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THE **114<sup>TH</sup>** SESSION  
OF THE  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY**

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
*Tuesday, January 26th, 2021*

SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY: HOLLY AINSWORTH  
PARLIAMENTARIAN: SARAH SPIVEY  
CLERK: BRAXDON CANNON

- I. Call Meeting to Order - 7:05 PM
- II. First Roll Call
- III. Election of Speaker of the Assembly
  - a. Rep. Le - Nursing moves to nominate Holly Ainsworth for Speaker of the Assembly.
  - b. Rep. Ainsworth - U-Wide Nomination Speech Summary:

Holly is really excited to participate in this position. She is willing and ready to work on the transition, and making it as smooth as possible.
  - c. Holly Ainsworth has been elected Speaker of the 114th Assembly by 26-0-0
- IV. Five Minute Transition Recess
  - a. Rep. Selimoglu - Cockrell moves for a 5 minute recess by unanimous consent. So moved.
- V. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Rep. Marconi - McCombs moves to approve 12/1/20 minutes by unanimous consent.  
Rep. Cantu - CNS Seconds. So moved.
- VI. Open Forum
  - a. Miguel Rivera - Texas Civil Rights Project
    - i. Summary

Miguel is a former UT Alum. Congressional Districts, State Senate Districts, State House Districts, and State Board of Education Districts are some of the areas that are being redistricted. The State Legislature decides votes on the redistricting. Miguel asks "What can we do?" He provides tools like advocacy, testimony, and attending hearings. Testimonies can be very important because it becomes public information, and can be used as evidence in future court cases. See his provided testimony tutorial for a how-to on writing testimony. Attending

hearings is also important because if no one shows up, it means they can stop holding them, because there was no public interest.

## VII. Appointments

### a. Jordan Cope - Law School Representative

#### i. Introduction Summary

Is looking to raise awareness for anti-semitic incidents that he feels have not been properly responded to.

#### ii. Rep. Selimoglu - Cockrell moves to appoint Jordan Cope as Law School

Representative by unanimous consent. Rep. Lee- COLA seconds. So moved.

### b. Sergio Plaza III - Graduate Student Representative

#### i. Introduction Summary

Will be representing Graduate Students, and is looking forward to serving with everyone. Interested in learning more about student food insecurity.

#### ii. Rep. Lopez - COLA moves to appoint Sergio Plaza III as Graduate Student

Representative by unanimous consent. Rep. Selimoglu - Cockrell seconds. So moved.

### c. Chief Justice Dwight Peton administered the oath of office to new representatives.

## VIII. Representative Reports

### a. Rep. Marconi - McCombs

#### i. Summary

Has worked hard on the budget and is really excited about it. He wants to get the funds out as soon as possible.

### b. Rep. Murphy - COLA

#### i. Summary

Working on a Joint Resolution about redistricting, so if you would like to sponsor it let him know!

### c. Rep. Cantu - CNS

#### i. Summary

New J.R.s are coming and she is excited.

## IX. New Business

### a. A.B. 05: Spring 2021 Student Government Budget

#### i. Summarize Authorship Speech

Split up budget to two semesters, which is the first time this has been done. No one has access to funds because of the semester difference, so it's important that it gets abridged today. Decreased Sure Walk's funds because a lot of the things they were requesting, UT may not allow, and that they come back during special projects. Women's Resource Agency requested funds for only T-shirts and hoodies which they thought were too expensive.

- ii. Rep. Marconi - Mccombs moves to abridge the regular legislative process to vote on A.B. 05: Spring 2021 Student Government Budget by unanimous consent. So moved.
- iii. Q&A
  - 1. Rep. Le - Nursing
    - a. Summarize Question  
How much money was requested for special projects last semester?
    - b. Summarize Answer  
Last semester there were only a few requests, so the number seems large, but it is because it is easier to move around from that account.
- iv. Rep. Le - Nursing moves to end the question and answer period by unanimous consent. So moved.
- v. Rep. Selimoglu - Cockrell moves to previous question by unanimous consent. Rep. Marconi - Mccombs seconds. So moved.
- vi. Rep. Marconi - Mccombs moves to approve A.B. 05: Spring 2021 Student Government Budget by unanimous consent. Rep. Murphy- COLA seconds. So moved.

## XII. Executive Board Reports

- a. Owen McGeary- Administrative Director
  - i. Summary  
He is working on revamping the Code of Rules for the executive branch. Planning on starting up the internal updates in the coming weeks. His LLA's are looking for more Legislative work if you have anything for them.
- b. Audrey Balliette- Advocacy Director
  - i. Summary  
First Policy Director meeting is this Sunday 2-3pm. They are working with State Relations Director Nikola on Invest in Texas. Orange and Maroon Legislative Day is February 17th, 2021.
- c. Vinit Shah- Chief of Staff
  - i. Summarize  
A previous LLA is creating a Food Insecurity Action Team, and he encourages people to join her team if you are interested.
- d. Oriana Garcia- Communications Director.
  - i. Summarize

New podcast is coming out this Friday! The next newsletter will be released mid-February. There is a SG Connect meeting tomorrow. Let her know how she can help.

- c. Ethan Jones- Financial Director
  - i. Summarize  
Appropriations are due Thursday at Noon. Forty for Forty campaign will be working on increasing endowments. For the class gift they are working with Sanger Learning Center.
- f. Winston Hung- Vice President
  - i. Summarize  
Remember to get PCT tested every week. There is an alignment call with the CEC. They are working on improving the UHS appointment system. Just released the SSBC decision for Spring funding, starting the cycle for next year.
- g. Anagha Kikkeri -President
  - i. Summarize  
President Kikkeri was not present, so Vice President Hung presented pertinent information. They are planning a spirit week for this semester. Planning a Farmers Market with Housing and Dining.
- h. P.O.O- Jordan Cope - Law School
  - i. Summarize  
Wanted to mention that a term used, “Food Apartheid”, (Phrased by Chief of Staff Shah) during the updates he believed to be insensitive to people in South Africa. Does not want to desensitize the struggles that people have suffered in the last decades. Also urged that the terms being used should be accurate, and need to have more caution in assembly.

### XIII. Assembly Committee Chair Reports

- a. Rep. Wongso - U-Wide- Student Affairs
  - i. Summary  
They will have a new chair by next week for the committee.
- b. Chair Lopez- Rules and Regulations
  - i. Summary  
Congratulations to Speaker Holly!
- c. Chair Menon- Ethics and Oversight
  - i. Summary  
Working on a new meeting time for the semester. Make sure to fill out the absence form 24 hours prior to assembly if you will not be present.
- d. Chair Brown- Governmental Affairs

- i. Summary
      - “Be safe, be smart, all gas no brakes.”
  - e. Chair Le and Wongso- COVID-19
    - i. Summary
      - Make sure to get PCT tested, and vaccinated if you’re eligible. Make sure to put your mask above your nose.
- XIV. Speaker of the Assembly Report
  - a. Summarize
    - Happy beginning of the semester! She is super excited for this new role, and she is here to support you with any initiatives you want to pursue. Make sure to file for elections if you are running! This is a great time to join a CMHC group. Make sure to get PCT tested.
- XV. General Announcements
  - a. Ethan Jones - Financial Director
    - i. Summarize
      - Apply to Silver Spurs, and if you do talk to him!
- XVI. Second Roll Call
- XVII. Adjournment - 8:33 PM
  - a. Rep. Cantu - CNS moves to adjournment by unanimous consent. Rep. Le- Nursing seconds. So moved.