



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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University of Texas Student Government Assembly Meeting January 15, 2002–Glenn Maloney Assembly Room 7pm

Meeting began at 7:06PM.
Roll call was taken.

Seth Kovar (Communications) moved & Representative Katie King (One Year) seconded to suspend the rules and to swear in Kim Ross as Communications Director. Motion passed.

Kim Ross was sworn in by Lars Clemensen.

GUESTS

None

OPEN FORUM

Andrew Freidberg-He would like the Assembly to consider a proposal to abolish the Fee Oversight Committee and consider a proposal along with AR 21. Mr. Freidberg recommends that SG is always on watch to what goes on within the University and oversee any committees as to their legitimacy.

Michael Hoffman-Spoke about the process in which the fee increase was presented. Students should have a voice in issues on campus, we want to send a message that students care. I ask you to put the administration on notice that we care about what goes on. The hearing is this Thursday in Batts 7 at 7pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Matt Hammond

- Infrastructure Fee Increase-Matt described the increase and the proposal President Faulkner created. The increase will be \$230 a semester and will increase \$100 a year for 4 years. This fee does not need approval of Students or the Legislature; it only requires the approval of the Board of Regents. There have been several meetings this week with administrators. Matt also stated that this fee is not fair to undergraduate students and things have been proposed to ensure that the students who are paying for this will benefit from it as well. Another issue to meet with administrators for is so this does not happen again. There was a question & answer session.

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules and move AR 21 to next item on the agenda. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

AR 21 *Highlighting the inefficiencies in the process of the proposed fee increase.*

Rules were suspended to fast track the resolution. Resolution was approved and fast-tracked in meeting by Internal Affairs members.

The resolution was introduced by authors Representatives Angie Long (Two Year) and Stacey Kounelias (Two Year), and Robby Slaughter.

Friendly amendments were offered by the Assembly and accepted by the authors regarding the wording and intent.

Questions were entertained.

Moved into debate.

For-Internal Financial Director Shawn Abboud

Against-none

Moved and seconded to call the question. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution will be sponsored by the entire Assembly.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Jarrad Toussant

- There has been lots of press concerning this fee. This is the largest fee increase seen at the University. This is a serious issue and students are getting emotional about it.
- Monday 8pm in the SG office, after the Thursday hearing, we will meet with anyone who is interested in this effort.
- Speaker's Circuit will begin again next week.

Executive Director's Report Lars Clemensen

- Think about how you want to energize the parents, candidates, and superintendents who can be critical of a fee like this. Be prepared to meet with people and tell them student input.
- Another issue we are pushing is student representation on the Board of Regents. This has been a fight since the 60's and we are going to utilize this increase to help us with "taxation=representation".
- College Reps. will receive a list of questions to ask your councils. This is to help keep track of your attendance, but also for feedback for several things coming up.

Internal Financial Director's Report Shawn Abboud

- Appropriations start next week. Important dates are: Mandatory info sessions next Tuesday and Thursday; Applications are due on Jan. 28th at 4pm; Interviews will take place Jan. 29-31; Feb. 5th Assembly Meeting will be final approval of appropriations.
- If you want to serve on the committee, email Shawn.

External Financial Director's Report Hollye Sears

None

Attorney General Pranav Gandhi

Absent

Secretary of the Assembly Jessica Cole

None

Chair of the Cabinet of College Councils Kevin Robnett

- This increase issue is an ongoing fight. We are creating a survey concerning the fees and the flat rate tuition. Please come to the meeting on January 24 in the SSB.

REPRESENTATIVE'S PRIVILEGE

Rendi Norwood (One Year)-We do not have the money to build outdoor pool facilities anymore.

Sunil Varghese (Business)-Congratulations on the Dean of Students search.

Sly Majid (Two Year)-Bring the people who do not feel SG does a job to fight this fight with us!

COMMITTEE AND AGENCY PRIVILEGE

Steve Lechlop (University Policy)-Meeting times will be moved because of class conflicts. Don't forget our Centennial Project and do not forget about those issues.

Tom Woolsey(Transportation/University Policy)-Parking was moved back to 4pm student access.

Nekeenya Haynes(MIC)-First meeting of the Retention and Recruitment Agency is Thursday at 5pm in the SSB 3.406. Come join the MLK celebration on Monday.

Arute -Chair of the ADHOC Committee, please come and get involved on our meetings! Meetings are Wednesdays at the UTC 1.116 at 4pm.

Paul Dabney(SSD)-Meetings will be the same time, every other Thursday at 4pm in the SSB.

Clay Bradley (LRA)-Someone will come to speak about lightrail soon. No new meeting times yet.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion failed.

Presentation by Cody Morris and Hollye Sears regarding Texas Revue. Cast was announced.

Moved and seconded to use the first roll call and adjourn meeting. Motion passes.

Meeting ended at 8:51pm with the singing of the "Eyes of Texas."