



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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Student Government Assembly Meeting

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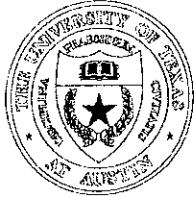
- I. Call Meeting to Order – 7:14
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Guests
 - a. Karen Landolt – Director of Career Interview and Recruiting Center
 - i. This is something that you guys asked for (Student Government and Senate initiative) it's a plus 1 for all students. Seventeen decentralized offices around campus, which will remain, but now there will be a centralized interview center that will allow employers to interview from all areas of interest. Technology Company has to do it three times, not efficient, not effective, closes off students who might have the skill set but not the major. The goal is to be one stop shopping, they want to interview student based on skill sets, not majors. Hope to eliminate some of the silos that exist currently.
 - ii. Walker: Where is it going to be and when is it going to be open?
 - iii. Landolt: Good question. I met with UBC, Powers and Leslie and I still don't have an answer. It's a work in progress. My hope is that we will be in the FAC, great location, and great for students and employers. I haven't received a fully approved budget or location. My hope is to be operational by August 2013, but until I have a budget it can't happen. I will be meeting with university architecture to discuss these issues. The president is 100 percent supportive, but not in handing me the money that I asked for. I will be looking for student employees
 - iv. Love: How much money did you ask for?
 - v. Landolt: I asked for what it would cost to build a world class center with 60 interview rooms and a large lecture room for 50 (6 million dollars) scale back and scale up
 - vi. Weinstein: Will the employer then chose not to go to those 3 other places?
 - vii. Landolt: Rule is 75 percent, 25 percent. Those centers will still be open and fully operational. The goal is to have 1 recruiting center.
 - viii. Kashiske: Experience with career services?
 - ix. Landolt: 9 years in recruitment, business honors, natural sciences, I came from liberal arts, very excited to be creating this opportunity that crosses boundaries
 - x. Walker: Included in tuition, or pay specifically for the services?
 - xi. Landolt: Currently it is in discussion, but the goal is to raise funding through donations and to get university funding.
 - xii. Walker: Will students have to pay?



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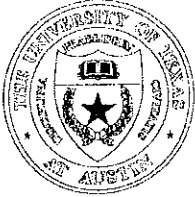
- ii. Will be dealing with degree plan simplification (introduced on Thursday) discussing common structure in each college and school which will help students in navigating through different colleges
 - iii. Major track on transcripts (specialty will not show up on the transcript, working to make sure that is resolved)
 - iv. Two other pieces of legislation (core curriculum reform) and (dual degree graduation application) so that the application process for dual degree students is easier.
 - v. Honor Code Legislation was tabled at our last GA, want to take it back to councils for feedback
- c. Carisa Kelley – SEC
- i. Thursday, Film committee will be showing moonrise kingdom
 - ii. Jaws in Gregory pool (heated) next Tuesday around 7:30-8:00
 - iii. Coming up November 29-Dec 1, the madrigal dinner, tickets go on sale October 23rd, 14,16,18 dollars (depending on how close to the stage you want to be)
- VII. Assembly Appointments
- a. Business Representative – Sunny Das
 - i. UZ Zhan (President of UBC): The appointment was made by following the internal rules: Selection of committee chairs and appointments is made by application and decision process and we did this the same way, we interviewed everyone and discussed the merits of everyone, we picked two, I know it calls for us to select the person, but I did not feel comfortable choosing one individual without having any knowledge or experience within Student Government, so I presented the two names to Crystal and asked that she help me choose from her SG perspective.
 - ii. Zhao: The UBC President gave me the two representatives, he consulted me and asked me from the SG standpoint, and Sunny reached out to me and he came to a lot of SG meetings and reached out to SG members, he was the only applicant who took his own initiative to learn about SG and discussed his role with me, I consulted UZ again and we came to the mutual decision.
 - iii. Das: I am a sophomore in McCombs studying finance, I served UBC as an elected rep for the class of 2015, with this position I see it as being more broad, using the same mediums as well as the awareness I will push that forward, visibility and transparency with students, PCL, Gregory, JCL, transparent things that SG has pushed forward, I want to do similar things for McCombs. I have the drive and motivation to push things like that forward



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- xxv. Wilson: Sunny how do you feel that you best represent the Business School?
- xxvi. Das: My role within UBC and communication with students experience, I have an understanding of the different areas that SG represents like CTBAC, we can overlap those things, SG can reach out to those
- xxvii. Rady: To Crystal: After UZ's recommendation of two, regardless of your decision to pick one, why did you chose not to interview both, the exec board interviews everyone they appoint?
- xxviii. Zhao: That is right I did not interview either of them. After UZ's email I waited almost a week to get back to them, Sunny took steps to get educated and I think that it is something SG stands for, you as representative reach out to your constituents, he did that on his own, it did not say that on his application, he embodied that vision
- xxix. Rady: That is right, and a lot of members of student government want transparency
- xxx. Rady: Move to delay the appointment of Sunny Das by 1 week, seconded
- xxxi. Zhan: Question on why?
- xxxii. Rady: I would like to get some more feedback for Crystal as far as representative interest
- xxxiii. Zhao: Point of Information: I understand if you want to delay this, I would appreciate if you say something about consulting the UBC itself and not just the SG structure
- xxxiv. Rady: I would also like to speak to all of UBC
- xxxv. Zhan: That's not the way that UBC conducts its appointments or election. Whats the point of the application?
- xxxvi. Rady: It doesn't hurt
- xxxvii. Debate on postponement:
- xxxviii. Rady: I think that technically it went the right way, I just would have liked for Crystal to consult people with influence within McCombs like the business reps, I don't think its going to change but delaying it one week will inspire some transparency, it has nothing to do with changing who was appointed, but everything to do with doing what we ran on
- xxxix. Vincent: There are issues with communication and transparency, but its is true that the procedure was correct, lets add the stipulation that in the future we are more transparent, but there is no point in delaying this.
- xl. Love: To me this seems like a business school issue and the business reps are not happy, I want people to feel good about the appointment
- xli. Wilson: I just want to say UZ said that UBC exec chose him, that's their procedure, Crystal did not violate any rules, maybe we would have liked to



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- i. I would like to acknowledge Lisa Guerra, Maggie Widodo, Braydon Jones, Sandra Ogenche, Matt Havaland for being here today.
 - ii. Thank you so much Mindy. We look forward to continuing the edits to the documents, tonight is an example of things we can clean up
 - iii. We have met with a lot of people about improving the first-year experience, community building goal, I talked to Kenton Wilson, I would love to have more rep involvement
 - iv. Advocacy Policy Directors are working to fit the numbers of those student groups and help students connect
 - v. UAP Carson Jones – He went to the meeting today, the MF-4 ordeal will be heard on November 1st, not November 8th, that has been told to everyone
 - vi. Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency Director Position applications were due today, will be holding interviews this week
 - vii. Liz Anderson Big 12 on this hill
 - viii. Open exec board meeting tomorrow 3-4, meeting with Crystal and Philip, if you want to come after that we can talk
- d. Laurel Pugliese, Communications Director – laurel.pugliese@gmail.com
- i. LLA's – thanks for tabling, yall are awesome
 - ii. Emails – great job sending those out, some of you haven't done it, please do that, a lot of orgs have emailed me already, asking to put their things in the newsletter
 - iii. One thing I mentioned last week was a request form for media, we are working on that.
 - iv. Libraries! Profile pictures, lots of orange, really important that we get students out there, it is a big deal
- e. Nash Horne, External Finance Director – nashhorne@me.com
- i. Thanks for tabling for ring sales, they were really appreciative
 - ii. Orange Outreach goes out tomorrow (October 27th Pease Park Cleanup) we have right about 1,000 we want to get that to about 3,000, hopefully we can get a huge response
 - iii. Trademark policy – We worked on this all summer, as a student organization you can have the orange color and the longhorn silhouette, if you are part of an organization who can benefit from that change please come talk to me
- f. Nirali Shah, Internal Finance Director – nirali.shah@utexas.edu
- i. Appropriations Round 2 are going on, interviews are being held, thanks to the LLAs who came and sat in, that's what's going on, hopefully we will have that done by this week

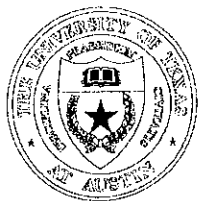


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free, if you want to voice your opinion, you should go, it could be at any time in the day

- ii. STI Clinic this Thursday, remind your constituents, be a good leader, lead by example, lets get another 250
 - c. Nosa, LLA
 - i. Started Office Hours, had a cookies and milk party, had our first tabling opportunity with Billy Calve and Hook the Vote
- XII. Representative Reports
- a. Kraut and Pickei
 - i. Trying to start a newspaper for the college of natural sciences, basically everyone has one but us, we have it but no one reads it, we met with the editor of the catalyst, and today we met with the supervising editor of Texas science, and we are working on getting this off the ground, if anyone loves donors who would love to donate 50,000 let me know
 - b. Rady
 - i. Last week on Thursday the chair of the calendar committee sent out the details to stakeholders, we are collecting input, so far it is positive.
- XIII. Old Business
- XIV. New Business
- a. AR 8 – In Support of Signage on the Student Activity Center to Indicate the Location of the Student Government and Senate of College Councils Office
 - i. Pickei: I have gone to council meetings before, talked to friends, talked to strangers, they don't know where the SG office is, they have no clue, and I think that we need to inform students to where these offices are located, I believe that if you read through the bill, creating 2-3 signs outside the FAC that point out where it is, plain and simple
 - ii. Gold: What kind of sign are we talking about, like is it paper?
 - iii. Pickei: Under the whereas I was thinking something metal, something that will last awhile, like when you walk in front of buildings there are metal signs outside, in between star bucks and chick Fila, students know that these officer are inside the SAC
 - iv. Nash: POI: Its being delivered to barney and Flintstones
 - v. Pickei: That was to see if anyone was actually reading it, and you were!
 - vi. Committed to External Affairs
 - b. AR 9 – In Support of The University of Texas and Its Stance in Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin



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want to take this back to my college council and talk to students that I represent to get more feedback.

- xix. Davis: I think we have mentioned in the meeting that there would be teach-ins that would explain what the case was about and to explain student opinions, open to all students on campus, and as far as referendums are being held, there are a lot of students on campus who are not represented well, the student population on campus is not reflective of the Texas population and it should be, it needs to be fast-tracked because if we were to hold a student referendum is that the student body majority would most likely not support affirmative action, while we are wanting to pass this, we are supporting our university's stance, we may not support everything that Bill Powers does but we still support him, there are a lot of students here who do not represent the majority, that's why we want to fast-track that
- xx. Vincent: We are not here to support the state of Texas, we are here to represent the student body. I cant speak for what last year's assembly did, while there are 35-40 reps here, I think it is irresponsible to pass legislation that says that students support something as large as a supreme court case without first consulting students in some sort of referendum.
- xxi. Zhao: The referendum word is something kind of like elections where you ask a question of the student body where students vote with their UTEID like they would on a representative
- xxii. Metoyer: I am stepping out of my role for a little bit to speak as former underrepresented students director, there were conversations that took place last year that are taking place again now. As a representative you are the voice of students, students who elected you vote for you because they entrusted you with their opinion, they voted for you because they agreed with your platform, that's the reason we don't have blanket wide questions for the student body, there are students on both sides of the debate, this legislation says the Student Government supports the University's Stance by quoting powers, Leslie, and other stances.
- xxiii. Vincent: Propositional statement. Represent constituents, I agree, but this legislation fundamentally says supreme court case, well beyond our scope, conversations happen, signs outside, if that is true, its irresponsible for us not to reach out to all student about a very important issues. Davis said she was unsure about whether or not a majority of students would support this legislation, that makes me extremely uncomfortable, I haven't had time to talk to my college council or my constituents to gauge opinions, this goes beyond our scope and it would be irresponsible to vote on it. I cannot state enough



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year, legislation is malleable and fluid, I would indict last years assembly in not getting the universities opinion, this would be hasty, it will only be heard tomorrow, and will not be voted on for a matter of weeks months days. Give me a week to create a referendum and two weeks to administer it.

xxxv. Takes roughly three months for the supreme court to administer a ruling, there is not concrete time frame

xxxvi. Davis: By what spectrum are we measuring what student opinion is on these issues. This might be an issue that has the same relevance to a student as putting the SURE Walk number on the back of ID cards. Everyone is different. You mention that we haven't gotten student opinion, but this is the first time this has been mentioned for any bill that has come across this floor. Be responsible and take care of those that are underrepresented, those who go into the teach-ins, which you did not. We need to be responsible and think about what is right. We are supporting the University in its stance that it should have say over it's own admissions policies. If we want to have a referendum down the road on whether or not students agree with those policies, we can! We are supporting our university, not your own political agendas or personal opinions.

xxxvii. Debate Closed

xxxviii. Vote on Bill By Roll Call 23 Y, 5 N

c. AR 10

i. Patel: This is in support of captioning for student who are deaf and hard of hearing, professors do not offer captioning for students who are deaf and hard of hearing and when they are approached they take too long and students are disadvantaged. A lot of public events don't have captioning, all sports but football, president's address

ii. Love: What percent of student are deaf or hard of hearing?

iii. Guerra: About 60 deaf of hard of hearing, only ten percent are using ASL

iv. Weinstein: How many students would this benefit?

v. Guerra: I think this would benefit everyone, I am sure a lot of you go to events like football games, cant hear things because they are too loud, ESL people, people with hearing loss, not just those with disabilities.

vi. Committed to student affairs committee

XV. Announcements

a. Vincent: Wilson will be meeting at 11AM this Friday to craft a referendum on this issue right now, we would love all of you to come and voice your opinion.

b. Wilson: Steven and I would like to invite all of you to Tejas Coffee, it is Amy from Amy's Icecream, she will have coupons