

## Minutes for October 23, 2007 Meeting

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Meeting commenced at 7pm
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes- October 9, 2007- Minutes approved
- IV. Guests
  - A. Cliff Brown, Office of the Police Monitor
    1. Austin is the leader in Texas for Police oversight (checks and balances)
    2. Office provides mechanism for citizens to file complaints
    3. Office accompanies citizens through complaint process
    4. Separate agency, apart from Police Department
    5. Wants to make sure student make good decisions during their interactions with Austin Police Officers
    6. Regardless of what happens during Police interactions, understand that the situation will not be resolved on the street
    7. Instead, contact the Office of the Police Monitor to resolve issues
    8. Oversight provides transparency, accountability, and trust
    9. Ph. (512) 974-9090
    10. Email: [police.monitor@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:police.monitor@ci.austin.tx.us)
    11. Office handles about 600 complaints every year
    12. You must be a participant or witness of a situation in order to file a complaint
    13. Approximately 10% of complaints are from students, typically for situations taking place in the Entertainment District
    14. Office has a diverse City Review Panel appointed by City Manager that serves as the eyes of the community
    15. Any citizen has the right to go to the Citizen Review Panel, which can then make recommendation to the Austin Police Department about investigation and policies and procedures
    16. Primary objective is to raise awareness of the office in the community and create dialogue
- V. Open Forum
  - A. Survey for constituent's management class
  - B. CEC
    1. Dorm Energy Challenge- Month of October
    2. Campus Sustainability
    3. America Recycles Day- November 15, South Mall
  - C. Camp Ozark recruiting summer counselors and interns, tabling on West Mall
  - D. Gandhi Statue Task Force
    1. Seeks signatures for petition
    2. Meetings Mondays, 5pm
  - E. Texas Student Media
    1. Union Board- Appropriated funds to committees

- 2. Texas Ventures- Join this group if you are seeking funding for a venture, Meetings held Tuesday, 5pm
- 3. University Democrats- Hosting political candidates forum, Tomorrow, 8pm
- F. Texas Student Media- Cactus Yearbook is only reaching approximately 2% of the student population
- G. Macy's Campus Rag Fashion Show at Hole in the Wall- Seeking models
- H. Texas Cowboys Harvest Moon featuring Corry Morrow- Tickets now on sale, \$20

#### VI. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. Graduate Student Assembly
  - a. Working to establish Statistics Department on campus- Would like to pass joint resolutions with SG and Senate
  - b. Brackenridge Tract
- B. Senate of College Councils
  - a. Educational Policy Committee met to discuss Plus/Minus Grading System- Suggested to include A+
  - b. Need to discuss whether this is what students want
  - c. Can ask Keshav, Andrew, Nicole, or Stephen for more information
  - d. A+ contains the symbolic notion that a student performed extraordinarily well
  - e. Student concerns discussed during forum were presented to the Faculty Council
  - f. Current assumption is that current students will be affected by this new system
  - g. Implementation will remain optional to professors
  - h. Senate challenges SG to a broomball game
- C. Student Events Center
- D. Student Services

#### VII. Appointments

#### VIII. Executive Reports

- A. President: Andrew C. Solomon- a.solomon@mail.utexas.edu
  - 1. TPAC
    - a. Will wrap up recommendations for tuition pricing soon
    - b. Recommendations will be presented publicly with President Powers in attendance- Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 14
  - 2. ONE Event- Will now take place via video feed
  - 3. Platform Update- Utility Fee
    - a. \$50 Utility Fee is separate from tuition
    - b. Next year University will not charge students with Utility Fee
- B. Vice President: Nicole Trinh- netrinh@austin.utexas.edu
  - 1. SG Internal Update: Rules & Agencies- Working to finalize Internal Rules

2. Big 12 Student Government Leadership Conference
    - a. Committee workday continued on Wednesday, October 24, 7pm in the SG Office
    - b. SG Resolution to welcome and support
    - c. Volunteers needed, sign up, please!
    - d. Save the dates- Friday-Sunday, November 2-4, 2007
  3. Celebration of Leadership Dinner
    - a. Remember to RSVP (Y/N, M/V)
    - b. Friday, October 26 from 6-9pm in San Jacinto Multipurpose Room
  4. UHS Halloween Judges
    - a. Wednesday October 31, 8am for pumpkin carving and costume contest
  5. Rep of the Week- Rajagopalan
- C. Executive Director: Jordan Davisson- [jordandavisson@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:jordandavisson@mail.utexas.edu)
1. SG T-shirts now available for \$10
  2. Great attendance and discussion during makeup retreat
  3. Email Jordan if you know you will be absent
  4. Email Nicole if you would like to make up an absence
  5. Director of the Week- Danielle
  6. Polo Shirts- \$15, Must pay in advance
- D. Communications Director: Vicki Nguyen- [vicki.nguyen@bba04.mcombs.utexas.edu](mailto:vicki.nguyen@bba04.mcombs.utexas.edu)
1. Texas Basketball RoundBall RoundUp
    - a. This Friday, 6pm
    - b. Day-of help?
    - c. Join Facebook event "Texas Basketball RoundBall RoundUp"
  2. Texas Basketball Rally Committee
    - a. Thursday, 10/25, 5pm, BEL 607
  3. SSBC Presentation on Student Health Insurance Program
- E. External Financial Director: Stephen Gilstrap- [sgilstrap@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:sgilstrap@mail.utexas.edu)
1. Parent's Weekend was a success
  2. Career Round-Up Progress- Now shifting focus of fair to differentiate it from other fairs
  3. High School Workshop- Three presentations
    - a. UT and Austin
    - b. Leadership
    - c. Diversity
  4. Boots
    - a. Now on sale in store and online
    - b. Already sold more than half of inventory
    - c. Will receive funds to use towards marketing
- F. Internal Financial Director: Frankie Shulkin- [fshulk714@aol.com](mailto:fshulk714@aol.com)
1. Religious Sensitivity – Please meet Nathan and Frankie in the Student Government office Thursday at 5:00 to discuss where we

want to go with this idea. Frankie and Nathan have already engaged various religious organizations and must continue to work. Join them to explore the possibilities.

2. Finance Committee update – Various pools of money/endowments

G. Secretary to the Assembly: Chelsea Wade-  
chelsea.wade@bba05.mcombs.utexas.edu

1. Please write legislation
  - a. Discussing significance and power of legislation
  - b. Example – Declining funding from Dow Chemical Company owing to Union Carbide's liabilities in Bhopal
2. Dinner at Mellow Mushroom following meeting

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Rules
- B. Finance
- C. Internal Affairs
- D. Outreach
- E. Fundraising
- F. Legislative Policy- Meeting Sunday, 5pm

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

- A. AR10: Honoring the Perseverance of the Cesar Chavez Statue Committee

XII. Agency Director Reports

- A. RSVP for Celebration of Leadership Dinner
- B. Sign up for Trick-or-Treating at Zavala Elementary and Pi Beta Phi/Kappa Delta Halloween Carnival
- C. LRA Meeting Sunday 8pm, SG Office
- D. Come to FLO Meetings
- E. LLA- Please put in work orders
- F. Keep UT Hate Free- Display Halloween posters

XIII. Representative Reports

- A. Garza
  1. SALD does not currently have official leadership training, but the pilot program for Leadership Institute will take place this Friday
  2. Attend TPAC Forums if you care about your tuition
  3. LOUD- November 8, 5pm
- B. Sowa- Grade Replacement Policy
  1. About 9 of 12 Big 12 schools have grade replacement policies
  2. May try to incorporate this policy with plus/minus grading policy
  3. Name of UT's furry mascot is "Hook 'Em," not "Bevo"
- C. Americo- College of Fine Arts hosting forums for Dean search

- D. Knudson
  - 1. Pharmacy School hosted health fair today
  - 2. Know Your Medicine, Know Your Pharmacist- This week
- E. Grasso
  - 1. Making progress in allowing Communications students to minor
  - 2. Surveyed students
- F. Rajagopalan
  - 1. Working with LLAs on new website
  - 2. Will hold an information session on plus/minus grading system
  - 3. SSBC allocating funds
  - 4. Let Keshav know if you would like to work with GSA on Statistics initiative or Brackenridge Tract

XIV. Announcements

- A. Next SG Meeting- October 30- Surprise musical guests!
- B. Pi Beta Phi- Kappa Delta Halloween Carnival- Sign up for SG booth!
- C. Pi Beta Phi's Bowling for Literacy fundraiser- November 7, register your team at <http://www.formspring.com/forms/?157944-BFDvBEkOnZ>
- D. Pay \$2 Speaker Series Fee during registration
- E. Tejas Coffee- Thursday, 9pm
- F. Kappa Alpha Psi- Event for kids on Friday, East Mall

XV. Second Roll Call

XVI. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9pm