

**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 7, 1992**

**Executive Director**

Please take care of signing up for your speaker circuit groups. It is important because this is part of your obligations.

**Financial Director**

Appropriations Committee will now meet at 6:30 on Tuesdays to allow for the other committees to finish before we meet. One person from each committee has to sit on the Appropriations Committee each week. The representatives that must meet next week are Representatives Barnett, Galbraith, Patel and we need someone from Citizens' Affairs that wasn't previously assigned. Courtney Bartz will be the person to sit on Appropriations this week. We need to give a big hand to Appropriations committee from last week we had over 10 bills and it took over 2 hours. All the representatives that have submitted bills and followed through with them are helpful. The purpose of the program budget sheet is to note the whole budget not just the part they are asking us for. We don't want to bank roll their program. We also need someone from the group at the meeting that can answer questions. We are really cracking down on what the people we give money to are using our money for. Last year we gave them the money and they wouldn't always use it for what they said they were. I will be sending a letter telling them what they can use the money for or it will automatically revert back.

**Vice President**

Cory Ziegler who was appointed secretary has been battling leukemia for the last five years and is out of remission again and won't be returning that position will need to be filled. Anyone who is interested in being secretary please have come see me or Howard. We will probably have a resolution up before the Assembly to send to his family Howard and I are on study breaks. I hear they are out. We did it to encourage people to vote. I want to congratulate everyone that did the voter registration drive we got a lot of people signed up to vote. Doug Anderson said they registered more people than were registered last year. I am on the Student Service Building Feasibility Study Committee with Mike Gray and Paul Leong. We are designing the new building that is going to house Financial Aid, Dean of Students, campus Activities, Student governments, Health Center, It is all going to be in one huge building and is going to go where the International Building is now. We have the agencies on the first floor. There will be lots of traffic and there will be a lot of Students' Association visibility there. It will be a five story building. It will be so convenient for students. Dean of Students and Campus Activities are connected and we are close to them. The Career Center will be on the first floor. It is a really neat thing. It is really good and you need to tell people about it on your speaker circuit.

**President**

Howard said Tuesday he met with John Sharpe the comptroller. An issue came up over the summer It came up that a lot of students are breaking the law when they sell T-shirts or do an event they are not charging sales tax. If there was ever a person out there that complained about it that organization could get in trouble along with UT. I set up a meeting and was seeking a blanket exemption for all registered student groups from sales tax. When you register to be a registered student group you cannot be a groups if the members are in it for personal gain. What they are looking into right now is giving a blanket exemption not just for UT but for around the state for campus organizations that do not exceed sales of \$2,000. You would have to file annually. If the numbers match up it will happen. I should know in two weeks whether or not he will endorse such legislation. If he endorses there won't be too much trouble getting it through the legislature. It is important for campus organizations here and around the state. The last thing they want to do is an audit of campus organizations. This is state sales tax.

**Citizens' Affairs Chair**

Jeremy Pemble announced that this summer Howard got together with student leaders from all the local institutions in the area. We met recently Nina Spiegel and I with the other representatives from the other schools which is their presidents. We met with the mayor yesterday. It was extremely successful. We are going to be working on collecting student issues that affect all of us. Safety, environmental, transportation, shuttle bus problems, traffic and parking problems. The mayor wants to meet once a month. We talked about putting students as ex-officio members to city boards and commissions. His approach was to take our specific

problems and work on them. We have a meeting in November to discuss safety on campus. He is going to have representatives from the Austin Police Department from Public works programs and we are going to be aware what is going on. If you have anything you would like for me to talk to the mayor about please let us know.

### **Cabinet of College Councils**

Cabinet is working on a new thing. We are trying to get a group going called students for academic integrity. It has to do with improving the values of our degrees by stopping cheating. The advantage to you is that if people feel you got your degree honestly it will be worth more. We are looking for people to work on this committee and if anyone is interested in heading this up. We are also working on student feedback forms. We really need your help publicizing this thing. They are pads of paper that asks for instructors name and any comments you have about the instructor or class. They are in the council offices and other places around campus. Tear one off, fill it in and then drop it in campus mail. It will come back to the Cabinet office. We screen out irrelevant or obscene comments and we forward it to the teacher. It is a way to get feedback to the teacher during the semester. It is for any comments either positive or negative. You get the benefit of the feedback rather than the professor waiting until the next semester. You don't have to wait for their lag time to improve their services to the students. Please let others know how to make use of those. Howard was talking about the scholarships and the study abroad information for students to access we are also doing that with the evaluation forms and course descriptions This will be available all year long on a computer. Also course descriptions so you know what is going on and can make better decisions. TETA award for good teachers in each college will be taking nominations soon for the best teachers so nominate you favorite teacher for that. We hope to attach a monetary stipend to the award. Encourage representatives to go to council offices and to the meetings.

### **Attorney General.**

Please put notes that you will not be at a meeting on a regular sheet of paper so I can keep track of them more easily.

A few people will be kicked out of SA after missing the meeting tonight so possibly that will make some of you feel better for coming as we can do no official business since we do not have quorum.

Monem corrected that the impeachment process begins.

### **New Business**

Next meeting we will have double unfinished business.

There was a question asked what if a deadline for the bills is coming due before the next meeting what can a group do about getting their money. Gayle said since this bill included travel that they would be able to reimburse the students but they would have to use their own money and if the bill was passed it would be reimbursed. Also would you have to submit a new bill to be reimbursed. You cannot reimburse for anything but travel.

- A.B. 28 United North American Conference                      Multicultural Affairs/Appropriations
- A.B. 29 Funding for MSA Culture Day                      Multicultural Affairs/Appropriations
- A.B. 30 Local and Consent Bylaws Change                      Internal Affairs
- A.B. 31 Student Services Complex Fundraising Drive                      Appropriations/Student Services
- A.B. 32 Funding The Other Texan                      Appropriations
- A.B. 33 A Taste of Africa                      Multicultural Affairs/Appropriations
- A.B. 34 Pediatric Aids League                      Appropriations/Citizens' Affair

NO QUORUM. NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS.