



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY
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THE **108TH** SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guests
 - a. Kathie Tovo, Austin City Council Member
 - i. Nice crowd, here to answer questions. Served since 2011. UNC alum, involved with SG there. Environmental movement member. KKG member. Work in the community to provide advocacy for environ/prochoice. Didn't set out to be city councilmember. Journalist to UT graduate. Dist 9 resident. North of west campus living. Worked as grad student, ENG 306, women studies program professor. Have worked with students and was one herself. Went to work as lecturer, Student Learning Center to nonprofit areas. 2011- want to run for council. Affordable housing in Austin- would ask for zoning change to get out of statutes that require them to provide this. Voice for austinites. Consider senate proposals. Incentives for out-of-town corporations make sure to benefit all. Proposing environmental regulations. Ordinance that was well thought out. Save our springs initiatives. Urban rail proponent about forwarding public transportation options. Uber and Lyft considerations. Daily Texan article this week- fair system for pricing. Lots of children are homeless. Utility rates need to be stabilized. Austin Energy at odds with city council over raising prices. Issues for students- housing, multifamily around campus. Becoming unsafe area- ordinance changes that owners are reqd to register apartments and have regular inspections- sometimes health and safety issues. Some substandard areas near east riverside. Occupancy limits- one of the sponsors. Rental registration addresses occupancy issues. Highway construction- no homerun, just smaller runs. Lots of measures to solve the problem- sidewalks/bike lanes. Workplace changes to support flexible schedules. Tender 1 (?)- moving the election to November- from state legislature. Charter in Austin says that elections are in may. Voting to change that would be an extension of our own term limits which was wrong. Public should have that right. Ten 1- supported this on the ballot- change from at large to representative system. Law school students have helped in this front. Gentrification- east Austin experienced this, shifting sense of



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community. Fighting this issue via policy. Community land trust. Housing, land trust, hold dev accountable. Complicated issue. Lots of work done by nonprofits. Have you been working with the university on this issue? Concrete proposals, not have many. Need to create some housing. 45th and bull creek purchase by Austin, to partner with UT. Parkland, mixed use dev, affordable housing options.

V. Open Forum

- a. Crystal Nora- Congrats to new LLAs. MEC- Sept 24- native American indian collective documentary. Sept 25- Fruit Ville Station? Hosting an open house at Oct 7.
- b. Alex- former natural sciences rep. congrats to new first year reps. Opportunity on campus- running a startup at Austin- takes 50 students across university- CTO, CEO, CMO. All go to Austin tech incubator and in 3 days they start companies. 3 Day Startup. Develop relationships and work with mentors- founder of Words with Friends. Can create our own jobs- biggest impact of the program. <http://>
- c. Claire- advocacy policy director. Excited for the future. Increase diversity center participation. Multicultural experience center. Diversity and gender expression.
- d. Charlotte McClure- director of Women's Resource Agency. Finding an assistant director. Starting new program- Public Art project w/ women at UT. Spring's production of Vagina Monologues. Oct/Nov- town hall meeting w/ women's issues on campus. More men involvement.
- e. Erin Glein- Students w Disabilities Director- changing to Disabilities Inclusion Agency- SSD right now with a bill. Presented during awareness month. Currently working on rewriting. Disabled students to join something on campus. Helping everyone out.
- f. Jesse Guadana- Latino Community Affairs community- heritage month- LPC and LCA- weeklong series of events. Oct 1-5. Series of events. Carnival- fundraiser for students.
Any questions-

VI. Ex-Officio Member Reports

- a. Graduate Student Assembly
- b. Senate of College Councils
- c. Events and Entertainment
 - i. Neha- chair of texas traditions. Events in the spring and the fall. Hearing about them soon. Headliners. One of the big things that we're planning is the Forty Acres Fest- vote on the headliner. Big concert names- Sam Smith, 1975, Ok Go. Interested in voting. Bad movies! Once Upon a Week event. Screening of 500 Days of Summer.

VII. Internal Appointments

VIII. External Appointments

IX. Advisor Report

- a. Alex Kappus, *Deputy to the Dean of Students* – akappus@austin.utexas.edu
 - i. Congrats to first year rep winners. Point of contact between the 3 SGs. Special thanks to Judicial Court. Lots of work to hold fair election. Switching gears-



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textbook piracy- educate yourself and word among peers. How to avoid doing it- it's ILLEGAL! Very informative. Seen through the lens of the legal affairs. No grey areas! utdos.tumblr.com is where you can find this. Suicide Prevention Week. Encourage support of these programs. Nominate students- bit.ly/oanominationform . Encourage them to apply. Make sure you're taking care of academics.

X. Executive Reports

- a. Kornel Rady, *President* – korrady135@gmail.com
 - i. Congrats to first year reps. Congrats to LLAs. Congrats to Chris Jordan for Suicide Prevention Week. Please change your cover photo on FB. IT/PSAC in support for 24/7 FAC. Android app is still sitting and working for them. Platform point- thanksgiving break extension- 2 years time. Saferide program- usage going up. Steve Hank- meeting regarding tailgating.
- b. Taylor Strickland, *Vice President* – taylor.strickland@utexas.edu
 - i. Working on Brandy initiative. Coordinating with campus master plan. Mobile Safety app- admin wants this. Application in the works. Legislation On the Run tour- how to write. Want reps partnership. Liason to some organizations. Google doc from Nathan-
- c. Chris Jordan, *Chief of Staff*- christopherjordan@utexas.edu
 - i. LLAs been picked! BeVocal- systemwide program for bystander intervention. Getting out to student orgs and talking about the cause. BeVocal training during SG student week. Mark your calendars for this. Longhorn Run happening again. Representatives from the city here- assembly involvement in city issues is great. All on one page. Work with city relations agency. Shout out to policy directors. Partner with everyone is great. ESPN- quick update- FACES- DOS website- rsos can get 500 for this, open till oct 3. Suicide Prevention Awareness Week- Tejas club this Thursday- new workshop dealing with rejection and coping with loss. Everyone is invited. Kathy Redd will speak.
- d. Nathan Waters, *Communications Director*- watersnathan1@gmail.com
 - i. New cover photo. Heads up for campus campaign. #happyhorns. #9 in happiness. Want to get #1. Everyone tweeting at us why we're happy. New implementation- parking application. Working at it. Shoutout to Cameron Crane and Tanner Long- taught me that there are too many buttons to be clicked. Total access to newsletter. CommPomm- 40 acres more interconnected. Email coming out later tonight.
- e. Rachel Miller, *Internal Financial Director*- Rachel.miller@utexas.edu
 - i. Special applications up on the website. Appropriations finalized. In charge of Big 12 Conference. Lots of meetings about this. UT hosting the Big 12 Conference. Kyle at LSAT, wish all SG members luck. Won't be here next week.
- f. Kyle Mason, *External Financial Director*- kylemason1@utexas.edu



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- g. Nosa Aimuyo, *Administrative Director*- nosaaimuyo@utexas.edu
 - i. Getting all in contact with committees. Shoutout to new LLAs. Also to Santiago and Allison. Happy birthday to Tanner Long. Thank you to Councilwoman Tovo.
- XI. Director and Executive Staff Reports
 - a. City Relations- lots going on. Author on both pieces of legislation. TNCs operating illegally, there's a vote in city council. SG has a res. Wear blue at 630 at city hall. In support of urban rail as well.
 - b. Kendall Hughes- codirector of LLA- new LLAs. Long process and applications. Approving work orders. Assist in what doing.
 - i. LLA introductions.
- XII. Judicial Report
- XIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. AR 11- In Support of Increasing Sequences of Courses
 - i. Met to see how it would affect upper division. Give students the Friday off for jobs and careers. Lots of students pack their Tuesday/Thursdays. Tailored to upper division courses only. Room spacing- met with registrar. Couple of things working with it. Everyone affected. Approved by hand vote. 20-0
 - b. AR 13- In Support of Student Tailgating on Campus
 - i. Added citations after committee. Q: what is the next step. Realistic view is a written agreement to start something up next year. Amendment to change comma to period after Mrs. People already have tailgates- why change it. Creation of Medical School- other tailgates are being removed for space. Possible extension of Bob Bullock Museum may take away space as well. Less likely to get in trouble. Rotwein: concern- smaller location used for visitors- we can cater to them as well. Sacks: underage drinking rampant at tailgating. Is there a worry that people drunk will interact with officers. UT will not turn a blind eye. Student tailgate will not be successful without alcohol. Tried to have it dry, didn't work. Students want unified area. Passes by unanimous consent.
 - c. AR 14- In Support of Extending Hours at the Belo Center for New Media on the University of Texas at Austin Campus
 - i. No committee revisions. Passes by unanimous consent.
 - d. Appropriations
 - i. All organizations are on the spreadsheet. Brief notes as to why receive funding.
- XIV. New Business
 - a. AR 15- In Support of Establishing the Hours of the Flawn Academic Center to be 24/7 throughout the Academic Long Session
 - i. 24/7 area on campus. Safe area all throughout the week. Crane: could we change the pcl from 24/7. Gives students more space, it's cramped. Barth: hwere is the



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- funding? Student Services has the funds. Citations are about other universities.
Committed to committee.
- b. Fast track vote on AR 16- In Support of Transportation Network Companies in Austin
 - i. Explanation of fast track. Legalized uber and lyft. Move to amend to add Tanner Long , Clifford, Sacks, Egeland, Bior, Sherman, Geison, Cavazos, Rindler all as sponsors of the legislation. Second. Amendment passes. Capmetro bus, cabs inefficient, felt uncomfortable in bus/cab. Comes late and isn't convenient. Uber/Lyft cost is big factor. Amendment- all sponsors alphabetized- passed. Move to suspend to vote unanimously. Motion passes.
 - c. AR 17- In Support of City of Austin Proposition 1 for Urban Rail Transit and Road Improvements
 - i. City Council- expanding and need opportunities to change infrastructure. Close to medical school, helping students good. Sent to committee.
- XV. Speaker of the Assembly Report- Braydon Jones- braydon.k.jones@gmail.com
- a. The number of legislation that is involved in city politics is great. Give LLAs round of applause. Author some legislation, reps. Seven pieces of legislation. Critical for each of you to review legislation. Rules and Reg still has AB 2. Make sure you are involved with reformatting of rules.
- XVI. Assembly Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. Working on some exciting stuff.
 - b. External Affairs Committee
 - i. Meeting at 6 in sg office. Hang back to talk.
 - c. Financial Affairs Committee
 - i. Gratitude to Rachel and financial committee for sending emails and working hard. Wouldn't be possible without this funding. Amazed by the opportunity to meet with groups on campus. So many great people on campus. Want to make appropriations work a little better.
 - d. Legislative Affairs Committee
 - i. Didn't meet this week. Thanks. Focusing. Dedicated on this issue.
 - e. Rules and Regulations Committee
 - i. Met this weekend- exec session. Open conversation about AB2. Next meeting will be Sunday. Questions that came up- we see fit, the hope is to pass and hear next week. Talk about few changes. Come to the meeting.
 - f. Student Affairs Committee
 - i. Meeting time. Thursdays at 6. Conference room probably.
- XVII. Representative Reports
- a. Nalley- k-12 outreach requires \$20 background check fee.
 - b. Patel- there was a meeting to talk to IFC about sound ordinance. Interested in legislation. Moratorium on the ordinance. Want to get involved to change these. Max



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Patterson- anyone who's not registered to vote. Deadline for voter reg is oct 26. Register everyone to vote. Go to suicide prevention week- has tangible effect on people, life-lasting things.

- c. Barth- Education major outreach open meeting as education council. Rootbeer/coke floats. Best Buddies on Sunday.
- d. Geison- Business cards- on hornslink. Get them in before Monday finance committee. Orientation advisor- having differently abled people navigate campus. Looking to partner with someone to go to Disabilities Inclusion Group. OA is a fun organization to be a part of. Summer job, learn more about UT and its issues to help welcome them.
- e. Long- live at SAC. Meeting with building manager to possible improvements. Any suggestions, send my way.
- f. Sacks- working on CodeForUT- programming competition for CS students to develop for the campus. Wants to bring 3daystartup to UT. Would take advantage of services at this school.
- g. Cavazos- AB 2- made some mistakes with things to include, no authors/sponsors, contact me about edits. No appendix. Adding officially on Sunday.

XVIII. Announcements

- a. Rady- Tejas club- invite to come to suicide prevention coffee at the house. Longhorn advocates application will be released tomorrow. Lots of interest. Partnering with Texas Exes. Next week- want Kevin Hegarty.
- b. Nalley- sat at 1230-2, Chris Riley is having student luncheon.
- c. Daniel Warner- say what it means to organization. IFC presidents right now. Address public safety.

XIX. Second Roll Call

XX. Recess