

Student Government Assembly Meeting
December 3, 2002

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

OPEN FORUM

- Corrina- Environmental Center Bill Author- hurt feelings when meeting was adjourned early
- Erik Hesterling- Camp Texas Applications are available for counselors now. Camp Texas is a camp for incoming freshman. Three days in the summer. The apps are due Dec. 6th

CHAIR OF SENATE OF COLLEGE COUNCIL'S REPORT

- VP Jenn Job resigned due to personal reasons. That position will probably stay open
- Student advocacy resolution was passed

Moved and seconded to move NEW BUSINESS to the next item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

AR 18 *Calling for the Austin City Council to include the addition of new bicycle lanes around campus in their consideration of downtown road renovation (Fast Track- Vote)*
Representative Buckley introduced resolution.

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Objection. Motion failed.

Questions entertained.

Can you ride a bike on sidewalks? No class C misdemeanor

Friendly amendment- 3rd Whereas

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. No objections. Motion passed.

AB 16 *To create an Environmental Center (Fast Track- Vote)*

Corrina introduced bill.

Questions entertained

Moved and seconded to call to question. Motion passed.

Bill passed!

Moved and seconded to move APPOINTMENTS to the next item on the agenda.

Division called. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Travis Hunt- Judicial Commission

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Objections. Motion failed.

Mr. Hunt introduced himself. Questions entertained. Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. No objections. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Moved and seconded to limit the introductions for all new business to five minutes. Motion passed.

AB 14 To amend the Internal Rules of Procedure, Section 8 to accurately state the Section's inclusions.

Representative Pravda introduced bill. Questions entertained.

AB 15 To amend the Internal Rules of Procedure to provide for an accountable process for legislation after it has been passed by the Assembly.

Representative Pravda introduced bill. Questions entertained.

Representative Haley- can we change it so that the Secretary is not following up on everybody.

Representative Pravda does not accept.

AB 17 To amend the Internal Rules of Procedure to provide for consistency with the Student Government Bylaws and accountability in monetary expenditures.

Representative Pravda introduced bill. Questions entertained.

Friendly Amendments...

Change Title to: **To amend the Internal Rules of Procedure to provide for accountability with the Student Government Bylaws and monetary expenditures.**

AB 18 To give equal work within the Student Government Executive Branch and to be in accordance with the Student Government Bylaws, Article VI, STIPENDS, which allows stipends for officers working 40 hours a week or more.

Representative Pravda introduced. Questions entertained.

AR 17 To Recognize and Thank Dr. Bob Harkins, Director of Parking and Transportation.

Representative Navratil introduced resolution.

Amendment:

AR 19 Calling for the University of Texas at Austin to further programs promoting the spread of improved Advanced Placement curriculum in Texas high schools.

Representative Pravda introduced resolution. Questions entertained.

AR 20 Calling for the State of Texas to repeal the Homosexual Conduct Law (Section 21.06)

Representative Pravda- appeal to the chair to review the constitutionality of this resolution.

Vice President Kounelias- Exec has decided that this is a concern of students and therefore a student concern.

Floor is open to assembly.

Representative Navratil- move to call to question. Seconded. Motion passed.

Vote- Vice President Kounelias's decision has been upheld.

Mr. Apperson introduced the resolution. Questions entertained.

Friendly Amendment:

15th Whereas- take out "encouraging" and add "contributing to"

Accepted.

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules and extend the introduction for another five minutes. Motion passed.

Friendly Amendment:

15th Whereas: remove "with an exaggerated percentage of black and Hispanic inmates"

Accepted.

Friendly Amendment:

9th Whereas: remove "which could take years"

Accepted.

Add after Texas: "was recently granted certiori"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The community website could be online by next semester (including virtual marketplace, University events, etc.)
- The Directory pictures- did everybody go online and vote? It's to have the OPTION to have your picture on the web
- Did everybody get to see the wonderful newsletter? ☺
- As soon as House Bill for the student Regent will have some changes soon.. we'll let you know
- The Daily Texan found that the biggest hazard to students on buses is overcrowded buses (remember the incident involving a shuttle bus hitting a student).
- The SSB was built from a student-wide referendum that stated that when it was built, the University will take over all expenses of the Health building across the street- many different resource centers could be held there. Let's write a resolution to encourage this.
- Story from Lars

Moved and seconded to move to UNFINISHED BUSINESS to the next item on the agenda. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AR 14 *Calling on the Administration to approve the Internal Rules of Procedure for the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin.*

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. No objections. Motion passed.

AR 15 *To Approve Setting the Student Services Fee above \$150 per semester.*

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. Objections. Motion failed.

Moved and seconded to call to question. Motion passed.

Vote. Resolution passed.

AR 16 *Recognition of the sacrifice of academic ethics for investments by defense corporations*

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules to allow for an 8 minute introduction to explain changes made. Division. Motion passed.

Representative Durham introduced resolution. The purpose of this legislation is just to inform students that the University is involved in weapon production. Ben reads passage from a book...

Attorney General Wallace explains changes made in University Policy. The assembly needs to vote to accept changes made.

Changes:

Title- now reads, "Resolution Demanding Student Government Recognition of the University of Texas at Austin's affiliation with military research"
some grammatical changes...

Vote to accept the changes: Changes accepted.

Friendly Amendment:

5th Whereas: after Laboratories, remove " ,and"

6th Whereas: after "Electromechanics is", remove " ,and" AND after "support of the", remove " , and"

Friendly Amendment:

Remove 2nd Be it Resolved

Not accepted, but changed to: ?

Friendly Amendment:

Use "compromise" instead of "sacrifice"

Accepted.

Change “sacrifice...ethics” to “compromise the academic ethics of students opposed to the production of weapons”

Friendly Amendment:

Remove “Academic” and make it just “ethics”

Not accepted.

Friendly Amendment:

Change “ethics” to “pursuits”

Not accepted.

Moved and seconded to move into debate. Motion passed.

DEBATE

Representative Eichenbaum (AGAINST)- this bill is stupid because it has been so watered down. We are getting a lot of money to do this research. This is one more chance for our University to move up on the ladder of peer institutions. If you don't like weapons, boo-hoo. Weapons have to be made. Our students and Faculty should have the best opportunities to have this type of research. Thinks this is important. Do we really need a bill to state that the University is making mass destruction weapons?

Moved and seconded to limit debate to two minutes per person each speaking term.

Division called. Motion passed.

Representative Curry yields floor to Austin from the College of Liberal Arts (FOR)- this bill alone is to recognize the University's involvement in making these weapons. With the passage of this bill, we can hopefully get the word out a little more.

Representative Jennings (AGAINST)- weapons are necessary in this extremely unfriendly world we live in. EM Weapons don't hurt anybody. A tactical nuclear weapon is not a huge mushroom cloud- we are designing weapons to destroy the real weapons. Sure, we could be spending our time researching other things, but we need money to research, and we are getting money for this.

Representative Navratil (FOR)- this resolution does not say we shouldn't research, it just says that it may compromise some academic ethics. The pulse thing- it does hurt us. It's great that we are affected by this resolution. We should call the University to question.

We do need money, but certain things are compromised by taking the money.

Representative Pravda (AGAINST)- this is not an unbiased resolution- it does say more than we just recognize that it is happening. Put the students before ourselves. Students are not for this bill.

Moved and seconded to suspend the rules to move back to amendments. Division called. Motion passed.

Friendly Amendment:

Remove 2nd Be it Resolved

Accepted.

ALSO. take out "and financial coercion" in the 1st Be it Resolved.
Last Be it further Resolved: remove "and international cycles of violence"

Motion to move back into debate. No second.

Friendly Amendment:

Remove entire last Whereas.

Not accepted, but changed to remove "does not advance humanity" and add "The University of Texas at Austin participates in" to the beginning of the Whereas.

Does this need to be voted on tonight? Yes.

Moved and seconded to table the resolution. Motion failed.

Moved and seconded to call to question. Motion rescinded.

Friendly Amendment:

9th Whereas:

13th Whereas:

Moved and seconded to call to question. Motion failed.

Moved and seconded to move back into debate. Motion passed.

DEBATE

Moved and seconded to call to question. Division called. Motion passed.

VOTE 21-10 Resolution passed.

AB 13

Moved and seconded to approve by acclamation. No objections. Motion passed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Thanks for all of you work this semester.
- Over Christmas break, Exec will be doing a little housecleaning- what task forces are still needed, etc.
- Ebus meeting this past Monday- the LBJ students have a lot of information on who has been using, etc. There have been incidents on the buses as far as disrespecting drivers. etc. Keep up word if mouth advertising....
- Shuttle bus- a group will get together to ride the Riverside route to see how it can be improved.
- Thanks again to Mercedes, Eichenbaum, and Haley for coming to the forum last night
- Reps of the Week: Mercedes and Marc

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- the next Internal Affairs meeting will be January 12
- Tomorrow night there will be a forum in here tomorrow night at 8pm to discuss Iraq
- Enrollment meeting
- Will be looking over absences

EXTERNAL FINANCIAL

INTERNAL FINANCIAL

Good Luck on Finals!

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- tomorrow in SSB 4.212 JC will have a hearing on AR 10. Brad will be defending the actions of the assembly

SECRETARY'S REPORT

EXEC HAS ALSO CHOSEN TO RECOGNIZE A REP OF THE SEMESTER...Kenn Kern!!!

Moved and seconded to limit Representative's Privilege to one minute per person.
Motion passed.

REPRESENTATIVE'S PRIVILEGE

Kenn Kern- this has been the highlight of my semester. Has been absolutely awed by the assembly. When people ask about it, he says he had no idea about the depth and intelligence and focus of the assembly. The assembly has done itself proud. Regrets that he will not be here in the spring semester. With a heavy heart, won't be able to join us in spring. Wishes you best of luck!

Representative Karen Weng- part of our job is to come to meeting, but if people are talking and not paying attention to friendly amendments, how can we talk our constituents?

Representative Vaca- debating on whether or not we should info to our constituents to the university? What is our job! In the future, if you are giving the student body info, you are doing your job!

Representative Yates- thanks to all committee and agency heads still sitting here. Will be in Dallas next semester, so Business Council will appoint someone new.

Representative Navratil- one thing Pres. Faulkner does is decides we don't need a VP of graduate school- it is under the Provost's department. There's now an extra layer of bureaucracy.

Representative Buckley- in weeks past, we haven't really paid attention to our student's concerned. Last week, Corrina sat through three hours of the meeting and didn't get to speak. Today went really well. Loves everyone. Looks forward

Representative Aurentz- breaks his heart Kenn Kern is leaving- we'll miss you. Has had doubts about involvement in the org., but after how Ben and Jordan handled things tonight- he is proud. thanks to exec, especially Stacey ☺ Great job
Representative Pravda- please look over legislation over break and really think about why we are here. To people who are leaving- he's really going to miss you.

COMMITTEE AND AGENCY PRIVILEGE

Billingsley- thanks you so much for being here for the FLOers. For the next hour and 54 minutes, you can help FLO by going to Taco Cabana- 20% of profits will go to FLO

Middleton- Vaginas are coming! Auditions are coming this Thursday and Friday. this year, there will be a male monologue.

Gunther- put a letter in box- please email. will send out an email about everything else

Alexander- Tomorrow night at 8pm in this room- Iraq Forum!!! Nicole has been working very hard on this- please come!!!

Apperson- the Judy Sheppard program is in the process. This program will cost over 8,000 dollars- right now we have about 3,000. We have set up support levels- buy ads, etc. Please help get pledges- make a pledge, if you can. Will be on the West Mall Thursday and Friday.

Moved and seconded to limit announcements to 45 sec. Motion passed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian and Sarah's b-day is Dec. 15

Shuler-

Chaney- Dance Marathon!!! Sign up!!!

Bryce- MIS Business Fair is tomorrow- stop by to check it out

Jill- reads a letter from P-Dabs about his 21st b-day

Buckley-

Roll Call #2

Meeting Adjourned at 10:17pm

Sang "Eyes of Texas"