General Assembly  
November 11, 2004

1. Call to Order – 7:05 PM

2. Roll Call – Damon Garcia, Cody Coeckelenbergh, Carlos Cardenas, Poe Madole, Chris Forbrich, Christina Gomez, Eddie Dawson, Jeri Lopez, Tommy Thompson, Alex Cruz, Destinee Waiters, Antonio Mills, Richard Knight, Christian Borres, Jenn Malander, Alex Martinez, Jozi Zatarain, Nick Lambert, Jonathan Fierro, Dallas Davis, Justin Shenk, Justine, Carly Spannus, Felix Medina, Daniel Laugesen, Felicia Owo, Angela McNair, Vaughn Cummings, Jason Palasota, Barry McKinney

Excused Absences – Marcos Menchaca

3. Open Forum

* Angela McNair and Christina Le Blanc came to talk about United to Serve which is an event where all UT students get together on April 16 to do a day’s worth of community service. Their goal is to get out 400 UTSA volunteers on UT Serve Day, which would make it the biggest service project in UTSA history. They would like help from SGA for financial support, help with publicity, and volunteers.

* Christina Le Blanc, Vice President of VOICES, would like feedback from the students about which service projects sound the most appealing to participate in (ie: Habitat for Humanity, Keep San Antonio Beautiful, battered women shelters, animal defense league, etc). The Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service fraternity on campus is willing to move their induction dates so that they can volunteer throughout the entire week of UT Serve.

Questions:

* Chris wants specification on the funding that they want to get from Student Government. How much will they be asking for and how will that money be used? Angela is not sure at this point, she and Christina will be meeting with the Student Leader Council for more brainstorming ideas.

* Jeri asks if this event is a week long project or if it is only for the specified date of April the 16th. Angela explains that the 16th is the big date for volunteer work, but there will be some smaller projects available throughout that week for those who want to continue volunteering or could not participate on the 16th.

* Justin wants to know if CAB will be participating. Angela hasn’t spoken with CAB but thinks that they might be interested in this event.

* Christian would like for Angela to keep him informed on the progress of this event because he knows of some organizations downtown that would be interested in participating for this event.

4. Executive Officer Reports

A. President – Damon Garcia

* Damon went to the UT System Student Advisory Council meeting this weekend. They talked about putting a student on the Board of Regents with voting powers. There are petitions that SGA is trying to fill out to garner student support for this cause. Student Advisory Council also talked about putting forth a resolution.

* He met with Kerry Kennedy regarding Environmental Services. Environmental Services Chair, Stacy Berflieh has looked into other campuses and their recycling programs, she has found a good template.

* Investigation is being made for a Student Bill of Rights and Freedom of Speech that might cover the entire UT system.

* Open positions are available. Elections will be held on December 2nd for CoEHD and CoS Rep positions.

B. Vice President Internal – Cody Coeckelenbergh

* Board of regents Petitions – going to get petitions signed on Tuesday, his goal is to get 20,000 signatures

* Student Assembly met yesterday and delegated concerns throughout Student Assembly. Reports will be brought to G.A. next week.

* The Meet-and-Greet will be on Wednesday. SGA members will meet at 11 AM in the SGA office and then go around to different places on Campus to meet administrators, staff members, and students.

* The College Councils will give end-of-semester reports in two weeks.

* SGA work date on a Monday January 17th at 1PM (MLK day)

* Student Assembly will be meeting over the Winter break, expect at least 2, possibly 3 meetings over the break.
C. Vice President External - Carlos Cardenas
Good Morning Vietnam will be showing in the Retama Room of the UC tomorrow.
Saturday, November 13 will be the K D Chi Bowl-A-Thon (1-5 PM). SGA members can participate for
$15. Meet by the Fiesta Dancers at 12:30 PM if you would like to carpool.
Thursday November 18 everyone is welcome to visit O'Conner High School at 4 PM as part of a high
school outreach initiative. Talk to Carlos after the meeting if you are interested in carpooling or need
directions.
Thursday November 18 will be the City Council Open Forum which starts around 5:30 PM. SGA's that are
expected to be in attendance are UTSA, SAC, Palo Alto, and St. Philips. We are going to petition for early
polling sites.
Friday November 19 is the date of the Bexar County SGA meeting. It is a general meeting at 1 PM that
will be held at the Palo Alto College. Meet in the SGA office at 12 PM, see Carlos after the meeting if you
need directions.

D. Treasurer - Chris Forbrich
• The Leaderfund meeting will be November 22nd at 5:30 PM in the SLCP. Chris needs to see committee
members from SGA. Any others who are interested should also come and visit with him.
If anyone needs help getting into Greek Life, come speak to Chris and he will help to get them on the
agenda.
Angela McNair, Carly Spannus, Jason Palasota, & Justin Shenk need to come speak to Chris or make an
appointment to do so.
Nick Lambert, Jozi Zatarain, Marcos Menchaca, and Alex Martinez should see Chris regarding the
financial task force.

E. Secretary - Amy (Poe) Madole
• contact list is being updated
• organized the dungeon to create more storage space
• organize the office
• Thank you Felicia Owo

5. Advisor's Report

A. Associate Director, SLCP - Barry McKinney
• The Search Committee met last Friday and is currently reviewing applications.
• SLCP name change, expect a lonestar email about it
• Academics – don’t fail your classes!
Glenda is doing well
Sent out an email about High School visits
• Poe reports by 5 PM Friday

B. Executive Director, SLCP - John Kaulfus - not present

6. Cabinet Reports

A. Business Affairs Chair - Jennifer Malaer
• Today Business affairs met with the man who is in charge of Parking tickets
• Parking and Parking Related issues will be the focus of the committee for the remainder of the semester.
• Tomorrow members from B.A. will meet with the Assistant Chief of Police to discuss the state of Parking
and parking regulations for the Downtown Campus
• Work order has been submitted to fix the leaky faucets in the Main Building
• Another microwave is being put in the JPL as requested by student concerns

B. Academic Affairs Chair - Marcos Menchaca – not present

C. Downtown Affairs Chair - Jozi Zatarain
• Thank you to those of you who took the time to call when she was injured.
D. University Advancement Chair - Nick Lambert
• Facilities has been contacted regarding the need for pencil sharpeners in the Main Building
• The meeting with Bette Simpson from Development has been
• Contact has been made with several administrators from the Provost's office in regard to the SGA
  investigation of a law school at UTSA.

E. Historian - Christina Gomez
• Thanks to everyone who participated in taking the picture. It turned out very well.
• Please continue sending reports to her.
• Christina would like the participants for this weekend’s bowling event to please take pictures and send
  them to her.

F. Parliamentarian - Eddie Dawson
No report

Representative Reports

A. College of Science - Richard Knight
No report

B. College of Public Policy - Geraldine (Jeri) Lopez
• Last week Dennis Haynes (chairperson for the Social Work Program for the College of Public Policy)
  contacted Jeri about the College Council for CoPP because there are some increases in the applicants fees,
  which Jeri is currently dealing with
• Sandra Guerreiro went to a Fee Committee meeting to work out this issue further, but she is not able to
  attend the General Assembly to deliver her report
• The Cop Council Advisor has sent out fliers in order to get more student involvement in determining fair
  policies for the campus

C. School of Architecture & Design - Christian Borres
• Held the first SoA Council Officers Meeting last Monday. Had a very successful brainstorming session
  but still need more members to support the committees.
• The second SoA Council General Assembly will be this Friday at 12PM at the BTC Studios Seminar
  Room. We hope to gain more membership for the committees in place to get it started for the next
  semester. Action/Events committee is in the process to get permission for a parking lot barbecue for the
  Council's first fundraising event.
• President, VP, and Action/Events Chair will be meeting with SoA Dean Gribou to address a few major
  issues (security guards harassing students, confiscation of student’s personal property, parking rules and
  regulations, security system not allowing students to enter their studios after hours) concerning the Business
  Technology Center (BTC) Security Staff.
• The Council is still trying to coordinate with SoA Administration on Perkins & Will's visit to the SoA for
  a presentation. Information and P&W's intent has already been communicated, but proper office
  procedures are slowing the process down.

D. College of Liberal & Fine Arts - Destinee Waiters, Antonio Mills
• The COLFA council met for the first time this past Tuesday and our biggest concern was the unity of the
  liberal and fine arts division of COLFA.
• Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 30th at 6 PM the room however has not been reserved yet and will
  be announced as soon as possible.

E. College of Business - Tommy Thompson and Alex Cruz
• Yesterday Alex and Tommy met the Dean of the CoB who has some interesting ideas for the College
  Council.
• They are also working very closely with the business student council in order to garner more student
  participation.

F. College of Engineering - Jorge Gonzalez (report presented by proxy: Destinee Waiters)
• Engineering Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 15 at 12 PM in the Engineering Conference Room.
• Elections will be held to elect new representatives for the Spring Semester.
• Engineering faculty and staff will be available to address concerns.

8. At-Large Representatives
Chaparral Village Representative – Felicia Owo
• Had a meeting with Lester Samson, Alicia Triplett, John White where she raised the issue of student concerns about mandatory meal plans for Chaparral residents. Any changes can not be made until Fall of 2005 due to their contract with Chartwells.
• In the meeting, these individuals agreed to begin looking into the option of a less expensive or optional meal plan for the future,
• Is also working to get the lines in the parking lot repainted because students have been ticketed for parking on prohibited areas that are not clearly marked.

Chisholm Hall Representative – Justine Joseph
• Had a meeting with Sonia the Resident Life Coordinator at Chisholm Hall. At that meeting, they discussed the completion of the parking lot and dining hall for the Spring semester, the plans to redesign the student activity center, repainting rooms, getting cable for the students, the lack of a computer lab, and some problems with the RA’s.

9. Committee Reports
A. FIRE
Freshman can now apply for positions in the committee if they are interested
Congratulations to Andres who now holds a position within the committee
Anyone else who is interested in joining can contact Jason at jpalasota@utsasga.com
Thanks to Richard Knight and Barry McKinney and Justin for getting FIRE started

B. Public Relations
• PR has been contacted with prices of many promotional items, and now they are deciding which would be best. Overall support was shown for athletic promotional items, and the poll results are pending.
• The T-shirt design is completed. It is a baseball jersey with blue or orange sleeves with a quote on the back that reads “Gov’t is too big and too important to be left up to politicians to decide”.
• David Gabler, Director of University Communications, has been contacted regarding a connection with the Express-News and PR looks forward to maintaining communication regarding events, such as the Meet and Greet that is coming up.
• The LED sign and poster area in the UC dining hall has been replaced because it was no longer working after quite a bit of neglect. Student Government now owns ownership of that sign, which will be very useful in getting messages out to students.
• The LED sign may not arrive for another 3 to 4 weeks but it can be utilized during the Spring semester.
• If anyone is interested in making a posting on our new LED sign, contact Chanele at cdedrick@utsasga.com.

C. Communications
• The Campus Meet-and-Greet will be held next Wednesday at 11:00 AM. Members will meet in the office, then go to the UC, the library, the computer lab, and then back to the UC dining hall to have lunch.
• Vaughn spoke with Spencer from the Paisano who might be able to come and publicize this event even more.

D. Environmental Services
• Last week E.S. collected signatures to show support for the proposal of the recycling program.
• E.S. has been in contact with WalMart for donations of bins.
• There is a meeting scheduled next week with Kerry Kennedy, the Vice president of Business Affairs to present the proposal.

E. Advancement of Women
A. of W. had a meeting with Health Services to talk about the care that is provided to women and if there can be any improvement.
Set up some goals for the Committee for the following semester(s): get health services to reduce the price of STD testing, provide cheaper contraception on campus, get a Planned Parenthood near campus, get students to sign a roll of support for these plans, and plan a birthday celebration for Roe v. Wade.
The next meeting with the Health Advisory Council will be held at 4 PM at the Health Services Center.

10. Old Business
None

11. New Business

Tommy moves to open investigation of getting Postal Services. Cody 2nd's the motion

Discussion –
Tommy: This was a concern that was brought to Student Government during concerns week. Students would like to have the machines that sold stamps to be brought back. The machines are owned by the US Postal Service and were taken out because students were not buying enough stamps from them. However, the only place to get stamps on campus is Chisholm Hall and the students
Nick: Recommends that we look into getting an actual post office established here on campus because it would serve the students a lot better.
Cody: Clarifies that the motion covers any form of postal services that could stand to be investigated for the benefit of the campus.
Christian: Wants to know what is included in this investigation that pertains to the Downtown Campus.
Cody: Again, the investigation will cover all forms of postal service, which includes downtown.
Cody moves to accept by consent. Carlos 2nd's the motion.
All in favor with the exception of Jonathan Fierro who is opposed.
Motion passes

Justine Joseph moves to open an investigation for putting toilet seat covers in all of the bathrooms.
Eddie 2nd's the motion.

Discussion –
Nick: Toilet seat covers are pointless and wasteful because they are ineffective in preventing germ transfer. There have been studies to prove that seat covers have no benefit to sanitation. Establishing a program to put them in the University's bathrooms would be a waste of funds that are already limited.
Cody: This is not a motion to put toilet seat covers in the bathrooms. It is just a motion to open up an investigation about possibly having them. This is still a realistic concern that was brought up by students during concerns week and it is Student Government's responsibility to look into the matter despite what our personal beliefs on the subject might be.
Jozi: Is it possible that toilet seat covers may be placed in the University bathrooms for people to purchase if they had the inclination to do so. Therefore, this program might actually provide some income for the school instead of drain from it.
Jenn: This is going to be a very busy time for Business Affairs and she believes that not only are toilet seat covers a waste of paper and money, but also of Business Affair's time.
Cody: Student Assembly already decided that this issue was worth being addressed because it is a student concern.
Vote – 6 in favor / 8 against / 3 abstain.
Motion fails

Alex moves to open an investigation about smoking on campus. Cody 2nd's the motion.

Discussion –
Alex: This concern was delegated to him in Student Assembly. It was specifically geared towards the establishment of designated smoking areas. He sees three options: 1) ban smoking entirely like SAC 2) establish smoking designated areas 3) enforce the current policy which is that people may only smoke when they are 20 feet away from the buildings.
Angela: Would like to remind the G.A. that this issue was already investigated by student government in previous years.
Jenn: This seems like an important concern to investigate despite the fact that we did it last year. But she has to question the rationality of such policies regarding smoking. Although we can investigate it again, what is there that will lead us to a different conclusion about it than before?
Christian: We should either allow smoking or ban it. A good option would be to send out a survey about the matter.
Angela: Let’s not forget that there was a harsh backlash from students when SGA investigated the possibility of banning smoking. It is not a popular idea and we could face quite a bit of criticism if the situation is opened up.
Christina: We should also look into the possibility of fining people for littering because the biggest problem with smoking on campus is that there are cigarette butts all over the ground.
Cody: moves to accept by consent. Carlos 2nd’s the motion.
Vote – 10 in favor / 4 opposed / 4 abstain.
Motion carries.

✿ Felicia moves that an investigation be opened for the required meal plans for students in Chaparral Village. Carlos 2nd’s the motion.
Cody moves to accept by consent. Carlos 2nd’s the motion.
All in favor.
Motion carries.

✿ Felicia moves that an investigation be opened regarding the faded parking lines throughout the campus.
Cody 2nd’s the motion.
Cody moves to accept by consent. Carlos 2nd’s the motion.
All in favor.
Motion carries.

✿ Antonio moves that an investigation be opened pertaining to the required purchase of unnecessary books for classes. Cody 2nd’s the motion.
Discussion –
Tommy: It doesn’t seem realistic to regulate the professors when they assign books. It is going to be difficult to determine which materials will be necessary as the courses continue.
Antonio: Remind everyone that the motion only pertains to finding out more about this student concern. This is a student concern that deserved to be addressed in some manner before we make up our minds about it.
Carlos: There are many concerns that students may have regarding books that extend beyond just unnecessary books. This concern is entitled to some form of investigation because not only are we paying for books that sometimes are not used, but we are also paying exorbitant amounts or money for them as well.
Christian: Is interested in knowing more about the actual process that professors must go through in order to assign books for their classes.
Richard: Textbook publishers have been known to pay off professors who use their textbooks in the past. We should include that in the investigation as well.
Cody: These topics are all part of a full investigation which is why the motion should be passed.
Vote – 15 in favor / 3 against / none abstain.

12. Announcements
University Advancement meeting will be Tues at 5:30 in the Buckeye Room.
K D Chai Bowling this Sunday.
“Good Morning Vietnam” will be showing tomorrow in the Retama room in the UC.
Grab some petitions and get them filled out.

13. Adjournment – 8:55 PM