

Assembly Meeting - 9/28/99  
7:00 PM - Glenn W. Maloney Student Assembly Room

A regular meeting of the Student Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin was called to order at 7:07 PM on September 28, 1999 in SSB G1.310. Secretary Lora took the minutes.

Roll was called at the beginning of the meeting with the following representatives, committee and agency heads, and executive board members not present: Gardner, Garner, Halstead, Levy, Pichardo, Quintanilla, Rosen, Dibrell, Finch, Smith, Chao, Cunningham, Wood, Randazzo.

The minutes were approved with the following changes noted: Robby Slaughter's name is spelled wrong.

Guests:

Dr. James Vick, Vice President for Student Affairs and

Dr. Sharon Justice, Dean of Students -- goals for the year; question and answer session

There were no open forum topics.

President's Report

Parisa Fatehi

1. Hook the Vote - We really need to work hard because we do not have much time left. Our challenge is to each register 50 people and speak to two organizations. In addition, we're going to be talking to classes, working the tables, and blockwalking. Our deadline is October 4 at 4 PM.
2. Academic Advising day is tomorrow from 9 AM - 4 PM. Some of you will work the academic advising tables tomorrow, the rest will be registering voters.
3. The sign-up sheet for the dinner at President Faulkner's house has been posted. Sign up tonight if you're interested in attending.
4. The Cabinet mixer is October 14 at 6 PM. The cost will be \$3.
5. Judicial commission appointments will be made next week. Please review their applications before the next meeting.
6. The neighborhood association for the north campus are will be meeting this week. We might want to send some people to visit the meeting.
7. Congrats to all the outstanding student finalists in the room (Opiela, Galvan, Patel, Lora).
8. Regarding external appointments to committees: If you're appointed to a committee, you need make sure people know that and let them know how to contact you with their concerns.

Vice-President's Report

Eric Opiela

1. Presidential standing committees now have a link from the UT home page to the faculty council page.
2. The Parking and Traffic policy committee will be meeting this week. They are trying to make parking easier for students. One idea they have is student carpool parking. Please let Eric know what your thoughts are on this.
3. Bills and resolutions - Representatives haven't been sponsoring many lately. If you feel strongly about something, please write a bill or resolution and get it to Eric by Friday to be put on the agenda.
4. Each representative needs to e-mail Eric about the status of their project by October 1.
5. All college representatives must attend their college council meetings each week.
6. Representative Levy has asked Eric to pass out a paper about "Dining for Life" which will take place on Monday. We may organize a group to go support it.
7. Changes have been proposed to make to the business school's undergraduate catalog. He has the list of changes, but needs some input. He needs to turn in objections by Thursday.

Executive Director's Report

Randy Thompson

1. West mall tables went up last week. You should have gotten an e-mail this week. If you never signed up, you need to do so. All reps need to work the tables 1 hour/week.
2. Member of the Week - Dan Randazzo for his hard work and dedication in working the tables this week.
3. AR 26 is a resolution in support of Eric Bowles. It is currently not on the agenda, but someone might want to add it to the agenda so that we can vote on it.
5. More on tables - if you get to the west mall and there is no table there, check one out!

Internal Financial Director's Report

Robbie Macalik

1. We received 51 applications for appropriations and will be giving out \$7000 to organizations. All appropriations will be decided by Saturday. Next week we'll begin approving them.

External Financial Director's Report

Jamille Wilkes

1. The numbers are in from the summer and beginning of September for phone cards and fundraising. She's willing to go over those numbers with anyone interested.
2. Please notice the props and honesty box comments printouts in the back of the room.

Attorney General's Report

Jake Olcott

1. Special thanks to whoever wrote the props to him.

There was no report from the secretary.

## Cabinet of College Councils' Report

Sara Galvan

1. Cabinet reps are now holding office hours so the office should be more open. If you can't make it to your college meeting, go talk to your council president during their office hour.
2. She has scheduled a meeting with the provost to earn support for service-learning.
3. Cabinet is putting on a budget seminar called BUDGET 101 to help students learn where their money goes.
3. The university funding forum with SG was fun and had a great turnout.
4. Cabinet had a retreat last weekend which was a big success.

## Agency and Committee Reports

1. Student Services Committee - Trilli reported that the meetings for the Big 12 Conference are really short, generally 15-20 minutes long. Every week there will be a different meeting time. There's a sign-up sheet for this Thursday at 6 and next Tuesday at 6. Also, let her know if you're interested in attending the conference.
2. Legislative Relations Agency - Clemensen reported that LRA has printed up yellow sheets about upcoming election.
3. Student Forum Agency - Tooke reported that there will be a forum tomorrow at WC Hogg auditorium after the legislators reception.
4. Fundraising Committee - Gupta reported that the committee will be organizing a fundraising activity to paint faces and sell noisemakers at an upcoming football game.
5. Citizens Affairs Committee - Davis would like people to sign up for Project Reachout.
6. University Policy Committee - Lissner reported that they've set up two subcommittees to work on parking issues and housing issues. The next meeting will be tomorrow at 7 PM in SSB 3.406.

## Representatives' Privilege

1. Representative Friedberg - Please think about AB 13 and read what Victor wrote. Also, next week he'll be writing a resolution about a mandatory orientation fee.
2. Representative Cash - Sometimes he gets two of the same e-mail from SG. We'll work on getting that fixed.
3. Representative Dickerson - Thanks to everyone who is wearing their SG shirt.
4. Representative Tabor - Thanks for coming out to the unveiling of the MLK statue.
5. Representative Tran - She would like to set up a scholarship to go for service and name it in honor of Glenn Maloney. Needs \$15,000 to get it started. Talk to her if you're interested.

Representative Woods moved to suspend the rules to put new business before old business. Representative Murphy seconded. Passed.

## New Business

### **AB 14 - To conduct a referendum concerning the Medical Services Fee Cap**

Representative Donde presented the bill. The referendum has moved to November 10-11. She's going to send an e-mail about the different sides of the referendum so we can educate students. Representative Gross moved to suspend debate to allow for an approval by a vote of acclamation. Representative Friedman seconded. Division called. (8 for, 13 against). Failed. There was no debate. Vote. AB 14 passed.

Representative Hammond moved to suspend the rules to consider AR 26. Representative Woods seconded. Passed.

### **AR 26 - Commend Mr. Eric Bowles for his dedication to Student Government**

Executive Director Thompson introduced the resolution. Representative Raman moved to suspend debate to allow the assembly to approve by acclamation. Representative Babcock seconded. Passed. Approved by a vote of acclamation.

## Unfinished Business

### **AB 13 - Providing for a Student Body Referendum to Amend the Student Government Constitution**

Vice President Opiela moved to take AB 13 off the table. Representative Hammond seconded. Passed. AB 13 is on the agenda.

Debate.

FOR - Representative Hammond - One of the main criticisms is from the issue of free speech of individuals vs. free speech of the government. Most people on this campus do not think of us as a government because we do not have most of the functions that a normal government has. We are advocates for students and therefore, ought to have the ability to address issues of interest to students. Also, we would only be addressing issues that pertain specifically to the university, not just any issue that we please.

AGAINST - Representative Raman - We like to believe that we represent the student body but we will not represent all of the student body if we choose a side. Also, would like to propose two friendly amendments to AB 13.

Representative Raman moved to make a friendly amendment to change 2/3 to a 3/4 majority vote. Representative Friedberg seconded. Debate. Vote on friendly amendment. Division called. (14 for, 12 against). Passed.

Representative Raman moved to make a second friendly amendment that would require the assembly to take an official poll of students to determine what type of stand they should take on an issue. Seconded. Debate.

AGAINST - Representatives Barrera, Friedberg, President Fatehi - The general idea is that this could be a little excessive.

Representative Gross moved to call the question. Representative Murphy seconded. Failed.

Cash moved to make another friendly amendment to change the term "student body" to "the University of Texas at Austin". However, it was determined that this would violate some rules because the assembly cannot represent anyone other than the student body. Motion was withdrawn.

Representative Murphy moved to end debate. Representative Davis seconded. Passed. Vote on AB 13 as amended with the 3/4 majority vote. Needs 25 votes to pass. Roll was called by Secretary Lora and it was established that 29 voters were present.

Representative Gross moved to make the vote a roll call vote. Representative Donde seconded. Passed. Secretary Lora took a roll call vote. (17 for, 12 against). AB 13 failed.

Representative Day moved to suspend breakout sessions until the meeting next week. Representative Murphy seconded. Passed.

#### Announcements

President Fatehi - The Travis county legislators reception is tomorrow.

Representative Cash - His play is October 22-23 in BATTIS 7 around 7 PM.

Representative Davis - Read a quote of the week from Margaret Mead.

Executive Director Thompson - Sign up for west mall table at the front.

LRA Co-Director Bosquez - Please pick up some of their yellow fliers to at the tables this week.

Correspondent of the week - Representative Tran

Representative Raman moved to use the last roll call as the final roll call. Representative White seconded. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM by Vice-President Opiela. The meeting ended with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas".

