General Assembly Minutes

February 10, 2005

I. Minutes (pushed back until Feb. 17th)

II. Open Forum
* Stephen Rolen came to represent the Students for Academic Freedom – goal is to restore academic integrity by challenging political and religious biases among the staff in the classroom. Try to make curriculum unbiased and even out the funding for student programs that represent religion, political affiliation, etc. SAF would like to rally support from the Student Government Association by instituting the Student Bill of Rights.
* Rudy Torres would like to ask SGA about the Honor Code. He has not been aware of the proposed changes to these documents until he got involved in Student Government and does not believe that a sufficient number of students have been made aware of them either. He would like for the voting members of SGA to table the approval of this document until a larger percentage of the student body has been able to review them.
* Christian Borres addressed the General Assembly about some parking issues at the Downtown Campus. There was a section of the parking lot that was designated for the School of Architecture students but due to some reorganization it was given to the faculty and staff. He would like to ask if the Student Government Association can support the Downtown students in their struggle to get their parking spots back. This is not only an issue of convenience but it is also a safety concern.

III. Executive Officer Reports
a. Office of the President
Not present
b. Office of the Vice President Internal
  • Sa concerns 7 motions new business from concern week
  • 12 students deputized in the SGA office.
  • Keep up your grades.
  c. Office of the Vice President External
  • Bexar County SGA meeting will be held at Our Lady of the Lake University at 1 PM on Feb. 19th.
  • 12 SGA members were deputized in the SGA office today. More can be deputized there in a month.
  • Jenn needs to review any correspondence that the Chairs send out with SGA’s name on it. Chairs are also responsible for keeping her informed with what is going on in their committees.
  d. Office of the Treasury
Not present
e. Office of the Secretary
  • Minutes should be ready for next week.
  • DVD-R’s have been given to the Distance Learning Center.
  • Contact List is being passed around, please sign it.
IV. Advisor Reports
   a. Associate Director
      • Please attend sample day.
      • Please sign the card for John.
      • Assistant Vice President search continues.
      • Only two weeks until Homecoming and the Rowdy Rampage.
      • Two days until Barry’s birthday.
      • Would like to speak with Felicia after the meeting.
         b. Executive Director
Not present

V. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs Committee
Not present
   b. Student Affairs Committee
No Report
   c. Business Affairs Committee
      • Food services Comment Cards have been passed around to students at the JPL and UC Dining Hall.
      • Food services taste test will be on Feb. 24th at 5:30 PM in the UC Laurel Room.
      • Parking Ticket appeals meeting will be next week.
         d. University Advancement Committee
Not present
   e. Downtown Affairs Committee
Position vacant

VI. College Council Reports
   a. College of Liberal & Fine Arts
Position Vacant
   b. College of Sciences
      • Had a CoSAC meeting today in the Buckeye Room.
         c. College of Business
No report
   d. College of Public Policy
Not Present
   e. College of Education and Human Development
Not Present
   f. School or Architecture and Design
Position Vacant

VII. Representative and Committee Reports
   a. Website Chair
      * Committee meeting was held on 1/8/05.
      * Please send in your contact information so Rob can update holder accounts in the email.
         b. FIRE
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* Golf Cart Parade is having massive participation, Jason is trying to find other organizations who are interested in setting up food booths during the event.
* Meetings in the Ash room every Thurs. at 5:30 PM. Every meeting has a guest speaker for a leadership workshop.
* Gaining more interest from students about FIRE.
  c. Environmental Services – Stacy
* Met with the safety manager, Richard Garza.
* Someone is interested in the student position to lead the recycling program.
* Labels have been ordered for the recycling barrels.
* Organizing students to prepare the barrels for placement on campus.
  d. Public Relations
  e. University Oaks
* Meeting with Ben Newhouse to discuss various concerns of the student residents.
* From now on, meetings will be held Wed. at 7 PM in the Phase Two Clubhouse.
* Next semester the Oaks will be expanding the Phase 2 Clubhouse hours. * Plans for meeting again with Ben sometime in the next 2 weeks.

VIII. Old Business
Jennifer moves to untable the Honor Code Resolution. Tie vote 6 each way. Chair votes to table the Resolution for another week. Motion to untable fails.

IX. New Business
a. Judicial Commission Appointments - Charles Butcher, Monica Arriaga, Claudia Sanchez, and Tammy Plank – appointed by Chair, no objections
b. Elections Commissioner – Leah Shire – appointed by Chair, no objections
c. Dan moves to open in-house elections. Christina seconds the motion.
* College of Science – Carlos Cardenas – Justin moves to accept by acclamation. Christina seconds the motion. No objections, Carlos accepted by acclamation.
* School of Architecture – Muneera Shah – Cody moves to accept by acclamation. Jenn seconds the motion. Muneera accepted by acclamation.
* College of Engineering – no candidates present
* College of Liberal and Fine Arts – Matt Impellueso, Nancy Ayon, and Nicole Aquino – (ballot vote) – Nancy and Nicole elected as COLFA representatives.
* Parliamentarian – Janelle Martinez – appointed by Chair, no objections
  d. Dan moves to have Academic Affairs to investigate student involvement in the process for selecting professors. Justine seconds. Tommy moves to accept by acclamation, no objections. Motion passes.
  e. Dan moves to have Business Affairs investigate the shuttle services of students to off-campus housing. Christina seconds. Tommy moves to accept by acclamation, no objections. Motion passes.
  f. Dan moves to have Business Affairs investigate the possibility of putting sidewalks and additional lighting on Chase Hill and UTSA Blvd. Priscilla seconds. Tommy moves to accept by acclamation. Motion passes.
g. Dan moves to have the BA to investigate the possible addition of covered bus stops. Justine seconds. Justin moves to accept by acclamation, no objections. Motion passes.

h. Dan moves to investigate the possibility of getting shuttle service to the off-campus baseball games. Priscilla seconds. Tommy moves to accept by acclamation, no objections. Motion passes.

i. Dan moves to have Student Affairs investigate the possibility of holding the graduation ceremonies at a larger venue. Christina moves to accept by acclamation, no objection. Motion passes.

j. Dan moves to have Student Affairs investigate the promotion of on-campus events. Priscilla seconds. Justin moves to amend the motion to include the Website Committee in the investigation. Rob seconds. Motion to amend passes. Tommy moves to accept the amended motion by acclamation, no objections. Motion passes.

k. Jenn moves to allocate funds in the amount of $700 to the Homecoming Committee to sponsor the Rowdy Rampage. Christina seconds. Justin moves to accept by acclamation, no objections. Motion passes.

l. Justin moves to have the Web Committee and Public Relations to establish a database for student concerns. Rob seconds. Dan moves to accept by acclamation, no objections. Motion passes.

X. Announcements
   a. Student Affairs meeting Wednesday at 7 PM in the Redbud Room.
   b. Business Affairs meeting Thursday at 11 AM in the SGA Office.
   c. Rob would like to see the newly elected members after the meeting.
   d. Jason would like to see Jenn, Priscilla, and Carly after the meeting.
   e. Cody would like to see Jason after the meeting.
   f. Officer’s Council in Palo Verde Room after General Assembly.
   g. Mayoral debate on Feb 18th will be in the Main Building auditorium at 5:30 PM.
   h. Feb. 19th the Bexar County SGA meeting will be held.