August 19, 2004: Called to Order: 7:05 pm Adjourned: 8:30 pm

I. Roll Call: Damon Garcia, Chris Forbrich, Bobbiejean Garcia, Destinee Waiters, Cody Cоеckelenbergh, Richard Knight, Jennifer Malaer, Marcos Menchaca, Carlos Cardenas, Barry McKinney

II. Minutes from August 5, 2004 meeting read and approved without corrections

III. Open Forum: Carlos Cardenas spoke about the US Patriot Act and would like a resolution “Patriot Act Resolution” or “Protect Your Freedom Act”.

IV. President (Damon Garcia)
   a. Constitution
      i. Please become familiar with the Constitution
      ii. It is very important for all members to have intimate knowledge of the document which governs them.
      iii. Please review the duties of the office you’ve been elected to.
   b. Internal Rules of Procedure
      i. Authentic version distributed.
      ii. Please become familiar with the IRP.
   c. Work Day
      i. Went very well. Special thanks to Barry McKinney, Associate Director of SLCP, for his hard work in planning this event.
   d. College Councils
      i. All Representatives should schedule a meeting with their College Dean or Associate Dean before Fall Semester. (You do not have to meet with them before the Fall. Simply schedule an appointment at this time)
      ii. All College Council Constitutions should be on file in the SG office and the office of Barry McKinney.
      iii. Representatives should strongly consider recruiting students at the beginning of this school year.
         1. Sign up sheet in classes for your constituents and future council members.
         2. List of students from college Dean.
         3. Tables at Week of Welcome Events (foyer of Convocation Center for Dat Phan event)
         4. Club Fair- September 7th, 8th, and 9th
         5. Regular information tables in front of the location of your college.
         6. Email student organizations
   e. Elections and Appointments
      i. Members are needed at Dat Phan event to hand out information about the upcoming SG elections for VP-I, VP-E, At-Large Representatives, and Presidential Appointments.
      ii. Encourage your UTSA friends and colleagues from other organizations to join Student Government.
      iii. Flyers will be given to you with all necessary information and applications for office for you to give to the students. Please sign up to man the tables for the events
      iv. Take a look at these applications
   f. Trip to Austin
      i. Met with Glen Baumgart, Director of UT Volunteer Center, to discuss the centralization of UT System volunteer service hours, and the unification of volunteer service organizations at UTSA.
ii. Met with Brent Chaney, UT SG President, to discuss our need to have a student representative on the Board of Regents with voting rights.
   1. Discussed the need for our SG’s to communicate during the school year, and coordinate our efforts together when needed.

g. General Assembly - Fall Semester
   i. If there is a significant schedule conflict with the General Assembly meetings being held every Thursday at 7:00 pm, please make a motion regarding the need to change the time. Thank you.

h. Met with Albert Carrisalez about getting donations for the Volunteer Center; wants to reach $250,000 (quarter of a million dollars).

V. Vice President-Internal Affairs (Vacant)
   a. Special Election To Be Held Fall

VI. Vice President-External Affairs (Vacant)
   b. Special Election To Be Held Fall

VII. Parliamentarian (Vacant)
   c. To Be Appointed ASAP

VIII. Historian (Vacant)
   d. To Be Appointed ASAP

IX. Treasurer (Chris Forbrich)
   e. Budget Report
   f. Mentions T-shirt design which will be discussed in New Business
   g. Explanation of the transition to the new budget

X. Secretary (Bobbie Jean Garcia)
   h. Member’s updated contact information needed
   i. “How To” from the office of the Secretary
   j. The importance of good communication
   k. The need to transition to new email group

XI. Standing Chair
   l. Student Affairs Chair (Vacant)
      ✪ To Be Appointed ASAP

   m. Business Affairs Chair (Vacant)
      ✪ To Be Appointed ASAP

   n. Academic Affairs Chair-Marcos Menchaca
      ✪ This division works with the Provost’s office, Dr. Bailey.
      ✪ When reps first meet with their Dean, investigate the ground work previously laid out; see where the Dean or Associate Dean stands on issues
      ✪ It is important if the (Associate) Dean meets with students on a regular basis, we want the college council to be the official student group they meet with.

   o. University Advancement Chair (Vacant)
      ✪ To Be Appointed ASAP

XII. Regular Chair

XIII. Representative Reports
   p. COLFA (Destinee Waiters): Meeting with Dr. Gelo went well; he wants to help start the college council
      ✪ The new Associate Dean is Chris Wickham, looking at him as our possible advisor
      ✪ A lot of restructuring is within the COLFA, Dr. Gelo will get Dept.
Chairs to get the right students for the Council.

q. COS (Richard Knight): In next 12 months the physics department is expected to have their PhD approved. We will go from 8 to 18 tenure track professors. Our Chemical PhD – don’t know when it will get approved. Our Masters in Industrial Math probably looking at 2005 approval.

XIV. Ad-Hoc Committees

r. IT (Richard Knight): Have been working Jim Lacke using the WebCT computers for grading & teaching on-line voice recording – but seems inadequate for other than multiple choice & essay questions. But there are tools & utilities to work with this kind.
   ▪ WebCT is $24k per year, $60k per year with the upgraded version, $60-70k per year to develop our own

s. VISA (Chris Forbrich): Mr. Larson made an executive decision to no longer accept Visa, effective on the 23rd of August, before he left. When MasterCard’s contract is over, we will no longer be accepting it either.
   ▪ On July 1st, an email was sent out about the fees.

t. Rowdy Voter Group (Carlos Cardenas): We are in the process of becoming a RSO, to be called UTSA Party. We will then no longer be a part of SGA.
   ▪ On the 26th of August we will have a deputizing people, 1:00pm.
   ▪ So far 300 people are registered to vote.
   ▪ Joining with Texas Justice Network, NAACP, & Unlock the Vote
   ▪ Trying to make contact with the Muslim communities, for Rock the Vote
   ▪ September 14, 15, 16; we will have a political awareness week, a lot are signed up to attend
     • Looking for student moderator to start the open debate
     • Have the Sombrilla & a stage set-up the whole week to use, let us know if you want to use it as well

XV. Advisor Report


XVI. Unfinished Business

v. Deciding on place to have retreat & exact dates; there is a fee to use the kitchen of $150 per day or can pay $5 per meal per person
   ▪ Marcos moved to accept the dates of October 8th & 9th at Camp CAMP, Destinee 2nd
   ▪ Motion passes, all in favor (7)

XVII. New Business:

▪ Bobbiejean moved to open up discussion on the t-shirt design and the exact use of the shirts, Chris 2nd, discussion closed by Bobbiejean, 2nd by Richard
▪ Bobbiejean moved to accept the T-shirt design as discussed (same colors as before blue/orange, on the front to read “Ready, Willing, & Able” and on the back “Vote”
  • Motion Passes: In Favor (6), Abstentions (1), Nay (0)

XVIII. Announcements
w. Paper work has been filed for the Sponsored Student Organization, formerly Chartered Student Organization (CSO).
x. Next meeting – Thursday, September 2nd @ 7:00pm