



111th STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY
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THE **111TH** SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: MADISON HUERTA

CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY: HANNAH McMORRIS

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guest
- V. Open Forum
- VI. External Appointments (See Page 3)
- VII. Internal Appointments (See Page 4)
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. A.B. 1 - A Bill Creating Executive Summaries for Legislation
 - i. PASSED.
 - b. A.R. 10
 - i. PASSED.
 - c. 10-Minute Recess
 - i. Discussion of recent events.
 - d. A.B. 2
 - i. PASSED.
- IX. New Business
 - a. A.R 10 - In Support of Formation of Methane Emissions Working Group to Cut Methane Emissions on University Land, *fast-track requested*
 - i. KANG: Calls for Chancellor McRaven to be accountable for methane emissions on land that is leased to oil and gas companies. Portion of methane emissions to be cut. We had a favorable response from him but there has been no action. This legislation is a follow-up. Several dozen faculty are in support of this.
 - ii. TU: I am in support of this bill but don't think it should be fast-tracked. Since this is a new assembly, they do not have the same context around it. When we brought the past legislation to McCombs, there were a lot of people challenging it and fast-tracking doesn't give us any time to talk to our constituents or

committees. This is the last meeting and if this piece of legislation was this urgent, it should have been brought earlier, and the original legislation should also have been stapled to the back of this.

- iii. We are asking for something we already asked for before but we are just asking for a more specific follow-up. I don't think this requires a longer process or time to go through committees. We are not directly getting
- iv. TU: We really need to make sure that students are on board with this. If we go through with this fast-track, we are not giving our constituents a chance to speak. If we do this, it says Student Government isn't going through with the ideas it came up with in the original legislation.
- v. If we were going to fast-track, I think it would be great to fast-track something that was approved by all colleges. We want to be more specific here with asking what we want him to do. This is a very complex issue that won't be solved in a day. The timing is also important because what is going on in our climate right now. What starts here changes the world. When we do something, other universities also follow. We know there are other faculty members who want this as well.
- vi. KANG: It also says we are keeping assembly accountable. We are paying attention to actions of Student Government. We are not just passing legislation and forgetting about them.
- vii. TU: If we pass this legislation, we are taking away the voices of people. We are backing a legislation that is not fully developed. To fast-track and approve it would be a disservice to the student body.
- viii. We've collected over 6,000 students signed the petition. After educating people, we had a huge positive response. All of the information is in the addendum but all of the relevant information for you to make your decision is in there.

ix. PASSED.

b. A.R. 11 - In Memory of Harrison Brown, *fast-track requested*

- i. BONNER: It was written by former student leaders and former executive board members. They wanted to do this in honor of John's family and Harrison's memory. I would like this to be a first step, but I would look to more way when we get back and during this summer to ease some tensions in a lot of different communities for a lot of different reasons and with administration.
- ii. Motion to add everyone as sponsor.
- iii. Motion passed.
- iv. Tabled due to proposed amendment.
- v. Move to amend the reference to the Phi Delt fraternity in the Whereas clause.
- vi. Motion to fast track.
- vii. Fast track approved.

viii. PASSED.

- c. A.B. 2 - Amending The Code of Rules and Procedures to Increase Efficiency of First Reading, *fast-track requested*

I. PASSED.

- X. Ex-Officio Member Reports
 - a. Senate of College Councils
 - b. Graduate Student Assembly
 - c. Campus Events and Entertainment
- XI. Office of the Dean of Students Report
 - a. Kyle St. Nicholas – kstnick@austin.utexas.edu
- XII. Executive Reports
 - a. *President* – Alejandrina Guzman
 - b. *Vice President* – Micky Wolf
 - c. *Chief of Staff* – Santiago Rosales
 - d. *Communications Director* – Ryan Phillips
 - e. *Internal Financial Director* – Eric Saldanha
 - f. *External Financial Director* – Cameron Maxwell
 - g. *Administrative Director* – Kristen Moore
- XII. Cabinet of Policy Director Reports
- XIII. Agency Director Reports
- XIV. External Appointment Reports
- XV. Executive Staff Reports
- XVI. Standing Assembly Committee Reports (Announcement of Committees)
 - a. Academic Affairs Committee, – Raphael Jaquette
 - b. Financial Affairs Committee, – Vivianne Tu
 - c. Ethics and Oversight Committee, - Charolette Fitzpatrick
 - d. Governmental Affairs Committee, – Charlie Bonner
 - e. Rules and Regulations Committee, – Chloe Harfield
 - f. Student Affairs Committee, – Maher Rahman
- XVII. Representative Reports
- XVIII. Judicial Report
- XIX. Ad hoc Reports
- XX. Speaker of the Assembly Report – Madison Huerta
- XXI. General Announcements
- XXII. Second Roll Call
- XXIII. Recess/Adjournment

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External Appointments

- A. Admissions and Registration Committee - Farhan Manjiyani:
- B. Central Austin Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee - Aman Hingu:
- C. Central Austin Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee - Sylvia Feghali:
- D. Counseling And Mental Health Center Advisory Board - Parth Kalaria: APPROVED.
- E. Faculty Building Advisory Committee - Andrew Curran:
- F. Faculty Council - Jasleen Shokar:
- G. Information Technology Committee - Ramsey Hashem: APPROVED.
- H. International Education Fee Scholarship Committee - Shezaz Hannan:
- I. Legal Services For Students Advisory Committee -Rebecca Sostek: APPROVED.
- J. Men's Athletic Council - Andrew Bramlett:
- K. Women's Athletic Council - Matt Offill: APPROVED.
- L. Parking and Traffic Appeals Panel - Michael Pontikes: APPROVED.
- M. Pease Park Conservancy - John Whelan:
- N. President's Student Advisory Committee - Jennell Benson: APPROVED.
- O. President's Student Advisory Committee - Lizzy Tan: APPROVED.
- P. Spirit And Traditions Council - Drishti Wadhwa:
- Q. Student Health Center Advisory Committee - Ethan Loftspring: APPROVED.
- R. Student Health Center Advisory Committee - Janelle Chavez: APPROVED.
- S. Student Services Budget Committee - Christopher Whitehair: APPROVED.
- T. Student Services Budget Committee - Isabel Chou: APPROVED.
- U. Technology-Enhanced Education Oversight Committee - Elizabeth Haynie: APPROVED.
- V. Texas Student Media Board Of Directors - Grace Gilker:
- W. University Area Partners - Caroline Graves: APPROVED.
- X. University Area Partners - Grayson Pennington: APPROVED.

Y. University Unions Board Of Directors - Colton Becker:

Internal Appointments:

- A. Associate Director of Auditing (Financial) - Noah Sher: APPROVED.
- B. Associate Director for External Appointments - Alyssa Ashcraft: APPROVED.
- C. Associate Director for External Appointments - Will Levine: APPROVED.
- D. Associate Director of Fundraising - Sunay Nanavati: APPROVED.
- E. Associate Director of Scholarship - Gary Levine:
- F. Associate Director for Social Activity - McKanie McNamara: APPROVED.
- G. Associate Director for Social Activity - Tara Mehta:
- H. Associate Director for Student Government History - Natalie Sos:
- I. Diversity and Inclusion Agency Director - Maranda Burkhalter: APPROVED.
- J. Improve UT Challenge Agency Director - Siddhant Ahuja: APPROVED.
- K. Federal Relations Agency Director - Samuel Cervantes: APPROVED.
- L. First-Year Leadership Organization Director - Morgan Witt: APPROVED.
- M. Hook the Vote Agency Director - Neil Hernandez: APPROVED.
- N. Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency Director - Daniel Miyares: APPROVED.
- O. Out of State International and Transfer Student Agency Director - Alice Sanchez:
APPROVED.
- P. Queer & Trans Students Alliance Director - Josh Rudd: APPROVED.
- Q. Queer & Trans Students Alliance Director - Alexia Puente: APPROVED.
- R. Solicitor General - Ryan Tahmassebi: APPROVED.