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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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THE 112<sup>TH</sup> SESSION  
OF THE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
*Tuesday, October 23, 2018*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: BENJAMIN SOLDER  
PARLIAMENTARIAN: TRIP DAVIS  
CLERK: JESSIE YIN

- I. Call Meeting to Order - 7:00PM
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. DERRICK: Here to talk about AR 8 on behalf of Students for Planned Parenthood. 100 people have signed a petition in favor of having menstrual products in all bathrooms on campus.
  - b. ZANDER: One of PSAP rep and would like to hear some opinions on what students want, big stuff that would be hard without taking immediately to administration. Work on Riverside busing routes.
  - c. GALAN: Teach for America.  $\frac{1}{3}$  of kids are struggling to make ends meet in Travis County.  $\frac{1}{4}$  are in poverty. Only 9% chance of graduating high school due to systemic issues. Looking for bright and talented people to join the program to combat this issue for low income students. A strong network of people who have done this program. UT on of highest contributing campuses for program. ([tinyurl.com/SGTFA2018](http://tinyurl.com/SGTFA2018))
- V. Appointments
  - a. Ellen Aly: Recreational Sports Advisory Committee
    - i. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
  - b. Parking and Traffic Committee
    - i. VANDEN HOEK: What are you doing differently?
    - ii. Going to do same process as predecessors but want to improve on the fairness of the process.
    - iii. PATEL: Also going to be appointee to this committee.



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- c. Alexis: Recruitment and Retentions Committee
  - i. Bring diversity and inclusion aspect to initiatives.
  - ii. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

VI. Working Recess: Cultivating Culture

VII. Representative Reports

- a. PONTIKES: People on the JR committee would like to see more people reaching out. Making randomized groups done. ImproveUT going to see data before and after making office hours more accessible in School of Engineering.
- b. GOODMAN: Civic engagement town hall tomorrow. Please come. Hosa, Bonin, Zachary Price on panel. 7-8:30. Doors open at 6:30. Student advisory for diversity drafted a diversity statement to be officially made by university. Legislation on how to present the re-establishment of statues.
- c. FLANNIGAN: Talked to Tom Dison about having student ID on phones. If interested, talk to her.
- d. SHAH: Longhorn Partners initiative to improve student and faculty conversations on mental health. Looking for reps in different universities to help out with this program to have conversations with their deans. Working on Metro for Riverside and able to express concerns about specific routes. Going to discuss legislation for it.
- e. OTTING: Meeting on Thursday about Riverside routes.
- f. VANDEN HOEK: Give me ideas about election code reforms.
- g. OBSTFELD: Make SG more productive and effective by including everyone in the process. Umbrella problems with SG initiative for changes. Need more input from people who know more about the institution. Use your social media.
- h. ENGEL: LinkedIn group or Facebook group for everyone who used to be a rep. Keeping that network.
- i. REDHEAD: Wrote Op-ed for Daily Texan on the bus thing. Weren't receptive to people's comments about the rerouting. Connected with Rosie to bring up with Fenves. Taskforce to meet tomorrow and meet with Transport Director on Thursday.

VIII. New Business

- a. A.R. 8: In Support of Putting Menstrual Products in All Academic Building Restrooms
  - i. ALVAREZ: In the middle of trying to put free menstrual products in bathrooms on campus.
  - ii. RAHMAN: Been talking with the CFO and are going to discussion payment plan with him. Mentioned in meeting with him and he expressed verbal support. Also spoken with the manager of the Unions on campus who expressed interest and potential financial support.



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- iii. PATEL: Pads, tampons, or both?
  - iv. RAHMAN: Advocating for pads and tampons.
  - v. DERRICK: QTSA and our org support having both on campus to be the most inclusive on this initiative.
  - vi. SOLDER: Specifically which bathrooms?
  - vii. ENGEL: Be in all academic buildings so that students wouldn't have to miss class. Aim to have it in all kinds of bathrooms in those buildings.
  - viii. BERGMAN: Timeline?
  - ix. RAHMAN: Depends on funding which is still in the process of being worked out. Then would be able to expand on timeline.
  - x. DAVE: About how many bathrooms?
  - xi. RAHMAN: Will research more and bring it back to whoever is curious.
  - xii. DEUTCH: Why also in male bathrooms?
  - xiii. DERRICK: Not everyone who menstruates is female.
  - xiv. PATEL: What is exact definition for period poverty?
  - xv. ALVAREZ: Any student that doesn't have the financial means to purchase menstrual products.
  - xvi. PENA: How many times to be refilled?
  - xvii. PONTIKES: Overall how much would it cost for a year?
  - xviii. ALVAREZ: About \$63 per year per student.
  - xix. BERGMAN: How to get in touch with custodial services to make sure it's possible?
  - xx. RAHMAN: Hoping to make custodial services involved and the process to be put on them.
  - xxi. REFERRED TO STUDENT AFFAIRS
- IX. Unfinished Business:
- a. A.R. 4: In Support of Survivors of Sexual Violence
    - i. ENGEL: Wanted two weeks to talk on it. Changes: list of different orgs that have boards who have participated in Not On My Campus training. Also strongly encourage all SG to do this training too.
    - ii. PONTIKES: Would the list be sent out?
    - iii. ENGEL: Yes, and it would be orgs with executive boards that have completed this training.
    - iv. MYERS: Why appropriations/budget and not special projects? Have you talked to Veronics?



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- v. I've talked to Veronica about the budget before on red zones. It would be referring to the plan for next year. Will clarify language on budget for next year (amended).
- vi. APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
- b. A.B. 6: Amending The Code of Rules and Procedures to Create Representative Outreach Credits
  - i. SOLDER: Shortened it down to two orgs in the fall semester. Absences will then be taken into account.
  - ii. ENGEL: Only the speaker circuit or also tabling?
  - iii. SOLDER: Just speaker circuit.
  - iv. PENA: When does this start, when does it end?
  - v. SOLDER: Two by end of fall semester.
  - vi. MOHARRAM: Why only speaker circuiting now?
  - vii. SOLDER: More effective on time.
  - viii. ENGEL: Wouldn't it be helpful to pick between tabling and speaker circuiting?
  - ix. PATEL: How pick two organization?
  - x. HASAN: Have something that functions. Coordinate between reps to not reach same orgs.
  - xi. PENA: What are you going to do about people who have work commitments at the same time as orgs?
  - xii. HASAN: Absence policy are at the discretion of me and we're just trying to change this to be a better way to reach students.
  - xiii. KAMPMANN: Do you want us to speak at orgs already familiar with or others?
  - xiv. HASAN: Prefer it to be orgs that you're not already in, but it's not beating you over the head with it.
  - xv. APPROVED 28-2
- c. A.R. 5: In Support of a Day Off for Democracy
  - i. SPRINGER: Joining nation-wide movement to encourage faculty to cancel classes for the day of the election. Also want to amend to include student employees to give an hour or two paid leave to go vote. Already some professors who have done this. Wouldn't be included in the Long Session this year so merely sending out email to faculty to encourage this.
  - ii. MURALY: Is the list of professors already set in stone?
  - iii. SPRINGER: It's every professor that is teaching this fall session. Currently, participation by professors was by voluntary basis.



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- iv. SOLDER: What is outreach?
- v. SPRINGER: Will reach out to every professor through email list and also through social media. Going into classes. Following up on initiatives of registration to encourage to vote.
- vi. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
- d. A.R. 6: In Support of Celebrating First-Generation College Students at the University of Texas at Austin
  - i. SHAH: Kick-off event.
  - ii. ENGEL: Passed by committee but deleted a repetitive clause.
  - iii. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
- e. A.R. 7: In Support of the Creation of a Handbook for Registered Student Organizations
  - i. Handbook on information on finances, room reservations, etc. Imagine it to be created by a committee of students, updated yearly, and housed under Dean of Students.
  - ii. PATEL: Isn't a lot of this already online?
  - iii. MCENTREE: It makes it more accessible and effective to centralize it in the same place. Financing is hard to find online.
  - iv. DAVE: Any updates on how to implement this?
  - v. Dean of Students would like to hear a voice of student support before implementation.
  - vi. VANDEN HOEK: Distribution of materials?
  - vii. Would be given after orientation for new student orgs. Also online.
  - viii. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
- f. J.R. 1: In Support of Course Content Disclosures in Regards to Sexual Assault on Syllabi
  - i. MCENTREE: Amendment approved. Recommends faculty to add on syllabi if there are certain days on which topics relating to sexual assault. Not excused from attendance policies or censoring education.
  - ii. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
- X. Ex-Officio Member Reports
  - a. SREEDHARANE: Senate update.
- XI. Office of the Dean of Students Report
  - a. No reports
- XII. Executive Board Reports
  - a. TU: Social next Tuesday. Office hours. Stop eating all her candy.
  - b. BOATWRIGHT: Mid-semester update form. Communications advertising form. Tomorrow is the Civic Engagement Town Hall please share it.



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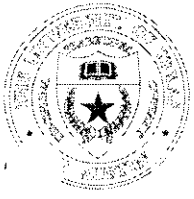
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- c. MYERS: Finding sustainable sources of funding for scholarships. Can buy boots from co-op that will give money to scholarships. Alumni engagement
  - d. RAJYA: Policy directors are building their roadmaps. If you want to be looped into any let me know.
  - e. RAHMAN: First meeting with Invest in Texas. Work on empowering students to know that they can go lobby. Had meeting with Dr Moore to have consent training with FIGs TRIGs and other such groups. Working on logistics of this training. Pads and tampons to buildings. Engineering school reflection spaces, waiting for some stats on mental health.
- XII. Assembly Committee Chair Reports
- a. Student Affairs
    - i. Meeting after assembly
  - b. Financial Affairs
    - i. Apply for special projects
  - c. Governmental Affairs
    - i. Very quick meeting to pass AR 5. Nothing much else.
  - d. Academic Affairs
    - i. Approved JR 1. Still working out stable meeting time.
  - e. Ethics and Oversight
    - i. Take care of yourself. October always sucks.
  - f. Rules and Regulations
    - i. Please message about election code reform. Approved by Dean of Students to remove filing fee. Don't know if signed by Fenves yet but should be a go.
- XIII. Speaker of the Assembly Report
- a. SOLDER: Yield time to Moharram for info on ad hoc appointment committee
  - b. MOHARRAM: Application for Ad Hoc committee should be out soon.
- XIV. General Announcements
- a. ENGEL: Go to Town Hall.
- XV. Second Roll Call
- XVI. Adjournment

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