

Minutes for October 27, 2009 Student Government Assembly Meeting

- I. Call Meeting to Order 7:02
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes-October 13, 2009
 - A. Minutes Approved
- IV. Guests
 - No Guests
- V. Open Forum
 - A. Neil Ramirez: Students with Disabilities Agency
 - I. October Disabilities Month
 - II. Thursday – Garret Webber Gale – Olympian Swimmer
 - III. Relay Team with Michael Phelps (2008 Olympics)
 - IV. 7:00pm Centennial Room in the Stadium
 - B. Muneezeh Kabir – PSAC
 - I. Structure of ITS – Defining Governance
 - II. More Student Input
 - III. Contact her, Liam or Shara
 - IV. Revamp Orientation
 - V. Student Parent Initiative: More services for students who are parents
 - C. John Woods: Students for Gun Free Schools
 - I. NRA Moving Headquarters to Austin
 - II. More coordinated strategy for next legislative session
 - III. Appointing directors
 - IV. Fundraising, Legislative, Communication, Volunteer, Programs, External and Design
 - D. Cindy Fisher: UT Libraries (Security)
 - I. A lot of thefts (lockers, sleeping, plain sight)
 - II. Be aware
 - III. Campus Security daily email
 - IV. GOOD NEWS! : Print 50 pages at a time from Net library ebooks
 - E. Matt Portillo: Spirits and Traditions
 - I. Volleyball game vs. Nebraska
 - II. First serve is at 6:00, arrive by 5:00
 - III. October 30

- F. Minator Azemi: University Wide Rep
 - I. Letter about Textbook Requisitions
 - II. Campaign for hand delivered letters
 - III. Stressed importance for timely requisitions: Oct 31 is deadline

VI. Ex-Officio Reports

- A. Graduate Student Assembly
- B. Senate of College Councils Lauren Ratliff
 - I. Senate has been working on various initiatives
 - II. Legislation was passed at the last meeting
 - III. LAC and Senate Student Forum: Foreign Language: November 3 at 6:00 PM
- C. Student Events Center

VII. Appointments

- A. Natalie Butler – Both candidates had great interviews and great applications. They will do a great job in serving as liaisons with the office of financial aid.
- B. Nahom Tesfaselassie, Financial Aid Agency
 - I. Government Major, Law School Bound
 - II. Make student financial aid office more appealing to students
 - III. Financial Aid Recipient
- C. Nathalie Kalombo, Financial Aid Agency
 - I. Government and Communication Studies Major
 - II. Active on Campus, Internship with US Senate Candidate
 - III. Financial Aid Recipient
 - IV. Brand New Organization, Good Friendship
- D. Questions
 - Woods: Thanks for being here. Open Ended Question: Have you thought about preparations for the next legislative session as far as goals?
 - Nathalie: Brand new agency, need to sit down with financial aid and discuss everything, target, but not really
 - Nahom: Not really, first we need to get the input from students and coordinate with the financial aid office to find out what we need to improve, meet with the financial aid officers like Mr. Molechke to determine further action
 - Nathalie: We do have some ideas going around: One of the things I've propose is to revamp the call center ask them to have students call specifically for financial aid
- E. Moved and seconded to approve by unanimous consent, no objections
- F. Nahom and Nathalie are approved

VIII. Deputy Adviser Report

- A. Melinda Sutton- msutton@mail.utexas.edu

IX. Executive Reports

A. President: Liam O'Rourke- orourke.liam@gmail.com

1. CEC Update
 - I. Allowed Chad Stanton to speak about Speak Week
 - II. Social prejudice
 - III. Help CEC grow out of SG and get them into Vice President for Operations office for further support
2. Leadership Reunion – April 16 and 17
 - I. Hear more over next couple months
 - II. Get Alumni back to talk to student leaders about the future of the university and what needs to be changed
3. Longhorn Run – Saturday, May 1
 - I. Approved by 90% of campus, waiting on final 10%
 - II. Hoping to get 10,000 runners to raise money for student government endowments
4. Speak Week
 - I. Good Ideas, great conversations taking place
 - II. Chad will send info over list serve
5. Student Advisory Committee
 - I. To be discussed next week
6. Questions:

Katie Morgan: How long is that run?
Liam: It's a 10k, but there's a 12 week training session. Student government will be a team, and we will provide you with trainers from RecSports. The point is about fitness, training, health and wellness. We aren't expecting you to just show up and run the 10k. There will be a 2 mile option but that is mainly for parents and families. It isn't just a fundraiser, it is to promote health and wellness.

B. Vice President: Shara Ma - shara.ma@austin.utexas.edu

1. Safety Coalition Forum
 - I. Chief Dalstrom gave good tips for safety
 - a. sleep with door closed in case of fire
 - II. Will send out email with updates from meeting
2. Council Presidents
 - I. Meeting with all council presidents (assembly round of applause)
 - II. Best things to say about student government
3. November 10 Student Government Meeting
 - I. Meeting held in Blanton, room to be announced
 - II. First hour will be arts and politics discussion
 - III. Exhibit with speakers
 - IV. 1 hour meeting

C. Executive Board

1. Excellence Fund
 - a. We received 22 applications. Interviews were conducted with all applicants last week. Finance Committee will draft

recommendations during next meeting. The Endowment Board will make final allocations on Nov. 2nd.

- I. Over 38,000 dollars requested
 - II. Interviews were conducted
 - III. Governing Board will be meeting November 2nd
- b. Thanks to all who applied!

X. A. Agency Director Reports

1. Anna Russo: Women's Resource Agency
 - I. First women's resource agency council meeting (6 organizations)
 - II. Thursday at 7, Calhoun 300
 - III. Planning for vagina monologues, director applications available in 2 weeks
2. Louis Armendariz: Freshmen Leadership Organization
 - I. Mentor/Mentees: Positive Feedback, Send more!
 - II. November 14: Copperfield Nature Trails: Revitalization
 - III. FLO Retreat November 8th -> Move indoors
3. Sarah Hoy- SUREWALK
 - I. Speaking events about Surewalk - Advertising: Let People Know
 - II. ITS - Move Surewalk to Behind ITS Helpdesk in FAC
4. Chris Conally, Longhorn Student EMS
 - I. 2 years worth of research show up at SG office on Wednesday - Thank you!
 - II. UTEP Game: 400 calls over an hour and a half
 - III. Longhorn Student EMS is looking to start an initiative campaign for dehydration awareness and alcohol poisoning during football games
 - IV. If interested, contact director@LHCEMS.com
 - V. A&M Students can bring in a gallon of water - push UT Athletics to help allow students to bring in water: Important to students safety
5. Harold Fisch - Organization outreach director
 - I. Creating a list of organizations - trying to reach out to other organizations who haven't worked with SG in the past - looking for volunteers to come help us out: will be sending out a Googledoc
6. Sierra del Stephens: Longhorn Legislative Aid
 - I. Party for everyone to meet will probably be on a Wednesday or a Thursday, updates will be sent out
 - II. Continue to send work orders
7. Rachel Aikens - CEC
 - I. Do it in the dark: All November
 - II. Dance Party 6-10 November 5th San Jac
 - III. America Recycles day November 11- West mall 10-2
 - IV. Beautiful U day Litter Clean up 10-2 November 14th- Free breakfast and T-shirts

- V. Chosen to be a youth delegate for UN Climate change conference- needs donations

XI. Representative Reports
A. Rep Reports

- I. John Lawler Liberal Arts Representative
 - 1. 6:00 PM University Wide language forum next Tuesday
 - 2. LAC is having a Laser Tag event and a Trick or Treat for UNICEF event this Saturday
 - 3. Polling of the Student body on issues: Great Survey Director

II. Chad Stanton – University Wide Representative

- 1. Meet with UWIDE reps to see what we can do on campus to reach the community at large. Interested in looking at the role of community outreach.
- 2. Wants to work on ways in which students who are dismissed from the university and the effects it is having on them. Email me

III. Gabby Castaneda Nursing Representative

- 1. Nursing Council: Toy and clothing Drive Birth-18yrs. old
- 2. Thursday: Blood Drive 11-3 on fourth floor of Nursing School

IV. Alex Ferraro University Wide Representative

- 1. Meeting Thursday at 7 at SG office to talk about transportation

V. Nathan Bunch University Wide Representative

- 1. Student Advisory Council for Student Judicial Services
- 2. Diversity and Equity Student Advisory Council: Bunch is a current student assistant and looking to form another advisory council composed of different areas of campus who would have high vested interest in campus diversity

VI. John Woods Graduate School Representative

- 1. Health Legislation Up in Air: Of 60 spots needed, one senator has said he will not support anything with a public option and one said he will not support anything without a public option.
- 2. A lot still to be done – talk to Representative
- 3. SG resolution on health insurance: Language was specific to grad students, but think about the fact that if we get health insurance reform passed for this it will lead to overall affordability later on
- 4. Elongated discussion of the rules rather than issues: many have played a role: Code of conduct: Trying to get feedback on what we could be doing to get legislation passed to facilitate more issues and less on rules
- 5. Move to suspend rules and move discussion to new business,
- 6. Motion fails

VII. Chad Stanton University Wide Representative

- 1. Outreach committees

Nathan Bunch: heard the same, spend more time building relationships between representatives to increase the amount that SG works together.
More consultation before legislation goes to floor

- B. Council Reports
- C. Committee Reports
 - 1. Finance
 - I. Meetings at 8PM on Sunday Endowment fund process, produce legislation
 - 2. External Affairs
 - 3. Internal Affairs
 - 4. Student Affairs
 - I. AR19 passed out of committee
 - II. Meeting at 6:30 this coming Thursday working on Longhorn Culture Report for more acceptance on campus as a priority by responding to hate crimes on campus. Student Government needs and answer. What mechanism should SG put in place to address things like that?
 - III. Green Fund legislation has been written, if interested, contact Justin Stein
 - IV. AB9, which will be introduced today, the language present is the language that is intended to be on the ballot
 - 5. Academic Affairs
 - I. Requisition Letters: Big Push.
 - II. Initiative for Student Advisory committee with student judicial services is nearing completion.
 - 6. Legislative Policy
 - I. Meeting this Sunday at 8:00pm in NOA 1.110

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. AR 19: In Support of Representatives Collaborating on Legislation with Agency Directors
 - i. John Lawler: Address a topic over something internal: Collaborating with agency directors more with issues that are facing the student body
 - ii. Collaborate from the get-go
 - iii. During committee meetings, Agency Directors would serve as "witnesses" over certain issues
 - iv. Motion and second to vote
 - v. Resolution passes unanimously with a hand vote
- b. AR 20: In Support of Proposition Four, the Establishment of the National Research University Fund
 - i. Minator Azemi: Add Stanton, Stroube, Tailor
 - ii. Went through LPC Friday, few grammatical corrections, concept didn't change
 - iii. Support of proposition on November 3rd to support emerging tier 1 universities to have the national research fund
 - iv. Motion and second to approve with unanimous consent
 - v. Resolution passes

XII. New Business

- A. AR 21: The Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin Supports Advancements for Proactive Diversity
 - 1. Show the University body and administration that SG supports diversity on campus, and the with the changing of top 10 percent rule, we do not lose sight of the fact that diversity enhances learning
 - 2. DSAC: 15 member council that will be created and combined with this legislation
 - 3. Azemi: Since you are combining the two, are you going to keep this in committee for revision?
 - 4. Bunch: Yes
 - 5. Referred to the Student Affairs Committee

- B. AR 22: In Support of the Promotion and Expansion of Bevonomics and Similar Initiatives
 - 1. Promotes smart use of money among students
 - 2. Supports expansion and creation of new programs with a similar goal
 - 3. Representative Adam Rosen: Where will the funds come from?
 - 4. UWIDE: As prudence allows: Office of financial services has the resources necessary
 - 5. Minator: Making it more efficient
 - 6. Talrico: Making it more efficient
 - 7. Referred to Finance Committee

- C. AB 9: Creating a Student Referendum
 - 1. Referendum for election reform must be made before the student body: Aimed for November
 - 2. Student Forums, Speaker circuits
 - 3. Referred to External Affairs Committee

- D. AR 23: In Support of a UT Fine Arts Initiative
 - 1. Efforts need to be made to cultivate fine arts in student body
 - 2. Have UT establish a position in either dean of students or student life that works specifically to find free art venues and works out deals with local fine arts venues
 - 3. Bunch: What are the plans to work with the college of fine arts?
 - 4. Referred to Student Affairs Committee

XIII. Announcements

- 1. John Woods
 - I. Discuss the issue brought before assembly today after the meeting
- 2. Andy Jones
 - I. Sunday 2:30 External Affairs Committee in the SG office
- 3. John Lawler
 - I. 3:00 on Tuesdays is the deadline to send in slides for SG Assembly slide show
 - II. Stress the importance of John Woods's point on dialogue within the assembly
- 3. Andrew Nash, SEC
 - a. Main Mall 7:00 Dia De La Muertos

- b. Thursday Night 6 and 9 PM Transformers 2 Revenge of the Fallen
 - c. Tickets released on Tuesday November 2nd for Soledad O'brien
 - d. Madrigal Dinner Theatre Program: November 19-21: Tickets on sale now
 - e. Thanks for student fees
4. Adam Rosen: Students for Debra Medina Tomorrow at 7 Welch 2.246
 5. Adam Ferraro: Speaker Circuit to campaign for election reform contact him or Carly
Getting stuff done is more important than focusing on perception
 6. Chad Stanton: Speak Week
Tomorrow: Religion and Homosexuality: Mezes Basement
 7. Jimmy Talarico: Voting for constitutional Amendment and proposition 4 at FAC from 7-5 or at Fiesta on I-35
 8. Melissa Rodriguez: UDems bring out Thursday 8PM BobMam JBG 2.128
Kinky Freidman Governor Dem
 9. Louis Armendariz: CR's Udems healthcare debate GSB 2.122
Thursday 8PM
 10. Dance Marathon Pancake Lunch: Thursday 11-3 Minator Azemi SG
Dance Team
Kappa Alpha Psi Political Forum 7PM San Jac 104

XIV. Second Roll Call

XV. Adjournment 8:32