



110th STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY
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THE 110TH SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING *minutes*
Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: SANTIAGO ROSALES, UNIVERSITY-WIDE REPRESENTATIVE
CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY: HANNAH MCMORRIS
PARLIAMENTARIAN: JADA FRASER

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guest Speaker: Dr. Cokley, *University of Texas*
 - a. COKLEY: Studies the impostor phenomenon, which affects students of minority communities. Being an African-American faculty member cannot help feeling like an impostor. I wanted to project some air of authority and expertise. I wore a suit and tie everyday. My biggest fear was that I would see white students and they wouldn't think I belonged, and that I wasn't there just because of affirmative action. I didn't want to confirm any stereotypes and was very careful about that. Stereotype threat is being so concerned about a stereotype that you end up obsessing over it and can end up confirming the stereotypes you didn't want to. Tried to articulate everything and speak correctly. My experiences teaching have been overall positive. I have not had some experiences like my other professor colleagues who have students challenging them. There have been faculty members of color who have been disrespected. I have to acknowledge my gender privilege, because I know women of color are much more often discriminated against. We wanted to have more influence over hiring faculty of color. The faculty wanted one candidate and center wanted another. That led to the creation of the AADS department. How intimidating it can be to be a faculty member of color at UT. They won't tell you all about it, but there have been many experiences. This is also the same for women faculty members. Don't let the university underestimate the
 - b. BIOR: What do you think is the best way to increase recruitment and retention of students of color?
 - c. COKLEY: One of UT's biggest issues is overcoming its history. Families who have had direct experiences with UT or remember things that have been said about UT that are not favorable. Helping interview people for Senior VP of Managing Enrollment. Many other schools have this, but we don't. At another school, there was a racial incident. So he created a video that showcased a video that manifested diversity in all of its facets. It's great that there was such fast action and evidence that the university would be willing to go to bat for all of them. When university saw that they were only the ones that didn't

- have that in comparison to peer universities.
- d. SURI: Can you speak on affirmative action and its place on this campus?
 - e. COKLEY: I am a product of affirmative action. I would not have been able to go to Wakeforest University without it. I think the way it is administered can be problematic. We know that the metrics used for admissions are still limited in some way. I think we should use the most broad metrics we can to address that.
 - f. COKLEY: Texas' new 7% rule. There are forces at play that want to dismantle that completely. It was to get away from the explicit use of race. I support it, and I think we are the premier state institution and we need to reflect and represent the state demographics.
 - g. MIRELES: I was recruited from Southern Illinois then went to Mizzou-Columbia, and was then recruited to come here. I came here because UT was interested in both of us. It's hard to recruit faculty of color, especially black faculty of color. Many people are finding themselves priced out of being in Austin. YOU RIGHT. Austin doesn't offer much for black people here. Many black people that come here from Houston and

V. Open Forum

VI. Unfinished Business

a. **A.R. 27, In Support of Unassigned Seating in Big Ticket Student Sections in Darrell K Royal - Texas Memorial Stadium**

- i. *We are attempting to change the student seating policy at home football games to an unassigned seating system. We propose to eliminate the row and the seat number from the Big Ticket. Sections will still be assigned to each ticket in the same manner as before. To further clarify, we want students to have the ability to sit wherever they would like within their assigned sections. Students will be rewarded for showing up early to games by being able to sit closer to the field within their section. We believe this will promote higher student turnout at home football games and generate a more enthusiastic environment.*
 - 1. Move to amend a "Whereas" clause.
 - 2. Move to add two "Be It Resolved" clauses.
 - 3. MADDEN: Move to approve resolution by hand vote.
 - 4. 21-0-0.
 - 5. PASSED.

b. **J.B. 1, Amending the Common Code to Reflect Changes of 2016 Election Code Taskforce**

- i. *This bill was drafted by the Election Reform Taskforce convened by Speaker Rosales and Director Bior. The Taskforce reviewed recommendations from past members of the Election Supervisory Board, members of the SG Supreme Court, and the four other entities involved in campus-wide elections. The changes produced in this bill reflect a desire to make elections, consistent, and educational. Many syntactical errors were cleaned up in the code also.*
 - 1. FITZPATRICK: Move to approve JB 1 by voice vote.
 - 2. PASSED.

c. **Committee Substitute Bill 1, Approving A.B. 12, A.B. 20, A.B. 21, and A.B. 22**

- i. *This bill combines the changes outlined in Assembly Bills 12, 20, 21, and 22 to ensure that amendments are clearly outlined and do not contradict other amendments.*
- ii. **A.B.12:** *This bill will simplify the agenda and organize items of business in four categories: 1) Approval of the Minutes, Guest Speaker, and Open Forum; 2) Speaker's Q&A; 3) Working Recess; and 4) First and Second Hearings and Appointments. In the first period, the Assembly will review minutes from the previous meeting and hear invited speakers and guests. In the second period, the Speaker will open the floor to the representatives for Q&A on*

Assembly issues. In the third period, the meeting will be in recess for a 25 minute period of work. In the fourth period, the Assembly will consider legislation and appointments. The overall goal of this legislation is to facilitate concise meetings.

- iii. A.B. 20: *This bill will ensure consistency in internal Assembly procedures by cleaning up phrasing/terminology, by standardizing deadlines, and by removing redundancies in the code that could reduce consistency.*
- iv. A.B. 21: *This bill will make printing materials for Tuesday optional, reducing a large amount of paper used in Assembly proceedings.*
- v. A.B. 22: *This bill will codify the de facto accessibility and open meeting requirements for meetings.*
 - 1. MADDEN: I have a lot of misgiving with AB 12, so can we strike AB 12, and hear it separately from AB 20-22 separately as CSB 1.
 - 2. ROSALES: I am open to that.
 - 3. HUERTA: Can you explain AB 12?
 - 4. ROSALES: AB 12 is about meeting productivity, and allowing more fluidity to the meeting structure.
 - 5. HASHEM: Discusses amendments.
 - 6. Motion to approve by hand vote to separate AB 12 from CBS 1.
 - 7. 20-1-0.
 - 8. Motion to approve CSB 1.
 - 9. 21-0-0.
 - 10. PASSED.

d. Motion to discharge Rules and Regulation Committee of AB 12. Failed.

- i. 4-0-16.
- ii. FAILED.

e. Motion to discharge Rules and Regulation Committee of AR 24 and 25. Passed.

- i. AR 24: Opposition of HB 753, proposal to Texas Legislature to take away from undocumented students to count as Texas residents. This is because these people are taxpaying resident of Texas. They are hardworking students, and taking away this opportunity makes higher education more inaccessible to students of color.
- ii. Motion to approve by unanimous consent.
- iii. PASSED.
 - 1. AR 25: In opposition of SB 4, which is a proposal to put penalties on police officers in which they don't enforce federal immigration laws. It could very much change the dynamic between immigrants and police officers. There is some support in the legislature to pass this proposal. This is something that could change the relationship between the students and this university.
 - 2. HUERTA: Do you think all student reps have read SB 4?
 - 3. ROSALES: Probably not.
 - 4. Motion to approve by AR 25 by voice vote.
 - 5. PASSED.

f. Motion to discharge AB 23 from Ethics and Oversight Committee. Passed.

- i. Motion to approve by voice vote.
- ii. PASSED.

- VII. Ex-Officio Member Reports
- a. Senate of College Councils
 - b. Graduate Student Assembly

- c. Campus Events and Entertainment
- VIII. Office of the Dean of Students Report
 - a. Kyle St. Nicholas – kstnick@austin.utexas.edu
 - b. Marcus Mayes – mayes@austin.utexas.edu
- IX. Executive Reports
 - a. Kevin Helgren, President – kevinhelgren@utexas.edu
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 - e. Jonathan Harper, Internal Financial Director – jharper17@utexas.edu
 - f. Jonathan Dror, External Financial Director – jonathandror@utexas.edu
 - g. Adit Bior, Administrative Director – adit.bior@utexas.edu
- XI. Cabinet of Policy Director Reports
- XII. Agency Director Reports
- XIII. External Appointment Reports
- XIV. Executive Staff Reports
- XV. Standing Assembly Committee Reports
 - h. Academic Affairs Committee, Priya Suri - priya.suri@utexas.edu
 - i. Legislative Policy Council, Charlotte Fitzpatrick - charfitzp@aol.com
 - j. Financial Affairs Committee, Vivianne Tu - viviannetu@utexas.edu
 - k. Governmental Affairs Committee, Connor Madden - camadden@live.com
 - l. Rules and Regulations Committee, Steven Santoyo - stevensantoyo@utexas.edu
 - m. Student Affairs Committee, Micky Wolf - mickywolf@utexas.edu
- XVI. Representative Reports
- XVII. Judicial Report
- XVIII. Ad hoc Reports
- XIX. Speaker of the Assembly Report – santiago.rosales@utexas.edu
- XX. General Announcements
- XXI. Second Roll Call
- XXII. Recess/Adjournment

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