



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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Student Government Assembly Meeting
April 3, 2012

- I. Call Meeting to Order 7:07
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Oath of Office
- IV. Chair of the Assembly Election
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. John David Roberts: I nominate Crystal Zhao
 - ii. No other nominations
 - b. Speeches
 - i. Crystal Zhao: I have been in SG for three years now at various levels, want to make sure we maximize our full potential together and find favor in students eyes to create a two-way relationship. I want us to be a leader in policy setting and see us actively reaching out to students (social media, physical presence)
 - ii. I want all of us to work together as a cohesive body and reach our goals to preserving student life. By the end of the year I want students to see SG in a positive light. I know many of you have talked to me personally and are familiar with my goals, and I don't really have time to reiterate them, but for those who have heard them, I really wish to work on those as well.
 - c. Vote: Approved by unanimous consent
- V. Committee Chair Elections
 - a. Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. Robillard: Nominate Robert Milligan
 - ii. Milligan: Excuse my voice, Ive been sick, I am the new communications representative with Rachel, one of the things I pushed for while running was to try to get SG and Senate to pass a deaf education/deaf culture certificate, want to work with senate to pass some of these things, great way to work together, ask me if you have any questions
 - iii. Vote: Approved by unanimous consent
 - b. External Affairs Committee
 - i. Leonard: Would like to nominate Kori Rady
 - ii. Vincent: Would like to nominate Kenton Wilson
 - iii. Rady: This is an email from Bekah Thayer endorsing me, I have some plans as chair, we have publicity issues, faced negative news, I have talked to people that have led this abolish SG movement and have begun the job as replacing the negative views. Outreach points are a must to increase because of the negative publicity, those are two things that I have done or would like to do.
 - iv. Wilson: Uwide rep, flo director last year, publicity is really big with what is going on, reaching out to students is really important because a lot of people don't know anything about student government. I have been a member of numerous organizations and I have seen a lot of ways student government can



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reach out and help them, my platform has been for organizational outreach, ask what we can do for them, outreach points are a must

- v. Vote: Kory: 19, Kenton: 7, Kory Rady EA chair
 - c. Financial Affairs Committee
 - i. John David Roberts: Nominate Sam Leonard
 - ii. Leonard: Sophomore, Vice chair last year, currently a business rep, want to continue some past traditions but also streamline the process to make it more efficient so that the members of the committee aren't working late into the night when appropriations come around
 - iii. Approved by unanimous consent
 - d. Legislative Affairs Committee
 - i. Gold: I nominate Horacio Villareal
 - ii. Villareal: Second year involved in SG, served as the associate director of alumni relations, uwide rep now, I have experience at the capitol, I have experienced session and how legislation works, I wanted to push across that you are bringing in someone who has an understanding of how things work
 - e. Rules and Regulations Committee
 - i. John David Roberts: Nominate Amanda Goodson
 - ii. Goodson: I technically was not just elected, still in my position from the spring, I will only be in my position now until September, someone will have to fill this later, I don't know how that works regulation wise, I don't know if the vice chair takes over or if there was a re-election, just wanted to point that out, although I was a member of the student affairs committee last year, I understand the committee process and have a lot of good ideas for the internal rules
 - iii. Vote: Approved by Unanimous Consent
 - f. Student Affairs Committee
 - i. Villareal: Nominate Josh Gold
 - ii. Gold: Basically I am really excited, most of my platform involves things that has to do with Student Affairs, I talked to Laurel at the meeting and she got me jazzed for it, I have some big ideas I would love to discuss with all of yall, if you have any ideas just come to me
 - iii. Vote: Approved by unanimous consent
- VI. Open Forum
- a. Samantha Smith
 - i. I would just like to say congrats to all of you for being elected as representatives, I would like to apologize and say that the first email that was sent out to yall was put in an improper light with improper diction, it could have been resolved in a different matter, there are problems with reform in the ESB with student initiative, the election code isn't something that is widely understood by students, I figured this out by talking with students and following the daily texas. I wrote an editorial in the daily Texan entitled DQ

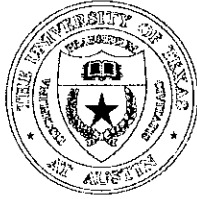


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the ESB, that was my sentiment. I do not want to abolish SG, I ran UWIDE last year, I believe in SG and do not want to ruin all of your hard work. The election code, the ESB, and the judicial court needs to be reformed. I understand your frustration, the diction was off and I am apologizing for that. There were discrepancies within the ESB, and the checks and balances are wrong. I believe in the assembly. There are issues with checks and balances, the judicial and ESB, and the complaint process. I filed a complaint and it was not heard to its full potential. I am in full faith of all of you representatives and I apologize for the light that I showed, and I am in full faith of Thor and Wills. I am in no way fully behind the abolish SG movement. I believe in you and I say we reform the ESB, the election process and the judicial court. Thank you for allowing me to finish my speech

- b. Brian Tran, Students for Margaret C. Berry
 - i. We were trying to get the SAC renamed after MCB, we were not successful but we were able to get the atrium named after her, the presentation will be next Friday, please try to be there
- c. Jaclyn Rosenthal, Israel Block Party
 - i. April 15th from 12-6 in the East Mall (outside the SAC) same day as our leadership celebration, hope to see you go after that, they bring in falafel, henna and other cool Israeli stuff, they have a bounce house, rock climbing wall, embracing Israeli culture, not a political event
- d. John Lawler, UAP
 - i. Big meeting next week here on campus in the second floor of painter hall involving the parking benefit district in West Campus, we are in favor of parking meters East of Rio Grande, this proposal looks at them West of Rio Grande, will send out a reminder.
 - ii. Welcome to the assembly, as a former three year member this is exciting adventure for you all
- e. Jarius Sowell, BSA
 - i. Here to apologize for certain words that were conveyed during my dissent ,some of my words were itchy and understanding that our society is euphemized, its is important that those who want to be politically conscious need to be aware of words, I want to apologize if I rubbed anyone the wrong way, but I still hold the same stance, those were my own words, I support the University in its position in Fisher vs. UT, I wish to see some changes, you best believe that I will be back if I see any problems, you are responsible and accountable for lobbying on our behalf, I hope you have a successful year.
- f. Matt Portillo as Himself
 - i. I was in your seats a couple of years ago and I wanted to say congratulations and encourage you, this is a time of influence, you have earned it. Be bold, be discerning and be wise, but come in here and be assertive, don't let anyone tell



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you what you can and cant do, with your constituents behind you, I encourage you to do whatever you feel is right

VII. Ex-Officio Reports

a. Reid Long, Michael Redding, Graduate Student Assembly

- i. Congratulations and welcome, you have a lot of work in front of you, but it will be a great year
- ii. We have been busy, I would like to congratulate all of you on your election, Thor and Wills we look forward to working with you
- iii. Were transitioning right now, we filled 6 out of 7 of our officer positions, were looking for legislative relations.
- iv. Friday the 13th campus wide committee applications are due
- v. Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation week is now, we raised 3,000 dollars with our 5k, which will go to our travel fund
- vi. Deans meeting tomorrow in the GSA suite
- vii. Agenda is on our website, if you know grad students or are interested in being one, it would be worth it to say hi.
- viii. One piece of old business working on the approval of fall break
- ix. New business: Invest in Texas Constitution and approving officers
- x. Working on tuition benefit for TAs and AIs and graduate student family housing, if you have questions for me you can ask them now, my email is Michael.redding@utexas.edu

VIII. Deputy Advisor Report

a. Melinda Sutton, Deputy to the Dean of Students – msutton@mail.utexas.edu

- i. Megan Degennaro, SG Advisor: Here to say congratulations and welcome. We have a team of professional staff to help you with your endeavors. We have four full time staff members, Becky Carreon, Veronica Cantu, Mindy Sutton and myself. I am located on the third floor in the GSA suite and the rest of them are in the SG Senate Suite

IX. Executive Reports

a. Thor Lund, Student Body President – thorlund@utexas.edu

- i. Very excited to see all you guys, we have a lot of appointments to make, encourage your friends to apply at utsg.org, they are due Friday, looking to bring together the best people from all over the university

b. Wills Brown, Student Body Vice President – wkbrown@utexas.edu

- i. Still trying to get those 1 to 1 meetings together, we need to have professional relationships every Tuesday, but we need to have a personal relationship because we are going to be together for the year. Honesty is the most important thing

X. Executive Staff Reports

XI. Representative Reports

- a. Amanda Goodson: For those of you who were in the assembly last year, and for those who aren't, we are trying to revamp the bevo bulletin to make it more of a guide for



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students, I just got an email from Christi Biggs, they have reformatted it, added more academic content and better messaging, they made it so you could see the pertinent information.

- b. Crystal Zhao: I would like to thank everyone for electing me as chairwoman, congrats on being elected, congrats to chairpersons of committees, we are having an informal get together after the SG meeting, maybe froyo, everyone is welcome to come, we need to develop relationships. I encourage all of you to be bold, there is always something to write legislation on just listen out and be open to your constituents. I have an initiative I would like to share with all of you. Texas spirits drag paint on business windows want to bring that on campus and asked the building managers of the FAC, SAC and recsports and they all approved of it, DoS called them and said it violated building policies for institutional rules, it involved university imaging, if you would like to help support this, I am sure there is a way around this, it would make campus a happier place, it would support athletics, if you're interested I will be emailing the listserv.

XII. New Business

XIII. Announcements

- a. Zhao: Mini-meeting after SG, after that mini-meeting, I would like to go somewhere, does anyone have any suggestions?
- b. John David Roberts: I move for campus candy
- c. Zhao: That place is awesome, candy land, after this meeting and the mini meeting, lets go there
- d. Harris: Judicial Court applications are out on the website, if you are interested please apply, none of you can do that, because you are all in the assembly and there is such a thing as checks and balances, which shouldn't matter because we are all tyrants.
- e. Milligan: Rachel and I are part of communication council, this week is communication week, check out our website and come to our events.
- f. Hernandez: I served as the leadership and service policy director in Butler Baker. The cabinet of policy directors is having its final meeting tomorrow at three, then we will be replaced, we started a relationship with UT elementary school, they still need volunteers, I am hoping those of you who are interested will do it, I will send info to your list-serv, and I will train the new leadership and service policy director
- g. Lund: This meeting is going awesome and I love this fun attitude, we are here to have fun and have a good time, we have a lot of work to do
- h. Zhao: I will be emailing all of the committee chairs soon for the assembly board, please respond promptly, we will be having either weekly or bi-weekly meetings, I will send out a doodle

XIV. Second Roll Call

XV. Adjournment