

Assembly Meeting – 4/18/00
7:00 PM – Glenn W. Maloney Student Assembly Room

Decided 4/25/00

A regular meeting of the Student Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin was called to order at 7:13 PM on April 18, 2000 in SSB G1.310. Secretary Lora took the minutes.

Roll was called with the following Representatives not present: Beattie, Bencivenga, Haynes, Mealy, Rosen.

The minutes were approved.

Guests:

1. Nina Bhatia – Postcard Project
2. Jay Raman – Arabic Studies

There were no open forum topics.

President's Report

Daron Roberts

1. Dunking Booth went well.
2. We need to decide whether we support the union proposal. Please read the packet this week. Brian Ferguson will be making a presentation to the assembly next week. As a body, we need to issue a decision on whether we support this.
3. AB 3 – Representatives Decker and Friedberg will be bringing up a bill to create an ad hoc committee to evaluate the problems with ESB and election code changes. He believes that the committee should be comprised only of representatives.
4. Appointments will be going on tonight. Graham Davis has resigned his position, so we will be appointing a new two year at large. We will also appoint a new FLO director.
5. Music – Each week someone will be responsible for bringing a CD to play before the meeting.

Vice President's Report

Matt Hammond

1. If you ever have a question during the meeting, just say "point of information". Make sure you understand what is going on at all times.
2. Appointment process – Daron will introduce the appointees, and they will introduce themselves. Then you'll get the chance to ask questions and then will leave the room while we discuss.

Cabinet Report

Katy Zarolia

1. Arabic Studies – There was a meeting this past week with Dean Lariviere. He will present a written response to the issues by this Friday.
2. Faculty Council – The faculty council voted on the psychology changes. Only the first part of the proposal was passed.

Committee and Agency Reports

1. FLO – Chao reported that FLO will be hosting a date auction a week from Thursday to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Also, please sign up to be a mentor for freshmen.
2. Student Forum Agency – Tooke reported that SG week is going well. Next week her committee will be giving out awards.
3. Transportation Agency – Slaughter reported that he has been going around advertising the 23-BUSES line to student organizations.
4. Legislative Relations Agency – Clemensen reported that the census is still going on. If any of you (or anyone you know) hasn't turned it in, do so now.

Representatives' Privilege

1. Representative Friedberg – Please fill out the Postcards for freshmen.

Representative Friedberg moved to suspend the rules to place AB 3 as the first item under new business. Passed.

Appointments

1. Erin Wilhite spoke on behalf of herself for the position of secretary. Representative Chao moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Friedberg seconded. Approved by acclamation.
2. Mandy Price spoke on behalf of herself for the position of FLO director. Representative Kovar moved to approve by acclamation. Representative Decker seconded. Approved by acclamation.
3. Nada Antoun spoke on behalf of herself for the position of two year at-large representative. Representative Kovar moved to go back to questioning. Representative Friedberg seconded. Moved back to questioning. Representative Johnson moved to table this appointment for two weeks. Representative Patel seconded. Representative Friedberg moved that we move to debate the tabling. Representative Kovar seconded. Vote on tabling. Division was called. (17 for, 10 against). Failed. Vote on tabling the appointment. Failed. (12 for, 19 against). Failed.

Debate continues. Representative Friedberg moved that we table the appointment indefinitely. Representative Mabry seconded. Vote. Division was called. (15 for, 15 against). Hammond broke the tie by voting not to table this. Representative Hammond moved to call the question. Representative Palafox seconded. Vote on calling the question. Passed. Vote on this appointment. Passed.

4. Shawn Abboud spoke on behalf of himself for the position of external financial director. There was no debate. Passed.
5. Jarrad Toussant spoke on his own behalf for the position of executive director. Representative Christenson moved to call the question. Representative Ortega seconded. Failed.
Representative Friedberg moved to move to debate. Debate. Representative Mabry moved to call the question. Representative Ortega seconded. Failed.
Representative Chao moved to limit comments to one minute. Seconded. Passed.
Representative Kovar called the question. Representative Cox seconded. Passed.
Vote on appointment. Division. (11 for, 15 against, 5 abstentions). Failed.

Representative Hammond moved for a 5 minute recess. Representative Palafox seconded. Failed.

Representative Decker moved to adjourn the meeting. Representative Pate seconded. Division. (14 for, 8 against). Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM. The meeting ended with the singing of "The Eyes of Texas".