



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Student Government Assembly Meeting
November 5th, 2013

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guests
 - a. Nash Horne, Student Regent on the University of Texas System Board of Regents
 - i. Horacio, thank you for extending an invitation to me, thank you for leading students, elated to be speaking this evening, talk about UT system, ensure that good work is not forgotten, UT system as a family is an entity, 15 institution, 9 academic, 6 health, 200,000 students, 80,000 faculty, 2 mil acres of land, PUF fund is money given to UT for facilities and faculty, endless possibilities, \$15 billion budget, educational opportunities and healthcare system like MD Anderson, number 1 in cancer research, SB 24 created a new university in Texas, (video- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhbxw1bVddM>), new univ means a lot to south Texas, share story, this young girl was 1st in her class, almost perfect score, full rides to lots of places, stayed in UT Brownsville because she works 2 jobs and earns money for her family, need to provide opportunities for people like her, Texas House committee on Transparency to see if Regent Wallace Hall is eligible to be impeached, large distraction from goal for regents, we are still focusing on primary goal, House will put goals on roles of regents, students are primary focus, continue to represent students,
 1. How will the new university be named?
 - a. Horne- put on search committee for new president, merge two schools, working through those questions
 2. Tang- do regents stand behind Pres. Powers?
 - a. Horne- can't speak of all regents, proud of my degree and of President Powers
 3. Raza- most difficult part of being a regent?
 - a. Horne- every decision affects students in either a negative or a positive way, balancing all of those
 4. Aimuyo- temperature of board on Pres. Powers?
 - a. Horne- perception, a lot of going that's not in the news, not had personal conversations, can't speak for them all
 5. Vincent- What are the topics regents are currently dealing with?
 - a. Horne- Tuition freeze, rather polarizing, UTD need more building for their students, providing services for students w/out raising, looking at online learning, mission of system is to not lessen education, divisive issue, how can we use it to enhance not supplement, how can she do class at work by using



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- a computer, not every new idea will be implement, diff ways to increase capability, specific to each campus needs
- b. Is UT Austin's tuition affected by the freeze?
 - i. We have not discussed that, do not discuss every campus tuition, how can we take a time out and look at what we can do without putting it on the students
- 6. Neville- what do you think about the new AD?
 - a. Found out from Longhorn Director, the paper knows more than us, knew about search committee, can't speak on his abilities, athletics side does affect academics, hold logo
- 7. Brown- who is going to be the next Gov. of Texas?
 - a. Here for new students and board, we will all see
- 8. Roberts- coolest thing about being on the board?
 - a. Going to the campuses and what they have to offer, 40% of students at El Paso cross the border, takes 5 hours,
- b. Sylvia Holmes, Legal Services for Students
 - i. One of your attorneys, in the SSB, provided by students fees, come to us for anything, examples- when are you starting jobs with tech companies and non-disclosure, any and all work would be owned by the company on their laptop, he would lost that, private conversation, apartment leases, students with problems with apts and leasing, contacts are long, will and estate planning for graduate students, helping same-sex couples, have lots of pre-law students come in, handle criminal law, after spring break, first football games, dui and marijuana charges, car insurance, student authors, bring in agreements,
 - 1. Woolley-MacMath: traffic violations?
 - a. Don't set it for trial, reality- we are in class c, take defense driving, pay fines, even multiple tickets can be dismissed, truck drivers can't get dismissed, has to set it for trial, some people don't go to the court date which sets as a warrant for arrest, misrepresentation of age, we have the same judge, Judge Evans, he wants to avoid conflicts, international students are misadvised, can have a long-term effect, drug charges affect FAFSA
 - 2. Brown- all types of law?
 - a. Don't do patent or immigration issues, we refer them since we are general practice
 - 3. Why is Texas is unfavorable to renters?
 - a. Email never counts, Texas hasn't changed laws since 18th century, read the lease, even death won't let lease go away, put requests in writings, stamp and mail it, take pictures of



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everything, damage something- they charge you but not fix anything, you have right to declare, you can't fix anything you change, it's legal, univ system has come out to help you, one bad lease can start 7 years of bad credit and affect other apts you get

V. Open Forum

- a. TX Spirits- biggest philanthropy event next week in nook amphitheater, sweet 709, tickets are \$10, presale
- b. Sweethearts- dream date, auction for items, Friday, get a shirt, drinks for of age
- c. LLA- research student advisory- external research body, usually just for stem, research opportunities, 3:30-4:30, fac 4, expand options for non-stem majors
- d. Former SG VP- behalf of Accenture, management consulting, UT recruiting team, summer interns, tomorrow, 7-8:30 pm, UTC 3.110, learn more about company and internship, deadline is Dec 11, resume is due, case interview workshops- Monday nov 11th 6 pm GSB 2.126,

VI. Ex-Officio Member Reports

- a. Graduate Student Assembly
- b. Senate of College Councils
 - i. Andrew Clark- tuition- Horacio and I are in a group about tuition, fixed rate, work through some of this, 2 year tuition will be frozen, not going up, not likely to increase, 4 year rate, adjust for the risk of that, not sure how that would affect out of state students, make decision as campus, not spelled out either way keep you posted, senate study abroad scholarship, Friday, global assist website, only excludes maymesters, academic imp, next Friday, 2.5 or less, made improvement over 1 or more semester, open to people who did that,
- c. Events and Entertainment

VII. External Appointment Reports

- a. Out of state/transfer director- met to talk about transfer figs, not going to happen, haven't been successful in the past, transfer 360 program, support for transfer students, transfer parent orientation because UT is lacking that, expansion of organization, transfer mentor, transfer of registration, meeting with registrar's office to work on that,

VIII. Advisor Report

- a. Marilyn Russell – marilynr@austin.utexas.edu
 - i. Election supervisory board- stakeholders, app out this week, have jurisdiction over elections, in charge of events around elections, cannot be on a campaign, friends or people in orgs, interview and select, in place for election in spring, stipend on board, helping us spread word about it

IX. Executive Reports



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- a. Horacio Villarreal, Student Body President – hvillarreal27@gmail.com
 - i. Lone star showdown- longhorn extra for network doing coverage about that, TX higher education coordinating board, student rep, due on dos website this Friday, tell your friends about it, interview 1st applicant, Union Director, safety, went with utpd in west campus and found 9 stops that are very dark, continue to update on that, Pres Powers will be speaking on Jan 21st, address you guys, apologize for MIA exec board, all have other commitments for SG tonight
- b. Ugeo Williams, Student Body Vice President - michael.ugeo.williams@utexas.edu
 - i. **Around the 40 Acres-** I will be hosting an informative meeting on Monday, November 11th and Wednesday, November 13th from 5-6PM to educate members of the Assembly about the Student Services Budget Committee.
 - ii. **Associate Director of Campus Outreach-** I am working with some member of Campus Connectors to write a bill to create this executive staff position under the Communications Director that would oversee Campus Connectors moving forward. This is also an opportunity to expand Student Government outreach campus wide.
 - iii. **City Issues-** working with Carson to prioritize city issues that need high student input such as transportation, safety, leasing, etc.
 - iv. **2014 Leadership Summit-** Mark your calendars for February 8th. The advisory committee had their first meeting this week and plans to have a temporary list of break out session presenters and a keynote speaker by the end of the semester.
 - v. **Cultural Legislation-** several members of the Assembly and I have been working diligently to bring you a well thought out piece of legislation that addresses safety and culture relevance to the whole campus community. This piece of legislation will be FINALLY finished this week. I will send a copy out to all of you once it is finished. Let me know if you would like to be a sponsor.
- c. Chief of Staff, Braydon Jones – braydon.k.jones@gmail.com
 - i. Hook the vote- large expansion, hard for each agency director to expand each agency, implement to other agencies, deadline is Dec 6th for ads for agencies, moving things over in constitution, executive branch and positions, like definitions of agencies,
- d. Communications Director, Alayna Alvarez – alayna_alvarez@utexas.edu
 - i. Assistant director of new media closed, finished org Google doc, need you by end of this week and email them, send picture to let them know about meetings, shirts, looks really good, googledoc, names and shirt sizes, fill it out, cc me, send out emails let me know, be honest,
- e. Internal Financial Director, Mackenzie Spaniol – kenzieespanol@yahoo.com
- f. External Financial Director, Kornel Rady – korirady135@gmail.com
- g. Administrative Director, Joshua Tang – tang.josh@gmail.com



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- i. Stipend reports for exec been filed, encourage you to read it, univ unions candidates, need student input, make time for organizations, working with reps on stress reliving projects, like to see sg do
- X. Director and Executive Staff Reports
- a. Student Advocacy Director- meet with agencies, send to r and r, make their own drafts, discuss drafts,
 - b. Alumni Relations- created online alumni newsletter for sg alum, start doing spotlight reps, first is Caroline Carter, getting that newsletter, send me their email
 - c. Diversity and Inclusion- make all students feel included, feel comfortable and that they are part of sg, what we are and join our team, event we are planning to set up will definitely include everyone, we have 11 different sections, race, religious, socioeconomic status, make it a bigger scale, doing it by classes, compose of each identity on a table, shirt will have the identity of longhorn and each person can add own identity, shirt that represents them, identity we have campus, race, religion and socioeconomic, favorites, more about you, longhorn that you are
 - d. Philanthropy director- feed Texas food driver, from nov, set up drop off box locations, stadiums, sg, ssb, canned food from 11-21st, event on greg from neighborhood longhorns, giving them tours, student panels, ordered t shirts, appreciate supports, spread the word, emailed many orgs, please reach out to all orgs,
 - e. Women's resource agency- working to expand, 6 directors, lbj school event about impeding abortion actions, being a mentor or mentee, planning for the vagina monologues, social media- on twitter, facebook ut women's resource agency,
 - f. Lla- meeting tonight, 10th year lla reunions, learning more about legislations, fill out work orders
 - g. Students with disabilities- we are expanding and redrafting constitution, create a new exec board, go over draft for a constitution, working on branding, ssd, secure more space for testing, every student has access to that, more info as students come into org, who can gain from it, contacting people associated with it, be a longhorn website,
 - h. Hook the vote- wasn't a major election, much bigger turn out than expected, 6:30-747 people voted in fac, over 10 times what is expected, asking why they thought students were voting, working on primaries in spring, hookthevote.net, creating a committee, gotten a few applications,
 - i. Nontraditional students- cohosting with students veterans, next Saturday bbq, \$10, more info come down
 - j. QSA- queer thanksgiving, cla 0.130 to say thank you, trey is lla for qsa, I am graduating, for anyone who is queer or an ally, know someone who is interested, great opportunity, open exec board spots,
- XI. Judicial Report
- a. Philip Wiseman, Chief Justice- wiseman.philip@utexas.edu



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- i. Last technical reforms, does change the way elections will work, discussion on election board, clarifying things on figuring that out, need to know about election code

XII. Unfinished Business

- a. AB 3- Limiting the Definition of First-year Representatives to only Undergraduate Students
 - i. Didn't change it, all of the first year reps will be undergraduate, how people have voted, focus on undergraduates,
 - ii. Bill passes by unanimous contest
- b. AB 6- Creation of At-Large Graduate Student Representative Seats in the Assembly
 - i. Didn't change anything in our committee, had as many as 4, clearly outlining it as 2
 - ii. Vincent- why we are creating new seats when we have seats are not filled
 1. Wiseman- We separate undergrad and grad, take grad students assigned them rep seats, as reps graduates and undergraduates, est. at large graduate seat,
 - iii. Lee- How will medical school affect?
 1. Wiseman- they will be treated like a school, prof schools have their own unique rep
 - iv. Aimuyo- grad schools have reps changing? Ex- social work have undergrad or grad student rep?
 1. Wiseman- not changing, only for schools with undergrad and grad students
 - v. Vincent- diff between AB 3,6, and current?
 1. Wiseman- collage or school not mcombs, number of students based only on their population, there is no graduate school, created that from populations in schools with graduate students, group all students in their college, issues unique to college also unique to undergrad and grad students, ab 14, 6 and 3, change that, need to maintain grad at large rep.
- c. Grouping AB 6 and 14- heard as one questions
 - i. AB 14- schedule to assign numbers on arbitrary number, 2501, that affords schools to have disproportionate number of reps, mcombs has more students, dramatically different, changed system to be based to match proportionate representation, college of students, as close to 10% of students as possible, based on 1 to 15, about ratio of students, rep can affect rep students, 1500 to 1 ratio works well, 52,000, look at each school arrive at total number of students, take proportion to number of seats they get students on that, (see the video), certain schools have too small to even have a rep, we give them a rep anyway, rep as accurately as possible, every school has at least one rep,



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1. Barth- number of reps for that college change?
 - a. Wiseman- no school changed number of reps, Nat. Sciences, get 7-8, Cola 6, education go up, engineering goes up 5, mcombs gets 4, increase size of assembly, rep students as accurately as possible, 32 reps between college and students, 8 u-wide, 2 first year, 2 grad students,
2. Lee- numbers always calculated?
 - a. Wiseman- calculated every year, charged to the speaker of the assembly
 - i. Houston- not new, speaker does it every election year
3. Vincent- how this done
 - a. Wilson- detailed PDF doc, breakdowns of every single school, goes every year of 98, only time anything change is when a school is added or split
4. Molina- fine arts getting another one?
 - a. Houston- no
5. May- how many schools need one more rep
 - a. Houston- Arch, geosciences and social work
6. MacMath- how would this affect McCombs
 - a. Wiseman- first past the post, have larger colleges, because of the tier method, barred from having an accurate representation,
7. Vincent- would this be good for assembly
 - a. Wiseman- was this system good, that system had not been looked at, look at numbers, those schools are underrepresented because of tiered system,
 - b. Houston- we get one rep, more grad than undergrad, make sure those students are reps, making sure students are reps, we changed system
8. Miranda- affect UGS?
 - a. Houston- no, still has one
 - i. 27-0-0 AB 6 and 14 pass
- d. AB 9- Updating the Student Government Oath of Office
 - i. Wiseman- moving to the way it should be
 - ii. Approved by unanimous consent
- e. AB 10- Recognizing External Controlling Authorities upon Student Government Operations
 - i. Wiseman- Don't have complete control, binded by univ, state, fed
 1. Jordan- legal services okay with this?
 - a. Wiseman- had a meeting, they said yes



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- ii. Approved by unanimous consent
- f. AB 11- Establishing the Student Government Code of Rules and Procedures and Abolition of the Internal Rules of Procedure
 - i. Wiseman- confusing with election code, keep name to differentiate it,
 - ii. Approved by unanimous consent
- g. AB 12- Establishing Protocols for Transparency and Management of Student Government Endowments
 - i. Wiseman- say that we apply for money,
 - 1. Jordan- effect on endowments?
 - a. Wiseman- will clarify those endowments and how they are done
 - ii. Approved by unanimous consent
 - h. AB 14- Establishing a Statistically Proportional Methodology for Apportioning College and School Representation in the Assembly
 - i. AB 17- Abolition of the Bylaws of Student Government and Appropriate Incorporation of Articles into Other Governing Documents
 - i. Wiseman- has three laws of approvals, code of rules and procedures, former 2 have to be approved by the regents, does away with bylaws, will still exist, but outside of that document,
 - 1. Jordan- will they be the same as they are viewed in the bylaws
 - a. Wiseman- Those rules and procedures exist, only have two
 - 2. May- (video?)
 - 3. Jordan- another bill to approve everything in constitution and bylaws
 - a. Houston- coming up
 - ii. Approved by voice vote
- j. AR 17- The Wells Project
 - i. Tendall- part of a hygiene team in El Salvador, the wells project, convicted to bring it to campus, bring it to ut this fall, love yall's support, 10 days project, drink just water, money goes to Rwanda, using comm director positions to get the word out, bringing it to sg with contacts and councils, donate on the app, 10 days apps,
 - 1. Jordan- support student initiative that sg doesn't have jurisdiction to sport? Language is concerning. Why would you need sg support?
 - a. Sherman- need sg help via social media, not financially
 - i. Jordan- precedent for every student org to write a bill of support
 - 2. Houston- enough time to outreach from student media?
 - a. Tendall- starting out small, would like sg's help, sg could be helpful



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3. Neville- how will I be able to support you with social media
 - a. Sherman- sending out email with links

- ii. Approved by 26-1-0

XIII. New Business

- a. AB 18- Expansion of Hook the Vote

- i. Mocherla- take hook the vote as nonpartisan, sg is more institutionalized in the agency, not entirely reliant on political parties, expand on campus wide elections, total number voting is 15%, sad considering size of our campus, website with pictures and statements, amendments came out of workshops

1. Vincent- 15% from 2012 election? Is this a good way to promote elections?

- a. Mocherla- students turned off or angry, yelled at by groups to vote, feel badgered by it, students who vote are more civically inclined, engage students in conversation,

2. Houston- to COS, have you looked over it

- a. Jones- I have looked over it, made a few suggestion, wonderful idea, initially worried about bringing in sg, things he wants to do, really optimistic about this, after you sign this, it would like 8-9 years ago with 1200-1300 and this can help with that

3. Ayn- example of what should be done with other agencies?

- a. Jones- wasn't aware that hook the vote was doing this, look at qsa, lea, lla, come together and form legislation to meet the need of agencies,

- ii. Moved to rules and regulations

- b. AR 18- In Support of Establishing an Official UT Homecoming Week

- i. Barth- update on everything on committee: next week, update on theme, events- parade, rally, court, food drive, IM game, get orgs involved through the week, social media- instagram UThomecoming, have a blog updated, personal website, press release, write article for the daily Texan, fb page, YouTube, hornslink, outreach- college councils, go to the rest of the orgs, still deciding on mums- whether or not to have them, student activities, longhorn bam, meeting with spirit events, most to all outreach done by January, piece of legislation, meeting with univ events on 15th, get edits made this weekend, s/o to llas for helping

1. Jordan- working with black homecoming week?

- a. Strickland: worked with organizations, working with UT Black homecoming, getting their involvement

2. Lueder- does instagram follow back?

- a. Barth- we will make sure

- ii. Committed to student affairs

XIV. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Committee – kallen.dimitroff@yahoo.com

- i. JR 2, Eureka legislation coming next week,



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1. Wiseman- doesn't become effective until both agree on it
 - b. External Affairs Committee – nosaaimuyo@utexas.edu
 - c. Financial Affairs Committee – christopherjordan@utexas.edu
 - i. Spring appropriations, make them better, room from streamlining them, make some focus groups, ad hoc committee, town hall, connection of all of those times, listserv dates on those, how you think it could be it better, \$24,000, split that in half between 2 rounds, deadline for round 3, in sg newsletter
 - d. Legislative Affairs Committee – johnbrown@utexas.edu
 - i. New missions- bringing congressman Lloyd Doggett and Roger Williams to talk to us,
 - e. Rules and Regulations Committee – aghouston@utexas.edu
 - i. Meeting tomorrow 7:30, AB 18, discussions on election code, also discuss other ABs,
 - f. Student Affairs Committee– carolinecarter@att.net
 - i. Last week, survey, please sent that to councils, get feedback to students, meeting at 5 pm on Sunday, mgc, to talk about homecoming, include homecoming in org emails
- XV. Speaker of the Assembly Report
- a. Kenton Wilson – Kenton.Wilson@utexas.edu
 - i. Thank you for being here to going through all of legislation, read legislation before, talking about potential legislative programming, uwide rep panel during filing, well before it ends, talk about experiences as a rep, list of appointments and reps, truing to be transparent, move from hand to voice votes, assumed to be a voice, but in the past gone to hand but now to voice, office hours tomorrow from 11-1 in sg office, when meeting ends, put nameplate in the back
- XVI. Representative Reports
- a. Molina- Internship fair was a success, getting fall break, naming it to extended thanksgiving, quidditch, lonestar cup, 25 teams around the country, at least one person from each school that is playing, we won nationals last year, tryouts in January,
 - b. Houston- learned name of each LLAs, mostly like be a part of SG in the future, national rankings came out, moved from 6 to 4 in the nation, have lots of top ten programs, meeting with grad arch council, chitchat in 2 weeks, interests outside of architecture, discussed funding issues, be involved with that,
 - c. Barth- homecoming meetings are Sunday at 9 pm,
 - d. Sherman- thank you for support on registration, donate to app and website,
 - e. Rivera- Latino Grad, council that received grants, registration in mgc, Native American group meeting called Feast on This, learn about indigenous struggles, in 2 weeks, longhorn pep band, volleyball doing really well, may go to the final 4



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- f. Neville- this week is engineering versus business week, business students is falling behind, tomorrow night is ut/pop culture, design build and sell on Thursday, dodge ball on Friday
- g. Miranda- pushing for online classes, UGS is having meeting about tues nov 19th on Gregory Gaines room, meeting about online classes, asks that your rvps, on listserve
- h. Lee- nursing council is having a cpr/first aid training at nov 15th 4 pm in nursing 1.112 schools, \$65 for both certificates ,
- i. Jordan- MBA for a day, great program, sign up get paired with an MBA students at ut, go to class with them for the day, apply on the bba website, lunch will be provided,
- j. Texas Together week, last night was cultural showcase, ransom notes, hum acappella, ugeo on panel this week, 8 pm, john legend, tomorrow, Texas performing arts pass, jester a 121a will have Admiral Inman, Andy Banks and John Beckworth, panel, bring together ut

XVII. Announcements

- a. Spaniol- capture the 40 acres for orange jackets, going to settlement home,
- b. Molina- sat 9th 9-3, Sunday 9-until someone wins, IM field for quidditch
- c. Tang- resume edits this week, pretty bad rain recently, SE Austin got a lot of flooding, collecting donations for families displaced
- d. Houston- this Friday, Japanese student association, annual fall festival, sing karaoke, best food you will have, make some of that food, Japanese pancakes chicken and rice and rice balls, fried octopus
- e. Aimuyo- Tejas coffee, 9 pm, Thursday, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, cookies, her father was Dean Keeton,
- f. Jones- Roger Williams needs a few interns, email Lani
- g. Dimitroff- interning in Gov. Perry's office, need interns,

XVIII. Second Roll Call

XIX. Adjournment