

University of Texas Students' Association
ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 1989

CALL TO ORDER

The last meeting of the Student Assembly for 1988-89 school year was called to order.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Update: We have a draft of legislation to create a committee to come up with a discrimination policy for The University of Texas at Austin. We will be bringing this up at the next University Council meeting. The problem with us drafting this statement is that we need more than a student-student statement. We also need to address student-faculty and administrative issues.

The new Vice president for Student Affairs has been picked and I think everyone will be pleased with Dr. Vick. We will be submitting a report to Dr. Vick outlining a student's perspective and some of our concerns. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Childcare Association came to us last week and needed small amount of funding probably less than \$40, so James and I gave them this amount from the discretionary funds. It was for a Childcare rally. Students, faculty, and staff will attend. Cunningham will probably attend.

The budget is being passed out now. Look it over. This has been submitted to the Fee Committee. This will give you a chance to look at this and then ask questions. For MIC's balance add \$1,000.

RESOLUTIONS

A.R. 23 Supporting House Bill 692 TASP Revised

This is the same bill just revised. A motion was made and seconded to vote. This bill passed as revised. A.R. 23 Supporting House Bill 692 TASP revised passed by voice vote.

A.R. 26 House Bill 1521/Senate Bill 712

Representative Pevaroff introduced the bill supporting the Student Regent bill in the Senate. Motion was made to pass this bill by acclamation. This passed. A.R. 26 Supporting Student Regent House Bill 1521/Senate Bill 712 passed by acclamation.

A.R. 27 Condom Dispensing Machines this bill is sponsored by Kochman, Tate, Pevaroff, Clark and Horvath. They want the bill tabled and an ad hoc committee formed to work with the Residence Hall Association so we can research into this matter and find out what the students in residence halls want. There was a motion made to table the bill. Everyone was in favor none opposed. A.R. 27 Condom Dispensing Machines was tabled.

A.R. 28 Teaching Excellence

Scratch the first whereas. On the last resolved section it should say Teaching Honors Day. We want to incorporate teacher evaluations in this process. Hollye Stosberg has been working very hard on this issue. We would like to see something set up University wide that would be pay increases. Dean Woodson was the one that came up with Teaching Honors Day. We want to bring this up at the next University Council Meeting. The bill was approved. A.R. 28 Teaching Excellence passed by voice vote.

DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET

Questions were asked for on the the budget for the 1989-1990 year. Gregg Zeitlin is here to answer and questions. This is the budget that has been presented to the Student Service Fee Committee.

Why has the budget increased.

The reason is that you increased the President and Vice-Presidents wages and also gave them tuition and fees up to \$1,500.

Of Course is technically a new program. Travel Allocation is in there. Freshman Students' Association is a new project. Project Reach Out is also included and we will cover the full cost of the project. Last year many things were covered in the 28 account that are line item. There is also discretionary funding under multi-culturalism Projects. It is for things out of Special Projects that we want to continue next year like Black Like Me and India '89.

Union Programming Committee will be cut by \$50,000 so we think there will be a real need for Special Projects Funds.

Representative Alexander asked what was in the fringe benefits category.

Zeitlin said the SA has to pay Social Security for the employees (president, vice president, financial director, sure director, and minority information director.)

Representative Kochman asked wasn't the Student Service Director going to get paid next year.

Vice President Ray said no it was never put into the Bylaws.

The final budget was \$66,432.00.

BILLS

A.B. 55 Gay Rights Speaker

Frank Serio spoke about the bill which was introduced by Representative Wilenzick. We are asking for \$500 to help fund this program. We plan to bring Julie Andrzejewski to campus. We need \$350 for air fare and \$150 for food and lodging. She is the Co-author of Why can't Sharon Kowolwski come home? Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowolski were lovers for 4 years. Sharon was struck by a drunk drive and was unable to move or communicate. She will be speaking on this case and the rights of women. We are also asking \$300 to help fund our film festival. Some of the films can't be rented just anywhere. Also we have to rent big screens video to show the other cassettes. He will be happy to answer questions.

Representative Anantha asked if they asked for help from any other groups on campus. You have funded our speaker for the last three years. After this bill is passed there will be 1,667.91 in General Funds.

Representative Aronson asked how many attended last years keynote address. Serio said over 300 people. They had around 600 attendees for the week long events.

Representative Gates asked when this was scheduled.

Serio said April 16-23 with the keynote being Saturday the 22.

Representative Kochman asked if you have made any attempts to raise the money yourself. Our whole budget for the week is over \$2,500 we are only asking for \$300 and the rest we have raised ourselves.

Representative Wilenzick stated that last year was a very good turnout for the event. He called the question which was seconded. There was a roll call vote in which 27 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain.(29)

A.B. 55 Gay Rights Speaker passed by roll call vote.

A.B. 57 Funds for Natural Science Week.

Representative Kalan introduced the bill also sponsored by Representative Kochman. He said the total should be \$450. Environmental Awareness forum 4 p.m.

Representative Pevaroff asked if any of the speakers were being paid.

Representative Kalan said not they were all professors speaking for free. Representative Pevaroff said this will not benefit anyone outside of the Natural Sciences department. This is Natural Sciences Week and is devoted to the college but is open to the entire campus to come and see what the college of Natural Sciences has to offer. We are showcasing what the department has.

Representative Kochman said they sent a survey to the professors asking who was willing to speak and they were all the people they could schedule.

Representative Pevaroff said College of Communications has their week also but they don't come to SA for money. They put on their week by working hard raising the money they need. The bill is for this week and we are already 2 days into the week. How are you paying for it.

We are spending banquet money to cover this week.

This bill was to be presented last week but we lost quorum and it couldn't be presented.

Representative Bell asked how the attendance was.

The first talk had about 25 people. This was a good number since the flyers and posters did not get out to advertise this session.

Representative Tate called the question and it was seconded. There was a roll call vote on A. B. 57 for \$450 from Special Projects.

The vote passed 16 yes, 11 no, and 1 abstain. (28)

Representative Wilenzick moved to hear A.B. 672 Emergency funding for the Law School Coalition. Motion failed.

A.B. 58 Teacher Excellence

We are now going to go down the roll call and get each representative to nominate one teacher for the teacher excellence awards. We want the bill to read awards given to 37 professors and change the total cost to \$650.

Representative Anantha asked how are the awards to be presented. Will there be an awards ceremony or will the award be given to them in class.

Representative Clark said she wants her professor to know she nominated him.

There was a friendly amendment added to the bill to say the plaques will be delivered to the professor in class by the person nominating them.

Representative Clark wanted to know why we are spending money on plaques when we could just as easily and with less money give them certificates instead.

Representative Wilenzick said he thought that certificates looked cheap.

The question was asked if people who are not at the meeting could nominate someone.

President Hulbert suggested a committee to go over the nominees and cut down on the number.

Zeitlin suggested using some sort of criteria to pick excellent teachers rather than picking randomly.

Vice President Ray said the idea behind the awards was to recognize teaching excellence in undergraduate classes.

Representative Kochman said how are e going tot decide who has a good opinion or suggestion. What criteria do we use.

Representative Horvath presented an amendment to select 2 nominees from each college.

Representative Anantha said there are so many more Liberal Arts professors and business professors that it wouldn't be fair to select only two from those colleges. Representative Sorokwasz said why can't this be handled through the student councils.

Representative Clark remarked on the disadvantages of picking 2 professors per college.

Representative Bell said these awards sound like a great idea but there seems to be a real problem with the picking. I make a motion to send this to committee and iron out all the problems.

The way things are now teachers in the running are those who have representatives in their classes right now. We need to open the process up to students who are not in SA. The motion was made and seconded. There was discussion on whether the committee would ever meet again and the question was brought up that if the bill was sent to committee it would virtually kill the bill.

Representative Wordell said we need to decide the details of the bill now or forget the whole idea until next year's reps can do the project.

Representative Aronson said we are trying to do a nice thing and recognize some teachers we think are great. However some people are trying to create a bureaucracy which defeats the purpose of trying to give some professors a pat on the back. Why not do our thing and get it done. These are professors SA thinks are outstanding.

Representative Tate said it is better to do something about it than to do nothing at all.

The question was called and seconded. This was voting on whether to sent the bill to committee. The motion was voted down and the bill was not sent to committee.

Discussion was back in order on the main motion which states up to 37 professors and \$650 dollars and being presented to the professor in class by the person who nominated them.

Representative Alexander said if we pass this bill we are endorsing as a group all these professors. We are putting our power of endorsement behind these names.

Representative Kalan said he knew personally about 2 of these professors. We really need to put more work into this project. Just because it is being brought up late in the semester doesn't mean we should rush it through. I think we should wait and let next year's Assembly tackle this project. I really disagree that we should do something bad rather than do nothing. That is awful.

Representative Grossman said I think there should be some selection process. There are a lot of good professors who deserve the award. I also think we should narrow the number of people awarded down so the award would be more prestigious and selective. There is no reason for each representative to elect 1 professor.

Representative Olivares said the bill was presented with good intent. If there is not a better selection process why do it.

Representative Tate called the question. There was a roll call vote on A. B. 58 Teacher Excellence Awards. The bill now reads 37 professors \$650 and nominating student will present the award.

A.B. 58 Teacher Excellence Awards passed 23 yes, 3 no and no abstain. (26)

Representative Wilenzick moved to suspend the rules and take his bills A.B. 61 & A.B. 62 out of order because he had guest speakers.

A.B. 61 Forensic Tournament

Representative Wilenzick introduced the bill and his guest speaker Kathleen Jamieson Communications professor and long time friend fo the Students' Association. Also, chairman of the Speech Department. Also present was Jason one of the students who will be participating in the competition. This is basically seed money to get them started. Jamieson gave the details and history of the speech team. She said the team is doing very well in competition and has far exceeded all expectations. They have a chance to win nationals. We are short of getting the students to nationals by \$1771. This is the amount we are asking from you. The Speech and Communications departments have given and the administration has given. Find some way to give these 12 students the money to participate. If they win nationals they will put a tribute card by the trophy saying if not for the SA these students would not have made it to nationals.

Jason Meeker historian for the team spoke. We have had unexpectedly had quite a successful year. Not because the other teams were bad because they were excellent. We worked very hard to get where we are. We won district in Dallas by overwhelming everyone there. Give the speech team a chance the way you gave student radio a chance. If the team succeeds in nationals The University will provide money for the team. By investing now you are investing in the future.

Questions.

Are competitors putting any personal money in the pot.

Jamieson eloquently replied if ;you require students to pay their way you are saying only the rich can compete. You are telling students don't be poor and try to be on any of the competitive teams. We pay for basketball, football etc. to travel why not pay the speech

team. All during the year we have been working on ways to raise money to travel. It is just we never expected for this group to get so far.

Discussion

Representative Wordell asked if there was a compromise figure beside the \$1771.00. Zeitlin asked about some inconsistencies. Like you say 6 days and the bill says 4 days. He asked about the nice round numbers like the \$2,000 for rooms. He recommended seeing a break down before any money is actually released.

Jamieson said you are welcome to make the bill say we will only pay for the things that she can provide receipts for.

Representative Sawin spoke out in favor of the bill. He made a motion to call the question and it was seconded. Roll call vote of A.B. 61 passed with 22 yes, 6 no and no abstain.

A.B. 59 Another Distinguished Speaker

Representative Anantha introduced Katherine Mise vice chair of the Liberal Arts Council and David Thomas Editor of Analecta. They want to bring Joyce Carol Oates an incredible speaker to campus. She will be coming for a workshop which not only includes creative writing but also television and production.

Oates has written in many different forms even as a journalist.

We are excited about SA co-sponsoring this because it does have such a campus wide appeal.

Liberal Arts Council is paying for over half of this ourselves. Katherine said this is of university-wide interest. She is a you and very dynamic speaker. It is of high interest to people all over campus. English Department gave \$125 and Humanities gave \$125. Orange Jackets who usually don't contribute to these types of things gave money. Students are already calling to find our more information and posters have only been up one day.

Questions

Representative Alexander asked about a registration fee. And also why not charge admission fee to hear this speaker.

Oates was really impressed with the idea that this was student run and had student participants. We want the speech open to all not just those who can afford to pay 3-5 dollar admission. Oates is very concerned about the financial plight of students.

Representative Pevaroff asked questions about expenses.

The reply was that it was too late to charge admission and we also want the speech open to everyone. Also asked why these people had to fly first class.

The question was called and seconded.

A.B. 59 Another Distinguished Speaker for \$1,000 passed on roll call vote of 20 yes, 7 no, and 1 abstain.

Motion was made to hear .B. 62 Law School Coalition Emergency Funding

This motion failed.

A.B. 60 Polis Editor

The bill was introduced by Representative Wilenzick. He wanted to change the bill to read that the Bylaws will be changed and added to read an article 14 Polis Editor

Section 1 will say the SA president shall appoint the editor of POLIS to serve a one year term.

Section 2 Candidates for the position of POLIS editor must have served as a POLIS staff member.

Section 3: This requirement may be waived by the Student Assembly.

The bill was requested by the POLIS staff so there will be some continuity on the magazine. This was an Internal Affairs bill and it passed unanimously for the bill.

Representative Anantha asked if the current editor would have any say in who succeeds him.

Representative Horvath called the question which was seconded. A hand vote was taken and it was unanimous. A. B. 60 Polis Editor passed unanimously.

A.B. 62 Law Coalition Emergency Funding

There will be a rally held April 6 at the Law School. There have been no projects from the Law School funded by SA this year. We hope this will be an invitation for them to get involved. Funds coming from Special Reserves are what we are asking for. TSL is on the bill because they are trying to get speakers from the Legislature to come and speak and we hope TSL can help us get more people. Jim Maddox will be there and we hope Ann Richards. At the law school there are no Hispanic professors, only 3 black, and 4 women. We want this lack of minorities recognized and policy changed to encourage a better show as minority professors. We want feed back on how professors are chosen and hope to influence policy for hiring. We also want to increase minority enrollment in the law school.

Representative Wordell asked about intention.

Representative Horvath asked if you have approached the faculty about this.

no

Representative Kochman said it is a worthwhile cause but why is 1/3 of the budget for refreshments.

Representative Wilenzick said the event was to focus on a Teach-In.

Representative Kochman said what is it a Teach-In and Buffet.

Representative Anantha asked about printing.

Someone asked what the stickers said. Zeitlin said you come here last minute and you tell us you put these figures down pretty much at random. This is not at all responsible

THE MINUTES TO THIS MEETING ARE INCOMPLETE DUE TO THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE TAPES RECORDED AT THE MEETING DISAPPEARED.

Assembly Roll and Voting Record

Session AS 55 AS 57 Day AS 58 AS 59 Tuesday Date 3-28-89

Representative	Roll	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Anantha		Y	N	Y	N	Y							
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Franco		Y	N	Y	Y	N							
Gates		Y	N	Y	N	Y							
Grossman		Y	N	Y	N	Y							
Harrison		Y	N	Y	Y	Y							
Horvath		Y	Y	Y	Y	N							
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Tucker													
Wilenzick		Y	N	Y	Y	Y							
Wordell		N	Y	Y	Y	Y							
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No		1	11	3	6	7							
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