

Assembly Meeting – 4/11/00
7:00 PM – Glenn W. Maloney Student Assembly Room

- Approved
4/18/00

A regular meeting of the Student Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin was called to order at 7:10 PM on April 11, 2000 in SSB G1.310. Secretary Lora took the minutes.

Roll was called with the following Representatives not present: Aaron, Bencivenga, Rosen.

The minutes were approved.

There were no guests.

Open Forum

1. Stephanie Tooke – SG Week
2. Ryan Levy – AR 49
3. Texas Union Environmental Committee – Campus-wide Picnic

Representative Friedberg moved to swear in the new members and to move AR 49 to the first item under unfinished business. Passed.

The new representatives were sworn in by Attorney General Olcott.

President's Report

Daron Roberts

1. Appointments – The deadline was extended to today at 5:00. We will be appointing the entire executive board at the next meeting, as well as certain committees. Interviews will start tomorrow.
2. SG Table – Leave the information on the table but when you're working, stand up and walk around and talk to people.
3. Ad hoc committee – newsletter for student government. If you're interested in doing this, talk to him after the meeting.
4. AB 1 – A committee of five representatives sat down and came up with some revisions for the election code. Please look them over. This can do a lot to legitimize this part of student government.

Vice President's Report

Matt Hammond

1. Texas Union Advisory Committee – Make the union a topic of discussion with your constituents.

2. Projects – They've made some changes to the project system. This year we're going to be working with cabinet and each other to get projects done. You'll be working in groups with the other reps from your area.
3. Go up to the office to meet Becky, Annie, Kevin, and check your boxes.

Executive Director's Report

Randy Thompson

1. New member retreat – If you did not attend the retreat, it was counted as an absence. He's going to have a make-up retreat for those who missed.
2. West Mall table – From now on, the materials for the west mall table will be in the UGL. Also, if you have not signed up for a west mall table hour, you need to do so.
3. Drowsy Driving Day – tomorrow! Plug it tomorrow when you're working the table.
4. Postcard Project – There are 3,000 postcards left to write. A blank stack will be left up in the office. Please help.
5. 40 Acres Fest – thanks to Cabinet and the reps who helped with it.
6. Keep bringing your binders to the meeting.

Internal Financial Director's Report

Robbie Macalik

1. The only check written recently was to pay for the banquet - \$300.

Secretary's Report

Aurora Lora

1. If you miss roll call, please check in at the end of the meeting to make sure you weren't counted absent.

There was no report from the attorney general.

Committee and Agency Reports

1. Transportation Agency – Their big project right now is advertising 23-BUSES. There have not been a lot of calls at this time.

Cabinet Report

Katy Zarolia

1. Cabinet is essentially the academic student government with different representatives from each college council.
2. College reps are required to attend college council meetings.
3. Met today with the Provost regarding student input on new faculty hiring. Right now they are in the process of making a proposal regarding this.
4. They're also compiling a list of classrooms that need service.
5. Arabic studies – Administrators are taking this issue seriously.
6. Students can also apply for Cabinet appointments. Applications are due Monday and can be picked up in the student government or cabinet office.

Representatives' Privilege

1. Representative Friedberg – AB 1 – It may be hasty to vote on this tonight. Keep in mind that we can discuss it now and vote later.
2. Representative Johnson – Write down your most frustrating computer problem and give it to him.

Unfinished Business

AR 49 – Calling on the Division of Student Affairs of The University of Texas at Austin to Provide Married Housing Benefits to Students With Same Sex Domestic Partners

Representative Friedberg yielded the floor the Ryan Levy. Levy introduced the resolution.

Representative Mabry moved to move to debate. Passed. Debate.

AGAINST – Representative Mabry – Keep in mind the moral implications of this. He feels it undermines the integrity of this university.

FOR – Representative Hammond, Internal Financial Director Macalik – It undermines our integrity not to pass this.

Representative Ortega asked to make a friendly amendment to strike “married” from AR 49. Not accepted.

Representative Friedberg asked to make a friendly amendment to put quotation marks in the title around “married”. Accepted.

Vote on AR 49. Representative Ortega moved for a roll call vote. Passed (25 for, 6 against, 5 abstentions).

AB 33 – Altering the Timing of the New Member Retreat

Executive Director Thompson introduced the bill. Representative Mabry moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Kovar seconded. Approved by acclamation.

AP 91 – Roustabouts Dance Co.

Internal Financial Director Macalik introduced the appropriation. Representative Friedberg called the question. Representative Bates seconded. Passed.

Vote on AP 91. Passed in the amount of \$150.

New Business

AB 1 – Amending the Election Code

Representative Patel introduced the bill.

Representative Kovar proposed friendly amendments. All were accepted.

Representative Mabry moved to table AB 1. Representative Holder seconded. Vote. Passed.

AB 2 – Rules for Spending Non Student Service Fee Accounts

Internal Financial Director Macalik introduced the bill. Debate. Representative Friedberg called the question. Representative Mabry seconded. Passed. Vote on AB 2. Passed.

Announcements

1. Internal Financial Director Macalik – This week is Rape Awareness Week. Take back the Night is Thursday night at 7 PM on the main mall.
2. Representative Christenson – She is selling tickets for the orange jackets fundraiser. Buy one from her so you can learn how to salsa dance.
3. Vice President Hammond – We tabled AB 1 but make sure you really talk to your constituents this week. Also, turn in bills before noon on Friday.
4. President Roberts – Take a week to look at AB 1, and target your advice to the authors. Also, Innervisions gospel choir is recording their CD live called “Unconditional Praise”. Talk to him if you’re interested.

Representative Kovar moved to use the roll call vote as the final roll call. Representative Hammond seconded. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by Vice President Hammond. The meeting ended with the singing of “The Eyes of Texas”.

