

Student Government Assembly Meeting
September 10, 2002- Glen Maloney Assembly Room, 7pm

Meeting Convened at 7:00pm

Roll call #1

Approval of minutes

GUESTS

Brian Haley introduced Kirk Watson

Kirk Watson-

Mayor of Austin 1997-2001, running for Attorney General.

Principles to share:

- 1) Throw away the labels- we too often in life label one another (Republican/Democrat, etc.) after we label, we advocate the responsibility to listen to them. Always divided (one cause against the other) “jump ball politics” it wasn’t about scoring- it was about fouling. If I could just get the game stopped...
- We need to hear one another- make sure everyone is at the table. Create processes so that everyone can hear one another. Public hearings- public bitchin’, public whinin’- didn’t allow for hearing. They were always more successful when we sat people down, threw away the labels and listened. Like in family- when we actually listen to one another- we understand
- Brainstorming without judgement- everyone gets their idea out- don’t criticize one another. Create opportunities to listen
- 2) Be willing to take risks- we live in a culture where too often risk is something we avoid- there is value in failure- no one wants to say they failed- we are taught to always succeed. The value comes in the learning process. learned more about those items that didn’t turn out how he expected than from those that put him on the front page
- 3) Have a long-term vision with a short-term focus- Watson is a cancer survivor. had to have surgery and chemo- thought he was going to live- went back to work like a madman- later had to have another surgery—this changed the way he went about doing business –learned at a young age that the best made plans can change in an instant- lives in one year, four year increment- live for that moment, enjoy what it is you are doing with a short-term focus (keep long term in the back of your mind) wasn’t planning on running for mayor- people started suggesting it- he did it and loved it
- 4) Avoid the nitpickers, naysayers, know-it-all, and nitwits- you are never going to achieve everyone’s concept perfection all of the time, or any time. No matter what your goal in this group, you are never going to meet everyone’s concept of perfection. If you let these people control the group- you will never move forward. realize that it

is harder to create than it is to criticize but it is a lot more fun and positive in the outcome

- have openness, integrity, and honesty – admit when you are wrong

- QUESTIONS

Representative Riley- you talk about risks- what risks would you have taken in the Hopwood case?

Watson- about affirm. action- we are not where we need to be in society - my job is to create opportunities (to give back for the opportunity I had when I was young).

Hopwood- lawyers is the only group that is given a monopoly over a third branch of government. We need to make sure everybody has an opportunity to be involved in that. Watson is also a believer that keeping tuition and fees as low as they can. I support diversity as a compelling state of interest. I, if elected, will work to improve diversity

Matt Macowiak- what about capitol punishment? Watson supports capital punishment, but it is not his job to decide.

What type of investigation would you pursue involving ____, Texas? It should have been pursued some time ago- the Attorney General should set perimeters

Representative Mofoye- if you were asked to (as Attorney General) to give an opinion about student on the Board of Regents, what would you give?

Watson- students, the public, city officials, can't ask for an statement from the Attorney General (feels that it is too limited as to whom can ask for an opinion)- when giving an opinion, the Attorney General has to give an opinion on the law- not personal opinion

If you were asked by those magic people to look into, would you do it?

Of course!

Watson's personal opinion- there is a real benefit to having a student voice on the Board of Regents- as mayor of Austin (with 50,000 students) found a real value to that

Email: campaign@kirkwatson.org -feel free to come volunteer and give opinions

Nada- already registered 2200 students

Syreeta- college graduates who commit to teaching for two school years in underprivileged areas. Info session- Sept. 25th at 7pm

Randall Ford- Party on the Plaza

Thursday, Sept 12 at Gregory Gym and Clark Field- profits go to Hearts of Texas

Student organization fair 11am-6pm- last year there were over 100 organizations

Scholarship shoot-out (this year- male and female division) to qualify: make a three point shot

BBQ lunch at noon

Nascar racing simulator (no charge)

Sports autos, rest packages, hotel packages

Golf-putting shoot-out (a dollar a putt to qualify to win a DVD player

9pm- Clark Field- American Pie 2 (has a lot of college humor) Pizza, soft drinks and popcorn

AB 4 To create an International Student Affairs Agency
Univ. Policy- changed 2/3 to simple majority

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. No objections. Motion passed.

VPs REPORT

- orange and white M&Ms at the co-op
- Checklist was put in your box, any questions?
- sign up if you want to help plan retreat next Monday – retreat will be 12-8- meet here at 11
- Jordan and Sly are at a recycling conference
- Stephanie Wager had a baby

EXEC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- retreat is going to be so much fun
- give \$15 checks (made out to UT Student Government) to Alex
- PCL is closing at midnight- we got an hour, if you use that hour (12-1)- we might be able to add another hour (1. security guard price 2. energy price)
- Volunteers in each college –have services been sacrificed because of the higher enrollment of students this year? How?
- Internal Affairs is meeting this Sunday at 8pm- everyone needs to be there!!!

EXT FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Texas Express is starting- you can buy tickets now! Round-trip Austin to Houston \$30, Austin to Dallas \$40- it is a four week trial period, so please use it! Buy tickets from PG3 (Jester) or the P and T office

INTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- groups will be contacting reps to sponsor them during allocations
- 6,500 each semester

AG

Pick up nametags if you don't have yours yet
MCC needs people to sign up for Party on the Plaza
Come help with Sept. 11th stuff
Clean up after yourself after meetings!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- recycle

COMMITTEE AND AGENCY PRIVILEGE

- Haynes- parking for students with disabilities- \$108!!! For a permit- write legislation for this!

Website: www.utrecsports.org/party

Andres Araiza- UT reporter for Fox 7 to cover UT stories. Call: 659-5768

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules and move the Senate of College Councils' Report to the next item on the agenda. Motion passed

Senate

Elliot Kruppa- Senate of College Councils meeting this Thursday at 7pm
Angie Long is MVP of all student governance this week (applause)

OPEN FORUM

No speakers

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- legislative conference this weekend- there are a few spaces left for people who would like to go starts 5pm in the Thompson Conference Center- if you want to go, email Becky
- ESB chair position is open, if you are interested and have no intent to run, have friends who are running, etc. Talk to brad for a description
- Katie is suffering from the West Nile virus (not really ☺)
- if you wanted to help with the state-wide Student Government initiative, Katie has already put you on a list
- Thank you so much, Angie! ☺ sign up for tomorrow
- People helping with the conference, thank you Angie, Brian and Laurie Potac!
- if you have a newsletter article, give them to Rachel

Moved and seconded to move appointments to the next item on the agenda. Motion passed

APPOINTMENTS

- GLBTA- appointed their own directors: Bobby ____, _____ (co-directors) introduced themselves, already putting together programs. will start having regular meetings Wednesdays at 9pm
- SAASA- Kim Ouimette
Introduced self. Questions were entertained. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Motion passed.
- PSAC- Matt Macowiak and Brent Purdue
Introduced selves.

Moved and seconded to move rep privilege to next item on the agenda. Motion passed.

REPRESENTATIVE'S PRIVILEGE

- Long- showed ribbons, sign up for times for tomorrow 9-3- it's the least you could do for America. You can pick up ribbons to pass out tomorrow. thanks to those who helped with ribbons
- Durham- (read passage from a book) _____
- Shuler- yields floor to Harsha Mistry- Pharmacy Council couldn't get shirts printed because the longhorn symbol is reserved for athletically driven organizations www.utexas.edu/visualguidelines let's work on fixing this (separating students from athletes)
- Representative Navratil- GSA (Graduate Student Assembly)- there will be a new college system for Grad students. GSA has secured \$1,000 for each college – will be tied into the college council system
- Bryce- VAV- budget was cut, so they won't be able to put call boxes on West Campus- we will have to find a new way
- Representative Hoeller- SG outreach taskforce- SG Week "Campaign Connect" Oct. 7- we will campaign for ideas and students- not for ourselves. Mon and Wed from 10-2 in Jester, Tuesday night meeting in Kinsolving. Next meeting for the Outreach Taskforce is next Tuesday 5pm in the MIC.
- Cobb- being more accessible to new people to SG
- Representative Pravda- now on faculty building advisory committee
- Riley- committee working on free speech zones –the purpose of the zones is not to limit free speech, but to prevent the disruption of classes. Still working on amplified sound areas.
- Jill George- October 15, 2002 (Tuesday) AAA ceremony to recognize DDP- AAA gives out an award to an org. during the assembly meeting. needs help contacting the celebrities and politicians
- Patrick George- Greek voter registration drive

Moved and seconded to move Unfinished Business to the next item on the agenda.
Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AR 4 Calling for the Gregory Pool Renovation Continuation

Approved in University Policy

One change: Gregory "Aquatics complex: continuation

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Objection. Motion failed

Moved and seconded to call to question. Motion passed.
Resolution approved.

AB 3 To create an appointed position within the Student Government for a Resident Assistant Advisor to the Division of Housing and Food
Univ. Policy voted to table it

Moved and seconded to table bill until next meeting. Motion passed.
Univ. Policy tomorrow at 6pm

- Leith Abdulla- email him with username and password and you will receive an automatic response. Please fill out your page!!! Poll this week is about PCL hours. Please keep updated!
- Alicia and Jessica from MCC- sign up for Party on the Plaza!!! Comm and Agency heads- more info is needed to MCC to help refer new students to a committee
- Byrd- does anyone know anything about film editing on the computer?
- Amber Billingsley- yields floor to ____ - be a FLO mentor!
flomentor02@hotmail.com
- Wei- thank you for voting in favor of International Student Agency-intercession study abroad programs- how to credit it? Any ideas for it? Temporary housing? talk to Wei if you have any ideas
- Sly Majid- recycling- monkey wrench books every Thursday

NEW BUSINESS

AR 5 Calling for the University of Texas at Austin to Adopt a Student Employee Grievances Policy

Introduction. Questions entertained.

This will include RAs, voting on it will say that SG is behind it

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eichenbaum-

Navratil- dart boards

Nam and Brent- Tejas party Sept. 21

Chamberlain- nursing council is having a car wash this weekend

Jill George- Theta house next Thursday all you can eat pancakes

Kirkland

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