



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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THE **109<sup>TH</sup>** SESSION  
OF THE  
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
*Tuesday, October 6th, 2015*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: TANNER LONG, LIBERAL ARTS REPRESENTATIVE

CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY: KATHERINE STADLER

PARLIAMENTARIAN: MELLYSA BARTH

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guests

- a. Sylvia Holmes, Legal Services for Students

HOLMES: One of our lawyers. Free Attourney? It is covered. You can meet with legal, medical, etc. It's confidential and free. You don't need to be in trouble. Do a lot of work with students in physics, at Apple and other startups. Non Disclosure agreements and other agreements need to be discussed before signed. We will read over it. Legal questions can come. Law is not as black and white as you think. You get a ticket, come in. Misrepresentation and other ID class A things, come in. Class C, come in. Regulations increased after 9/11 attacks. Over 60 students have been arrested because of not following these regulations. It is free and confidential to come in. Any questions.

FALKE: What is the most interesting case?

HOLMES: Young people find themselves in more interesting sit's. One of the schools I work with dealt with Sugardaddy.com which dealt with young ladies looking for "financial assit. Texas state had more signed up for it than any other uni. There's a lot of ads out there asking for young ladies, and they are scams. Ask for social security numbers-that's how you tell if it's legitimate. Then we get fun one, but I can't share those. They did not allow us to get a bong, but an officer at Texas State allowed us to use from the confiscated items-a room-full of them. The officer escorted weed bag and pipe. IT was used for a series of videos. Any other q's

ROFNOSKY: How successful are tenant disputes?

HOLMES: So can I? About half the time the student is wrong and were mistaken. You don't forget 30 minutes in my office. We will pursue if you are right. We will encourage you to go to self-help. Never email. You half to use the Postal Service! Have you mailed the letter? No virtual affirmations count. Signed is important. I went to a Tex. Dept. Assoc. meetings, and I met someone who talked to us and gae us his card. He was tired of us suing.

ADKINS: Is your legal advise open to all students, ex?

HOLMES: It is only for full time students. The only time we're closed, is winter break. What is the worst injustice?

HOLMES: The worst is a landlord suing for a student smoking across the streets. It apparently wafted.

HELGREN: Of all the opportunities out there, what inspired you to work with UT?

HOLMES: it fell into my lap. I knew I wanted to go to law school, and I fell in love with tax law. Yet, criminal defense had more jobs, and I did that for 3 yrs. I was coming out of court one day, and a woman was going for a short leave and she I was here (UT). It is mostly for lack of awareness that you're here. Let's squeeze it down and learn! We're a 3 man service for 51000 city, but it is still rewarding. I enjoy that part of my work. There's the law. We brought handbooks, when you turned 18, you're supposed to know the issues. Everything is covered in this books.

b. Terry Cole, Founder of Street Youth Ministry of Austin

COLE: IRuns Street Youth's Ministry. One of my volunteers is going to pass out a postcard. I was asked to talk about homelessness on the edge of UT. I started working on the edge of UT, I know many homeless from the last 11 years. I am not licensed to do this. In my opinion, there are two broad categories of homelessness, the first is what I specialize in. I focus on youth homeless. The other is older homeless people. There is a series of unfortunate things, then they find themselves on the street. They dream to get back to that. There are many agencies to help, but I don't work with that. I work with Street Youth of Young Street Dependency; what's going on is that they have left wherever they came from. They across the street are actually in the best part of their life. They're still trying to figure out their dreams. They're plan is being figured out. Half of them were in foster care, and they're free now. They're needs are very diff. Yes, some have sub. Abuse prob's, some have mentally challenged, 40 % have that challenge, some are low-functioning, some of them are energetic (they can't stand the idea of permanence), I might see them some years. That's who's out there. Why is a very important questions. They're three reasons why they are here.. As to why. The first is you. There are more people like them. You're the attracter. Second, it's draining but the Drag is/ was the coolest place in Austin. Third, this is one of the biggest drug-moving location in Austin. That interest in access may drive people to be here. If you need a reason, you can look at the 60s, etc. The older folks are more here, my theory is that downtown and West Campus are similar now. You can wander, and it feels the same. That trend won't suddenly reverse itself. They need a safe place to be, they need to have support of friends, and it's kind of what a uni. Is designed to do. That is what they need- respect, recognition. I have very few people who stay this way. They're in busi's. and raising families. They're some who study here. It is very easy to cross the street, that's my point. Third point, remain very respectful of all sides. We are a ministry but we are gentle about the faith component. We have lots of orgs that work with us. It's important to have the dialogue btw. Left and right. They're name for you is "yuppi" implying affluence, and it's popular to have arguments btw what you say, but every time we meet is the realization that these are nice human beings. It becomes not so clear anymore. I am not a fan of unlawfulness, but it's fairly difficult to make a perfect word. It is a challenge to you, the cards are a vision that we hope to see as a student led activity. There's poverty on the edge of campus, why don't we become more aware of this? What are the practicalities of walking at 11 o'clock at night? If you want to help, how? You can

come along side them, I would encourage this, but learn first from the veterans. To have that ongoing edu. Program that teaches new students how to deal with urban settings. Why don't we consider them as an asset? Is there something to learn? Is there an exp. To have? Is there a service opp.? Why is the lgst. Pop. Of impoverished youth here? That's the challenge I give you. There are multiple problems to solve. What would a wrap-around sys of health issue.

ADKINS: Are you all funded by anybody?

It is mostly private and public dnations.

ADKINS: Have you received UT donations?

COLE:No.

Ainsworth: Is there anything that they need that would be beneficial?

COLE: Sure, the most important thing you could give them is a smile, acknowledge them. Don't ignore them. They do need things. Shoes are one of the most needed things. Don't throw them away. Socks are gold on the streets. We need adult-size socks. All sorts of things say understanding. Socks and shoes show understanding.

#### V. Open Forum

BRANDT: I am the brand new librarian for...has anybody been on the main floor of PCL? We have a brand new learning commons, new media lab, those spaces are for you. At night and weekends, they are open for students. We are now open 24/5 until after thanksgiving and finals time begins 24/7. Whenever PCL opens, these spaces are available. It is a good space to study. It's crunch time, so we also have support for you. There are librarians who can help you on research. Chat service available Sun-Thurs.. We also have a stu. Advisory council, and we don't have sppoint. Yet. Exec. Board can have Bake sell in front of Plaza come on out and buy siniommon rolls.

NORA: With MEC for African American affairs. I borught more details. The MEC is downstairs. SAC 1.02. OCrt 20 from 430-6 pm. Please stop by esp. UNI. WIDE reps. If there are any qu's?

HELGREN: repeat time?

NORA: October 20 4:30-6 p.m

#### VI. Appointments

##### a. Assembly Appointments

SURI and ARNET SWORN IN

##### b. Internal Appointments

##### c. External Appointments

BONNER: Faculty building advisory council. I was looking for a committee that wouldn't get dissolved. Looking at building, I saw how they shaped interactions.

CHE: Motion to accept.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

SOLORZANO: Texas Recruitment Interview Services. I'm looking forward to seeing internal structure.

HELGREN: Move to approve by unanimous consent.

UNIANIMOUS CONSENT

BONNER and SOLORZANO sworn in.

#### VII. Unfinished Business

##### a. A.B. 5 – Establishing Outreach Points

- i. AB 5 establishes requirements for representatives in the Assembly outside of the pre-existing committee/Assembly meeting requirements. AB 5 calls for the creation of 2 in reach point requirements per long semester of a representative's term, with in reach points being those outlined activities that promote the work of SG agencies, ad hocs, and external appointments. AB 5 also calls for the re-institution of outreach points (2 per long semester of term) previously present in the 108<sup>th</sup> Assembly. Those outreach events are defined in the bill as events put on by groups that have received SG funding within that same semester. It should be noted that attendance at one event correlates to one in reach or outreach point respectively.

MAGEE: I don't necc. Know how to monitor these thing, which entity would best do this. Especially since it's not as important this year. It did occur to me that it was something that I had orig. overlooked.

DROR: you can do as much as you want, this is a way to fasc.

ROSS: would college reps have to worry about reaching outside of their own college?

MAGEE: You would tailer your own experience, the stipulation was outreach points. There is no way to check out how many people came to these events. If the events weren't as great.

FALKE: Motion to Aprove AB 5.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

VIII. New Business

IX. Ex-Officio Member Reports

- a. Senate of College Councils

ROSS: Campus Conversations haven't been decided, facebook page.

- b. Graduate Student Assembly

- c. Campus Events and Entertainment

Padilla: Follow us on twitter, facebook, etc. E and E headliners, you can pick your top pick for 40 acres fest next spring. You can find that on Hornslink. This Thursday Rec is having they're make it tka e it cookie craft, they're going to have sugar cookies, and free pumpkin spice latte's from Starbucks. 600 plus RSVP'd so come early. Showtime is Screening SPY this Thursday 6 and 9. Texas Talks will have debate on Campus Carry.

ADKINS: What time?

PADILLA: 11 a.m Sinclair Suite

X. Deputy Advisor Report

- a. Alex Kappus, *Deputy to the Dean of Students* – [akappus@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:akappus@austin.utexas.edu)

KAPPUS: Positions available torep. UT on Texas Higher edu. Board and Region, info will be sent later. Applications due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct. Esp. if interested in policy at st. lvl. Next summer, uni. Is recruiting OA's for next summer, find out by Nov., take a class at spring. Romm and board are included. Infosessions included. Bit.ly/OA. If you apply to be an OA, I might be you rsupervisor. Change Institute, hosted by Leadership n Ethics, applications Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>, how to make an influential change. Just google Change Institute.

XI. Executive Reports

- a. Xavier Rotnofsky, *President* - [xavier.rotnofsky@utexas.edu](mailto:xavier.rotnofsky@utexas.edu)

MCGEE: ESP or committee, Rohit will sit on that. They are working on a really cool video. Just a lot of committee stuff happening.

b. Rohit Mandalapu, *Vice President* - [rmandalapu@utexas.edu](mailto:rmandalapu@utexas.edu)

c. Taral Patel, *Chief of Staff* - [taralvpatel@gmail.com](mailto:taralvpatel@gmail.com)

d. Thomas Mylott, *Communications Director* - [mylottiv@gmail.com](mailto:mylottiv@gmail.com)

MYLOTT: Safety week was today and it went well. People were taking selfies. Now that that's over, website will begin to be updated. If you have ideas about info on website, please contact me. First years and other add-ons, I will email you tonight to get you on the website.

e. Nicole Chu, *Internal Finance Director* - [nicole.chu@bba11.mcombs.utexas.edu](mailto:nicole.chu@bba11.mcombs.utexas.edu)

CHU: Big XII conference preps going on, Conner got us all the funding we need. For anyone interested on issues highlighted, please contact me. I'm looking for experets in areas talked about.

f. Conner Patrick, *External Finance Director* - [conner1201@gmail.com](mailto:conner1201@gmail.com)

PATRICK: Workingonn Safe Ride stuff, figure out options on funding. Please let me know on projects that need my help.

g. Amber Magee, *Administrative Director* - [mageeamber15@gmail.com](mailto:mageeamber15@gmail.com)

MAGEE: Expectingmore appoints next week. Later on tonight post link on prgree reports on committees, some have four or five slots. A lot of the other schools, they have textbook credit thing, you can pay during semester during that grey area inbtw finaid coming in. I am meeting Texas Dept. Manager. I will have a standing res. Guide, just so we can have a way to find out about legislation ways.

XII. Cabinet of Policy Director Reports

XIII. Agency Director Reports

XIV. External Appointment Reports

XV. Executive Staff Reports

XVI. Standing Assembly Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs Committee, James Che - [jamesikeche@utexas.edu](mailto:jamesikeche@utexas.edu)

b. External Affairs Committee, Allison Ainsworth - [allisonrainsworth@gmail.com](mailto:allisonrainsworth@gmail.com)

AINSWORTH: LLA's are working on orgs that there are, and once you get them, make sure you go through it.

c. Financial Affairs Committee, John Falke - [johnrossfalke@utexas.edu](mailto:johnrossfalke@utexas.edu)

FALKE: I invited you all to Republicans vs. Democrats, RSVP please. Outreach points! Monday.

d. Legislative Affairs Committee, Edward Banner - [ebanner@utexas.edu](mailto:ebanner@utexas.edu)

e. Rules and Regulations Committee, Jonathan Dror - [jonathandr@utexas.edu](mailto:jonathandr@utexas.edu)

DROR: Rules review session, and as of now we're shooting for 545 next Tuesday.

f. Student Affairs Committee, Santiago Rosales - [santiago.rosales@utexas.edu](mailto:santiago.rosales@utexas.edu)

HELGREN: Student affairs community meeting next week, take advantage of opp, and be there, or send ammendments so that feedback is heard.

XVII. Representative Reports

XVIII. Judicial Report

XIX. Ad hoc Reports

XX. Speaker of the Assembly Report

TANNER: It's John's Birthday on Friday! October 27, Speakers being sought. Unfortunately, rep of the month is not here, madden.

XXI. General Announcements

HELGREN: Camp Texas applications are now out. Info sessions, first on Thursday. Please do apply.

Mr. Cole didn't mention this about student safety, I really think that this is a great way to spark the convo. About UT students in relation to homeless outside of the Uni.

XXII. Second Roll Call

XXIII. Recess/Adjournment

MINCOWITZ: Motion to End

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