

Student Government General Assembly Meeting
Glen Maloney Assembly Room - March 18, 2002 - 7pm

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Roll Call #1

Minutes approved.

GUESTS

Donna Nelson- (from MIT- professor of Chemistry) Here to talk about diversity issues among faculty.

OPEN FORUM

Ian S.- Texas Wranglers are hosting a wheelchair basketball this Saturday to raise money for St. David's and for a Wrangler Sweetheart who has cancer.

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules and move appropriations to the next item on the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROPRIATIONS

Phi Epsilon?

Pakistani ..???

Texas Devil's Advocates

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

CHAIR OF SENATE OF COLLEGE COUNCIL'S REPORT

Rusty Ince

- looking at Constitution
- Bill to give exec officers a stipend failed last meeting
- working on HB 613 (Senate is against it)- in regards to getting rid of curves

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Welcome all to the new reps!
- Deregulation bills have been filed (HB 3015)
- Next Tuesday- lobbying day (against tuition dereg.) Main Mall 10:30
- The student Regent Bill is still going through- we have had some good meetings
- Has everyone had a chance to do things that were on their platforms? If not, pick someone to take over
- The American Red Cross sent a thank you letter for getting appropriation money
- Way to go UT Basketball- Thursday at 11:30am, there will be a party in the SG office to watch the game

- Keep soldiers in your thoughts and prayers- regardless of how you feel about the war
- FERPA, Red Pill Forum, etc.- pass on to next assembly

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Thanks to all new reps who came out ☺ Please stick around after the meeting to introduce yourself
- Brian and Stacey attended a parking and traffic safety meeting- if the alert goes above orange, there is a plan to barricade the campus. Also, there may be an evening parking permit for next year.
- International Students Council is having an International Week this week- it has been a really big success
- Yesterday, Faculty Council voted to support tuition deregulation and Texas Compact
- Inauguration will be April 1st at 7pm in the Alumni Center
- New Member retreat will be March 30th from 12:30-6:30

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Will Committee and Agency heads write something to help your successors?
- If you have legislation that is not controversial, submit it to be fast tracked
- Welcome Back, Kara! ☺

EXTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Convenience fee for using credit cards on campus- we need to get the word out

INTERNAL FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Will be sending committees their account balance

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

- No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- If you have legislation for next week, please remember to turn it in by 5pm on Friday!
- Give us suggestions for fun awards for the Banquet
- Please vote for Representative of the Year and Committee/Agency Person of the Year
- Banquet- Thursday, April 3rd 6-8pm at Pappasito's- bring \$5 next Tuesday!

REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Bissar- school of social work ...

Representative Durham- apologizes for profanity during last week's meeting; war is here and is real- some will not come back. There is a list of people who supposedly organized the walkout in February (which was deemed illegal). Is this profiling? So what is the war doing? It is increasing racism. We could very likely be attacked in the next two weeks. Enjoy the beautiful days.

Representative Haley- welcome to all new reps. Next year, we will be working on more disabled programs, admissions procedures, getting Braille on vending machines, staff council (similar to SG, but with staff), Harkins will address the assembly later in the year, we will expand the Texas Express to San Antonio, Kevin Hagerty will come to talk about the budget, etc.

Representative Buckley- when war is declared, there will be a rally on the west mall at noon. A 23 year old student was killed this weekend by a bulldozer while trying to keep peace.

Representative Jiang- International Week is this week. We need to voice our concerns about tuition deregulation.

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

NEW BUSINESS

AR 32 Expressing support for the repeal of the provision of the Higher Education Act that denies federal financial aid to any student with a drug conviction (House Resolution 685)

Buckley introduced resolution. Please keep in mind that this is clearly a class issue.

Kirkland: wherever it says "House Resolution" add "United States"

Representative Patrick George is not a sponsor- remove his name from your resolution.

AR 33 Scoffing at the assertion that the Board of Regents is more accountable to students than the Texas Legislature

Representative Buckley introduces resolution. Questions entertained.

Change "Scoffing" to "Denouncing"

AB 20 Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, and Eyes of Texas in Agenda

Representative Pravda introduced bill. Questions entertained.

What is intent of pledge? What about International students?

- Not everyone has to say it. The intent to make it a custom for SG meetings.

What is intent of moment of silence?

- To gather thoughts before the meetings begin

Is this common for Student Governments at other schools?

-Yes

Friendly Amendment: change "Pledge of Allegiance" to "Star Spangled Banner" and "Moment of Silence" to "Collect Thoughts". Accepted.

Friendly Amendment: Change Moment of Silence to Invocation. Not accepted.

Friendly Amendment: Change "Collect Thoughts" to "Moment of Reflection". Accepted.

Friendly Amendment: Add a time limit (10 seconds) to the "Moment of Reflection". Not Accepted.

Moved and seconded to limit questioning period to 3 more minutes. Motion passed.

Friendly Amendment: scratch "Moment of Silence" and "Pledge of Allegiance" and keep Eyes of Texas. Not accepted.

Friendly Amendment: Change "Star Spangled Banner" to "Pledge to the Texas Flag". Accepted.

AB 21 Drug Testing of Student Government

Representative Pravda introduced bill.

So the sole necessary action to ask for a drug test is the request of the President?
Yes.

Moved and seconded to limit the questioning period to ten more minutes.
Division called. Motion passed.

What is the cost? \$11

COMMITTEE AND AGENCY PRIVILEGE

_____ - International Student Council

Gunther- introduced self and talked about need for Ebus funding. Shuttle Bus surveys have been extended

Brent Purdue (PSAC)- be respectful of each other

Billingsley- Mentor picnic this sat. 11am at South Mall- Please come!

Will Taylor- survey by LRA- will be writing a tax-free resolution or

Suran Wije- spent 7 months for a reply from edit of US News and World Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Navratil-

Eichenbaum- Brad really wanted Candace Bushnell from Sex and the City will be here in three weeks.

Jessica Rice- next week is Week of Women (sponsored by the Orange Jackets)

Nam Tran- Blazers are having a Frisbee Golf Tournament

Gunther- this sat. is first annual Earth Summit

Kirkland- kickball tournament Saturday afternoon

Haley- applications for appointments will be accepted until Friday.

Curry- Thanks for a great two years ☺

Riley- encourages ladies to attend the RAD self defense workshops. Go to the UTPD site to find information.

Scott Hanna- Americorp

Chaney- FLO softball won today- Jerome was there ☺

Roll Call #2

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Sang Eyes of Texas