



110th STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY
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THE **110TH** SESSION
OF THE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 20th, 2016

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: SANTIAGO ROSALES, UNIVERSITY-WIDE REPRESENTATIVE

CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY: HANNAH McMORRIS

PARLIAMENTARIAN: GRAHAM HOUP

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- IV. Guest: Dr. Bob Metcalfe, *Cockrell School of Engineering*
 - a. ROSALES: Studied at MIT for his undergraduate and studied at Harvard for his Masters and Ph.D. Is now an electrical engineering professor at UT. He is popularly known for inventing ethernet.
 - b. METCALFE: Start-ups built some of the largest corporations today. We should pursue startups as a way of innovating. We now have many organizations and seminars about startups for undergrads. Out of the startup community, came the Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency which is now a part of Student Government. In that agency, there is Freshman Founders, which are freshmen who have ideas for startups and attend weekly seminars, but then also go Launch Pad. There is also a job fair for people who want to work at startups. We'd like to start a student-run incubator on campus for startups. I urge you to look favorably upon this. I meet with professors who have startups three times a month.
 - c. HASHEM: What are your thoughts on virtual reality, artificial intelligence, and self-driving cars?
 - d. METCALFE: These are some of the biggest trends, so sometimes they fizzle and sometimes they don't, but I am optimistic.
 - e. MALY: What does UT need to push for entrepreneurship?
 - f. METCALFE: We need space on campus and we need innovation grants to access the commercializability of their research.
 - g. HARCLERODE: What advice do you have for students who want to come up with creative start-up ideas and are having trouble?

- h. METCALFE: Most college students don't know enough to start a company. There are some exceptions, but most successful entrepreneurs are 40 years old and over. But you do have to be an expert in something.

V. Open Forum

- a. DEETER: Part of the Shuttle Bus Committee. Project Manager at Capital Metro. UT Shuttle is a system of on-campus circulators and commuter shuttles. It is a partnership between Cap Metro and UT. It is a 50/50 funding partnership. None of the changes are made without the Shuttle Bus Committee. PTS gives us all addresses of students and we split those regions up to see where there are the highest frequencies. Connections 2025 is the plan to evaluate Cap Metro's current transit system. We want to have a more efficient and effective transportation solution. Right now, we have about 6 routes that run every 15 minutes. We are proposing a more robust and frequent route. Then there will be 10 minute and 12 minute high frequency routes. UT Shuttle Proposed Changes are replacing certain routes with the Metro Rapids routes. We also want to increase frequency on weekends, as right now we only have 1 hour routes on Sunday afternoons.
 - i. MALY: How do we contact the Shuttle Bus committee?
 - ii. DEETER: Go to connection2025.org/draft-plan and fill out the survey. You can also email us at feedback@connections2025.org. I was out at West Mall today to talk to students about changes. If you know of another way for us to talk to more students or go to an open forum, you can request a briefing and we can show a presentation.
 - iii. ISAIAH CARTER: It would be a good idea to create more well-lit bus stops, as this may be one of the reasons why students would use ridesharing instead of the bus.
 - iv. DEETER: I recommend getting the app, Transit, to see real-time when buses are coming. This can possibly cut down on waiting time.
 - v. HUERTA: How easy would it be to have more buses at night than in the morning?
 - vi. DEETER: Logistically, there's nothing holding us back from having more buses at night than money.
 - vii. WOLF: Taking finals time into consideration would be great, because the Riverside bus stops running around 10 PM and some students who live there and are studying at the PCL will sometimes sleep there. I think later times for this especially during study-heavy times of the semester would be more helpful. I would also take into account that Far West has more grad students, and they probably have more cars, while undergrads don't have the same level of access to transportation as grad students do.
 - viii. ENGEL: Do buses that go downtown run through West Campus?
 - ix. DEETER: We do offer the E-Bus that operates on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and get more frequent the closer you get to midnight. They drop off and pick-up at Colorado.
- b. URBIS: On behalf of the Neighborhood Longhorns Program. Diversity and Community Engagement is actively looking for more volunteers. We are currently tutoring students all around Austin. It is very flexible and compatible with a college student's schedule.
- c. TRATTNER: We're here to talk with you about the 8th annual Suicide Prevention week. This year, we're bringing a week that has the goal to raise awareness about suicide in general, talk about it in safe spaces, and serve as a call to action for the campus to get involved with this work. Suicide is a very large issue nationally. It is the second largest

cause of death for college students. Those struggling with suicide first usually disclose this to close members. We should help them feel safe to talk to you and help them get the help they need. Nxxx week is Suicide Prevention Week, we will have a Kickball team on Sunday, September 24. FLO has already started a team, and we are looking for more teams. Thursday night, we are having a talk and we will be presenting at Tejas. We will also have cupcakes and therapy dogs on Monday, September 26. We are talking with the MEC on how racial oppression affects students of color. You can get involved by pushing us on social media and letting your council know about this. There are great resources like the Crisis Hotline and the CMHC. Contact Marian Trattner at mtrattner@austin.utexas.edu. For more info, go to cmhc.utexas.edu.

- d. BRANDT. From UT Libraries. I am the librarian for first-year programs at the PCL, and one of the staff representatives for the Student Library Council. I wanted to let you know how much we value input from Student Government. We have accomplished a lot of things because of SG, like PCL 24/5. We want to hear what you want from UT Libraries. Feel free to give feedback to students on the council or contact me as well. You can contact me at s.brandt@austin.utexas.edu.

VI. Appointments

a. Internal Appointments

- i. Robert David, *Associate Director of Viability*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- ii. Andrew Badger, *Associate Director of Viability*
 1. **APPROVED.**

b. External Appointments

- i. Eric Hunt, *Financial Aid to Students Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- ii. Ben Williams, *Financial Aid to Students Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- iii. Sarah Musselman, *RecSports Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. Not present.
- iv. Dhrov Subramanian, *Registration and Admissions Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- v. Drew Curran, *Faculty Building Advisory Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. First tabled until Curran returned from class. **APPROVED** later in meeting.
- vi. Eric Kasper, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
- vii. Benjamin Rindler, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- viii. Grant Prengler, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- ix. Sai Athota, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- x. Ben Williams, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- xi. Da Jin Kim, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- xii. Grant Freirch, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. **APPROVED.**
- xiii. Caroline Go, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*

1. APPROVED.
- xiv. Camron Goodman, *Parking and Traffic Appeals Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. APPROVED.
- xv. Lauren Taylor, *Recruitment and Retention Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. APPROVED.
- xvi. Max Harberg, *Recruitment and Retention Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. APPROVED.
- xvii. Michael Tian, *Information Technology Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. APPROVED.
- xviii. Elizabeth Haynie, *Technology Enhanced Education Oversight Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. APPROVED.
- xix. Stephen Williams, *Parking and Traffic Violations Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. APPROVED.
- xx. Cameron Saenz, *Parking and Traffic Violations Faculty Council Subcommittee*
 1. APPROVED.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. A.B. 7, Amending the Code of Rules and Procedure to Rename the Queer Student Alliance
 - i. Queer Students Alliance and its members wish to change the name of the agency to Queer & Trans Students Alliance through reforms in the code of rules and procedures.
 1. PARKS: Found it favorable, but was not in the correct format so we now amended the correct form. So please make sure that legislation is submitted in the correct format.
 2. HUERTA: Move to approve A.B. 7 by voice vote.
 3. APPROVED.

VIII. New Business

- a. A.R. 9, In Support of Implementation of Campus-Wide "Stop the Bleed" Kits and Awareness Programs
 - i. This legislation is in support of the implementation of "Stop the Bleed" kits and education programs for faculty/students/staff. This legislation is intended to show SG support for this initiative, which can be taken to administrators and departments in order to facilitate implementation.
 1. Stop the Bleed is a national campaign to allow bystanders to become life savers in times of crisis, providing CPR-like training to learn about fast hemorrhages and bleed control kits. It would provide training to UT students and faculty. In an active shooter situation, fast bleeding is one of the leading causes of death.
 2. HASHEM: What are in the kits?
 3. BURNS: They look a lot like AEDs. They have tourniquets, gauze, and other bleed control equipment. It is made for average laymen use.
 4. READ: Is this for other situations beside active shooters?
 5. BURNS: The training was made in response to active shooters, but can be used for any type of situation.
 6. HUERTA: Do you have any idea what the cost of the kit is and where the funding would come from?

7. BURNS: One kit would be a one-time \$600 cost. We are hoping to get funding from potential private donors, UTPD, and administration within the university.
 8. Yielded time to DAVID: We have 94 AED kits on campus, and think we can get this down to \$50, as this is how much the University of Georgia paid for this. Have you thought about increasing number of AED kits on campus?
 9. BURNS: I haven't talked to anyone or done any further research on that yet.
 10. BENNETT: Who will oversee this education process and informing the UTPD?
 11. BURNS: They can send a group of trainers to train people here at UT, and we can decide where those trainers come from (UHS, Dell Medical School, etc.).
 12. TU: How much would the training process cost?
 13. BURNS: Nothing.
 14. RUBIN: Are there going to be efforts to help students know where these AEDs are?
 15. BURNS: I know there is already a map and I believe that it will be included in training.
 16. BURNS: How would training be?
 17. BURNS: It would last about 2.5 hours and combines lectures with hand-on training. When it comes to promoting, I would hope SG would pick this up. It looks very similar to CPR training, so it is pretty simple.
 18. READ: What first aid training do we already have on campus?
 19. BURNS: Right now, we have very little first aid training and some CPR training that is separate.
 20. Committed to Student Affairs Committee.
- b. A.R. 10, In Support of Chancellor McRaven Requiring Oil and Gas Companies to Cut Methane Emission on University Land
- i. This is a resolution calling on Chancellor McRaven to publicly support cutting methane from University land in half in the next five years. There has been research done to show that by using current available technologies, the one million acres of land in West Texas that UT owns can cut methane in that time. Methane is a greenhouse gas pollutant that is 80 times more powerful than carbon dioxide, and causes 25% of current climate change. University of Texas oversees the leasing of 2 million acres of land for oil and gas drilling, and currently those companies are not required to use current technology to cut their methane emission.
 1. Part of Fossil Free Texas. UT owns over 2 million acres of land in West Texas. A lot of it is leased to oil companies to drill on. They use fracking as their main method to extract gas, which releases methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas. We want UT to hold oil and gas companies more accountable for reducing their pollution. McRaven said he would be willing to look into this as a serious issue. We want him to give this more priority. We have been spreading this to UTSA and UT Arlington and have over 20 petitions from these universities, including

- us. We have footage of methane leaks from UT-owned land that we will release in a conference tomorrow to the media.
- a. BENNETT: What are the simple and affordable solutions?
 - b. Better leak detection and leak repair, as well as pneumatic dumps. That varies from company to company on how much money they already have, so we do not have certain figures right now.
 - c. HARCLERODE: Will UT be losing money?
 - d. No, UT will not be losing money but it will just be changing some of the terms of their lease. UT will actually get more money in the long run.
 - e. MALY: How revolutionary are these changes compared to what other changes have been made in other areas?
 - f. Colorado and other states have been one of the first states to take this on.
 - g. ISAIAH CARTER: If McRaven were to take up this proposal, would it have to be taken up by the Board of Regents? How will they be okay with the university losing money?
 - h. University will not lose money but oil and gas companies may incur short-term loss.
 - i. MADDEN: Has there been an effort to work with the A&M system?
 - j. Though they get money from land, they are not a part of the regulation process. So we will probably campaign there, but we probably won't be appealing to their Student Government, because they can't do much.
 - k. Have you talked to any oil companies?
 - l. We have not talked to oil companies directly, but there are not other land sources like the Permian Basin, so we don't see them moving their business elsewhere.
 - m. TU: What great success has Colorado and Wyoming had?
 - n. They haven't seen any losses in business and economy.
 - o. PARKS: Do you know if you will be able to change the terms of their lease? How long are they and can they be altered?
 - p. Do not know, but can find that out before the next meeting.
 - q. BENNETT: What communication has there been with McRaven on this yet?
 - r. At the time, McRaven hasn't not actually moved forward besides showing support, so there is another chance to push him to take action.
 - s. MADDEN: Why is the focus on McRaven?
 - t. He is the head of all management and over the university lands, and we are hoping that he would bring this to university lands.
 - u. Committed to Student Affairs Committee

- IX. Ex-Officio Member Reports
- a. Senate of College Councils
 - b. Graduate Student Assembly
 - c. Campus Events and Entertainment
- X. Office of the Dean of Students Report

- a. Kyle St. Nicholas – kstnick@austin.utexas.edu
- b. Marcus Mayes – mayes@austin.utexas.edu
- XI. Executive Reports
 - a. Kevin Helgren, President – kevinhelgren@utexas.edu
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 - g. Adit Bior, Administrative Director – adit.bior@utexas.edu
- XI. Cabinet of Policy Director Reports
- XII. Agency Director Reports
- XIII. External Appointment Reports
- XIV. Executive Staff Reports
- XV. Standing Assembly Committee Reports
 - h. Academic Affairs Committee, Priya Suri - priya.suri@utexas.edu
 - i. Legislative Policy Council, Natalie Engel - natalie.engel@utexas.edu
 - j. Financial Affairs Committee, Vivianne Tu - viviannetu@utexas.edu
 - k. Governmental Affairs Committee, Connor Madden - camadden@live.com
 - l. Rules and Regulations Committee, Andrew Parks - baparks@utexas.edu
 - m. Student Affairs Committee, Micky Wolf - mickywolf@utexas.edu
- XVI. Representative Reports
- XVII. Judicial Report
- XVIII. Ad hoc Reports
- XIX. Speaker of the Assembly Report – r.santiagorosales@gmail.com
- XX. General Announcements
- XXI. Second Roll Call
- XXII. Recess/Adjournment

