) Minutes by unanimous consent. No objections. So moved.
- V. Representative Reports
 - a. Rep. Lopez - COLA
 - i. Summary
If you have any changes for the constitution or code of rules and conduct, please let him know!
 - b. Rep. Cope - Law School
 - i. Summary
It has been a pleasure serving with everyone. Only one referendum was voted on, even though there should have been two referendums being voted on. It is

important to note that the administration has made it difficult for this to get on the ballot (A.B. 10). There have been students who opposed this referendum, that have not done their responsibilities in sending this legislation.

c. Rep. Menon - Mccombs

i. Summary

Working on the assembly climate report. Make sure to reach out to her if there is anything you think the next assembly should keep in mind.

VI. New Business

a. A.B. 06 Amending The Code of Rules and Procedures to Reflect Legislative Practices of the 114th Assembly

i. Rep. Lopez - COLA moves to abridge the regular legislative process to vote on A.B. 06 Amending The Code of Rules and Procedures to Reflect Legislative Practices of the 114th Assembly on first reading. Rep. Cope - Law School seconds. So moved.

ii. Summarize Authorship Speech

This bill is aimed at implementing the successful practices of the 113th and 114th assemblies. It implements Representative Reports, the Legislative Caucuses, the Assembly Community Report, appointing an Assembly Communications Coordinator, among other small changes.

iii. Rep. Le - Nursing moves to previous question by unanimous consent. No objections. So moved.

iv. Rep. Marconi- Mccombs moves to approve A.B. 06 Amending The Code of Rules and Procedures to Reflect Legislative Practices of the 114th Assembly by unanimous consent. Rep. Zhu - Pharmacy seconds. So moved.

VII. Dean of Students Report

a. Dave Dessauer - Advisor

i. Summarize

Appreciate Rep. Cope - Law School's public display of the referendum issue. UT is committed to see this process through. Will take responsibility that in the future the process will be better. Thank you for everyone's commitment this year.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

a. Owen McGeary- Administrative Director

i. Summary

Owen was absent so Vice-President Hung presented his slides. No big updates this week.

b. Audrey Balliette- Advocacy Director

i. Summary

Audrey was absent so Vice-President Hung presented his slides. There is only one policy director meeting left. Working on the Eyes of Texas Joint Resolution. Concerned about the lack of Black student representation for those who expressed interest in the J.R.

c. Vinit Shah- Chief of Staff

i. Summarize

Working on improving access to SES services, especially after the winter storm. Spirit Week was a great success. Shoutout to his LLA's.

d. Oriana Garcia- Communications Director.

i. Summarize

Thank you for everyone's hard work this year. Sign up for vaccine appointments. The food drive is still in full swing. Thank you to everyone who responded about SG Connect. She is posting the mask disposal graphics tomorrow. Let her know if you need anything. Shoutout to her LLA's. Excited to see what assembly does in the future.

e. Ethan Jones- Financial Director

i. Summarize

The Forty for Forty campaign has officially started! Class of 2021 gift campaign will roll out soon. Shoutout to his LLA's. Going to be pushin BPLIC legislation towards the beginning of the next session.

f. Winston Hung- Vice President

i. Summarize

Thank everyone for being supportive all year, and for all the great work and service y'all have done during the year. They finally got in touch with all the Asian Organizations, and have created a statement. The Executive Board is pulling money together to donate to AAJC, which is an organization that provides advocacy and legal resources to those who are affected by hate crimes. This year has been a struggle and he wanted to apologize for any shortfalls. Shoutout to his LLA's.

g. Anagha Kikkeri -President

i. Summarize

Anagha was absent so Vice-President Hung presented his slides. She is on the way to A&M to receive the check for the winter storm fundraiser. Spirit Week was a success, thank you for starting a new tradition! Shoutout to her LLA's.

IX. Assembly Committee Chair Reports

a. Chair Seyer - Student Affairs

i. Summarize

Thank you everyone for making this year so great.

b. Chair Marconi - Financial Affairs

i. Summarize

This year was challenging. Proud of the work everyone did this past year. We had historic funding for underrepresented organizations on campus. It was awesome working with the Executive Board. Thank you everyone for letting him lead in this role.

c. Chair Murphy - Academic Affairs

i. Summarize

This year was eventful, hard, and heavy. Proud of all the work that this committee and assembly was able to accomplish.

d. Chair Lopez - Rules and Regulations

i. Summarize

Thank you to everyone in his committee. He has met some amazing people in assembly. Feel free to reach out to him if you ever need anything.

e. Chair Menon - Ethics and Oversight

i. Summarize

Thank you to everyone. She is excited to see where the 115th Assembly takes assembly. Proud of all the things Ethics and Oversight has accomplished.

f. Chair Brown - Governmental Affairs

i. Summarize

Thank you to everyone. Would've loved to meet everyone in person. Will be back next year!

g. Chair Le and Wongso - COVID-19

i. Summarize

Vaccines are now open for everyone. Go sign up to get your vaccine! Thank you all so much for a great semester. Still make sure to get PCT Tested! A year in, and we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. They wish they got to meet everyone this year. They are gonna miss everyone!

X. Speaker of the Assembly Report

a. Summarize

Thank you all for your hardwork and dedication. You truly made a difference in the lives of students. She will miss everyone so much. If you ever need anything, call her, text her!

XI. Second Roll Call

XII. Adjournment - 8:20 PM

a. Rep. Lee - Architecture moves to adjournment by unanimous consent. Rep. Marconi - McCombs seconds. No objections. So moved.

b. Rep. Cope - Law School moves to adjourn the 114th Student Government Assembly sine die by unanimous consent. Rep. Foshee - Moody seconds. No objections. So moved.