Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

Executive Officer Reports
A. President-Damon Garcia
B. Vice President-Internal Affairs-Cody Coeckelenbergh
C. Vice President-External Affairs.Carlos Cardenas
D. Treasurer-Chris Forbrich
E. Secretary-Bobbiejean Garcia

Advisor's Report-Barry McKinney and John Kaufus

Cabinet Reports
A. Academic Affairs-Marcos Menchaca
B. Business Affairs Committee-Jennifer Malear
C. Downtown Affairs-Jozi Zatarain, Michael Comer
D. Historian-Christina Gomez
E. Parliamentarian-Eddy Dawson
F. Student Affairs-Alex Martinez
G. University Advancement-Nicholas Lambert

Representative Reports
A. College of Science
B. College of Education & Human Development
C. College of Business
D. College of Engineering
E. School of Architecture and Design
F. College of Liberal and Fine Arts
G. College of Public Policy
H. At-Large

Committee Reports
A. Information and Technology
B. Website
C. Rowdy Voter Group
D. Public Relations
E. University Life Awards
F. Other

Unfinished Business

New Business
- Patriot Act Resolution
- Voting Transportation

Announcements

Adjournment
GA Thursday October 14, 2004  Called to Order: 7:17pm Adjourned:10:05

I. Roll Call

II. Minutes: Approved with corrections

III. Executive Officers
   a. President (Damon):
      i. Concerns Week: Went phenomenally. Have got good comments that we will look through; next Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Oak room Student Assembly if you want to view the comments.
      ii. Emails: If an issue is brought up – it needs to be discussed person to person or brought up in the GA. Email is to be used to what we need to do, when meetings are to be held and not be used for debating with one another. Please don’t send personal email to the whole sga email. If you don’t have an account, please see Richard
      iii. SGA Offices: Needs more adequate facilities for SGA. Looking into possibly getting more space. Working on relocation of the 1604 campus office – into where the Copy Service is currently located. Working on getting us a new printer, need to get the new IBMs on line, the office is a wreck – please pick up after yourselves.
      iv. Student Bill of Rights: Will be working on this to draft a student bill of rights. Will have a forum, in conjunction with a university committee (created for voter registration and freedom of speech).
      v. Recycling: Putting together a committee “Environmental Services” We will have a graduate student head this up. She will need students to help her.
      vi. Elections: Not all positions will be filled tonight, but will fill some of them. Will hold the open ones next week during the Secretary election. Please let your friends know about this.

b. VP – Internal (Cody):
   i. Concerns Week: Set up tables & had boards across campus; will send an email out to all students along with a survey thanking them for their concerns. They will be able to add concerns on this email. Will setup a weekly concern table. On our website you can submit concerns; they will be directed to VPI and will forward to appropriate committee. Will go over them during SA. Will put on concern boards the date & times of our GA. All students will get this email. All who left their concerns w/contact info will be contacted at a later date
   ii. University Assembly Thursday Oct. 21st 3:30pm. Appointed 5 students for this. These students will be voted on, and any others who want to attend. Still need a COEH rep.
   iii. Still looking into getting directories
   iv. Resignation of SOA rep.
   v. Spoke to student about the Bike to Vote; Friday first week of early voting – get students to ride to the polls to vote.
vi. Trying to get 4 wheeled peddle powered vehicle – to put shuttle info

vii. SOA, COS, COEHD, Univ. Oaks & COLFA reps open

c. VP – External (Carlos):
   i. Minimal total 969 individuals registered total. In conjunction with all the other groups. This does not include mail in ballots, or those who took it on their own.
   
   ii. Polling on campus, had first meeting this Tuesday to help get this and the institutionalization of voter registration. We have early transport for all faculty, staff, & students. Donate your time, by making sure that everyone knows we have the shuttle service available. Please sign the sign-up sheet.

d. Treasurer (Christopher):
   i. Pending PRAs
      1. PRA for Snacks for Retreat $32.20
      2. PRA for Snacks for Retreat $79.00
   
   ii. Processed PRAs
      1. Advertising for Vacant Secretary Position in Paisano $136.00
      2. Snacks for SGA Retreat $100.00
      3. Voter Registration T-Shirts $1,062.00
      4. SGA Leadership Retreat Binders $40.00
      5. Miscellaneous Supplies for Retreat $90.00
   
   iii. Income
      1. Income for SGA Elections filing fee $50.00

iv. Announcements:
   1. Had a conversation with Jackie Hobson regarding the sources of funding for Voter Registration Shuttles
   2. SGA Retreat paperwork is awaiting final billing for Assembly approval. Expect a breakdown from my office regarding these issues.
   3. My office has processed LeaderFUND Applications. A total of $3,145 for Leadership and Development on our campus has been approved.
   4. I am collecting a list of office supplies for the SGA office. Please email your needs to me at Cforbrich@utsasga.com before the next general assembly meeting.
   5. I contacted Dr. Gambitta and Dr. Ambrosino to offer my dissenting opinion on institutionalized voter registration.

v. Additionally, tonight I would like to take the opportunity to thank a special member of this assembly. Ms. Bobbiejean Garcia has selflessly given to our university through her three-year career as a student leader and more importantly, a civil servant. Under her care and leadership, we have grown so much as a university-changing the entire feel and spirit of our school. This individual has been a source of much of my strength over the years and it is
with much remorse that I watch her leave after such a career here. In her absence, I encourage all of you to look at her amazing attitude, skill and dedication towards making this place better for everyone. Bobbiejean, again, on behalf of all students, thank you for your service and best wishes to you in your future endeavors.

e. Secretary (Bobbiejean):
   i. Minute Changes: make sure it is what you said, not what you want it to say
   ii. Went over mail received in mailbox
      1. Trunk or Treat – Oct. 23rd 5-8pm
      2. Sigma Kappa – Buy Lollipops
      3. Etiquette Dinner
      4. Music Dept. Fri. Oct. 22 7:30pm
      5. Dia de los Muertos – Nov.1

IV. Standing Chairs
   a. Academic Affairs:
      i. Committee will be sending out the honor code asap; which asks for major changes within the university. If you do not speak up in due time, the committee and chair will assume that members are ok with it; send comments to AA Committee. Chair will point out UTSA policy changes.
      ii. Proficiency of English: What are the requirements for faculty to teach?
      iii. How can the administration better utilize the classroom; though UTSA utilizes their space the best, we can do so even more.
      iv. Try to get more students on the university committees; ex: Core Curriculum Committee – it will benefit the student body more
   b. Business Affairs: Chair did not attend meeting, but submitted report
      i. Had 2:00pm meeting in the SGA office, discussed food services and parking. Would like to thank Business Services and Chartwells for working with us this past month and are pleased to announce we are taking steps in the right direction. Now have comment-feedback cards located in the JPL and UC Dining Facilities. Chartwells is now advertising their vegetable burgers and other health oriented alternatives. They are doing a walk through of the UC dining facility next week to evaluate the functional layout, extending the soup, salad, and desert bar areas to provide greater variety, and participating in taste test of new Pepsi products next week. This is to offer a wider variety of drinks and healthier alternatives to soda, such as juiced based drinks. This will be on Thursday, October 21 in the Sombrilla from 10:00am-12:00pm. They are also looking into putting a Starbucks in downtown and keeping it open late.
      ii. Also investigating the parking ticket appeals process; which has been done incompletely in the past. Specifically, want to find out
why no reason given for a denial of an appeal. We will be reconvening next week with our findings.

iii. Town Hall Meetings Tuesday, October 26 and Wednesday, October 27 on the first floor of the UC and Frio St. Building downtown from 10:30am-12:00pm.

iv. If you are interested in being put on our mailing list, please contact me at jmalaer@utsasga.com.

c. Downtown Affairs:
   i. Tue & Wed: heard student concerns at 2 different locations for a few hours. Will compile concerns and respond to. In the future will put out the dtaffairs@utsasga.com email on the board.
   ii. Had first meeting scheduled on Thursday, but ended up being a one-on-one meeting with students.
   iii. Had opportunity to go to free speech and civility web cast.

d. Student Affairs:
   i. In process scheduling meeting with Depts. that are involved with the Disability Services initiatives (HR, TRC, SI, FS). Spoke to Carol Editor about these problems and what we're going to do about it.
   ii. Roost: wanting to do an article on the development of it (Paisano)
   iii. Concern boards: Trying to voice these concerns to the school (sees ROOST on the boards). The more we wait, the later and later it will be.

e. University Advancement:
   i. No report: next meeting Oct. 19th Tuesday 5:30pm

f. Parliamentarian:
   i. Email is official SGA Business: Please keep it pertinent and decorum. When addressing a chair you

g. Historian: Thanks for helping to take pictures & Tommy for putting on his computer. Please give me all committee minutes. Next Thursday we will take a picture, all officers will have their picture taken (and chairs)

V. Advisor

a. Barry: Town Hall Meeting:
   i. 1604 Tues. Oct 26 10:30-12:30, Wed. Oct 27th, 10:30 – 12 (downtown). Check out the email from Jenn Malaer
   ii. Who's Who (more info soon)
   iii. Offices Rearranged: please be aware
   iv. Posted the Coordinator of Leadership & Advisor for SGA, will be putting together a committee soon
   v. Concerns Board: Concerns week – did a good job
   vi. Retreat: thanks to those who helped

b. John:
   i. Mundo will talk about committee sign ups
   ii. Thanks to Dallas Davis for the “please bring a friend to a meeting”
   iii. Thanks to everyone who helped before the retreat
   iv. Funds used for Voter Registration comes from Student Service Fee
VI. Representative Reports

a. COS (Richard): San Antonio Life Sciences Institute (SALSI) has awarded $1 million in research between UTSA and UTHSCSA; this funding is expected to increase drastically over the next few years. There will be basic Macintosh training this Friday in the UC Willow Room.

b. COB (Angie):
   i. International Fee:
   ii. Informal vote on university: overwhelming stay in the BB
   iii. NOV 3rd next meeting: in Lounge area 2nd floor, will continue through the spring. Will discuss the official vote on moving the RSO. Organizational retention. Community service project: Combine speaker series networking w/ (will speak to Wendy Frost) and work with the Dean so she can meet student.
   iv. Student Advisory Committee: once set up will let students know
   v. Still meeting with Dan Hollis

c. COLFA (Destineee):
   i. Still waiting on feedback on bylaws and constitution
   ii. First meeting will be Oct 26th at 6:00pm. Room TBA by email
   iii. Fine Arts: See Actors London Stage and support the Music Department

d. COPP (Jeri):
   i. Chair meeting cancelled this Monday, but will attend next Monday
   ii. Would like to work closely w/ PR to increase student involvement
   iii. Discussed the lack of the coordinator for grad students (internship).
   iv. Have been getting emails; they can’t make the meetings due to conflict, looking at possible changes

e. At Large:
   i. Sandra: having a meeting soon, will look at best time for grads.
   ii. Dallas: Keep inviting students to attend the GA. Still checking on Educational Development Program
   iii. Johnathan: Have attended 57 RSO meetings so far. Talked to Ross about attending RSO Council Meeting
   iv. Chisholm: problems with cable, parking, free long distance. But most people are happy

VII. Regular Committee

a. GAP (Jason): currently thinking of ideas how to recruit. If anyone has members of ones interested, please contact after the meeting.

b. Public Relations (Justin): Working on a poster for T-Shirt Designs of 1 or 2 weeks. Working on open positions poster. Looking into getting LED, downtown could possibly use them more right now; it would help out the PR committee (expect to have more info within a month). Suggestion Box: removing old ones, possibly get the best-looking comment box. Next meeting: Friday 12-3 (in graphics room, meet in office).

c. IT (Richard):
   i. The Technology Task Force met on Wednesday, October 13, 2004.
ii. Locknetics: Committee recognizes Locknetics issues, but did not want to take the issue up.

iii. WebCT: In WebCT Campus Edition ($35,000/year opposed to WebCT Vista of ($500,000/yr), the number of courses increased to 1392 this semester compared to 914 last spring (52% increase) and 495 faculty and instructors now use it for at least one course compared to 95 from last spring. There are still many issues with WebCT, both on the student and the instructor sides. 6.6% of students did not like WebCT, 17.3% were neutral. Interestingly enough, the features that students liked the best (sharing materials with students, feedback on assignments, online readings) were the features that instructors used the least. Among programming experts, Open Source would be expected to eliminate many of the issues with WebCT.

iv. Laptop Initiative: The OGC has had the RFP for the past 6 months; David Johnson will try to speed the process up. OGC has one substantial issue with the RFP relating to what UTSA is asking students to do with laptops. There will be a motion regarding this in New Business. Another issue is supporting widely different laptop configurations on the same network. Current thinking is to standardize on one laptop configuration, this committee will propose relying upon standards compliance like internet websites and unlike proprietary systems. This will allow any sufficiently modern laptop to access all content, and give students a choice between computers.

v. Wireless: Current completion date is mid spring 05. Much of the holdup is due to physical services having to install the transmitters – no easy solution, physical services is swamped with work.

vi. Portal: Contract for a UTSA portal was signed on September 30th, this committee will get details and have Computer Science analyze the technical issues. (Not much can be changed until the contract is up, however recommendations for the future can be made and a plan for evaluation made)

d. RVG (Carlos): working with Amy Jasperson, planning an election night party in the main bldg. KENS 5 & other media attending. 6-12pm, entertainment, looking into getting donations, going to have a raffle. Going to help shuttle students to the polls.

e. ULA (Angela) No report


VIII. Old Business: None
IX. New Business:

a. Marcos: moved that Academic Affairs committee investigate the policies regarding for professor proficiency in English 2nd by Eddy. Passes

b. Cody moved to commence to in house elections; Marcos 2nd:
i. Oaks Rep: Daniel Laugesen
ii. SOA Rep: Christian Borres.
iii. COEHD: Nobody
iv. COS: Nobody
vi. Richard moved to divide the assembly and vote by ballot for election of previous Reps. : Abs. (Bobbiejean & Alex) all other in favors.

c. Richard moved to investigate how students want to use laptops at UTSA and elaborate upon the language to include in the laptop IRP. Marcos 2nd.
   i. Richard moved to amend to insert “Technology Committee” before investigate. Marcos 2nd. Motion carries.

d. Jozi moved to create an ad-hoc committee of environmental services.
   Cody 2nd. 6 abst. 15 in favor. 1 against

e. Marcos moved to investigate the classroom space and utilization Cody 2nd.
   Motion carries

f. Christina moved to introduce the resolution supporting transportation of students, faculty, and staff to early polling sites. Carlos 2nd. Richard moved to divide Eddy 2nd. In favor: Cody, Carlos, Christina, Eddy, Lluvia, Angela, Destinee, Jeri, Dallas, Richard, Marcos, Jennifer, Dallas, Justine, Johnathan, Nick, Antonio, Daniel, Christian, Sandra
   Against: Chris
   Abstention: Bobbiejean, Jozi

  g. Carlos moved to introduce the USA Patriot Act Resolution. Johnathan 2nd.
   Chris called for Point of Order. Angie moved to table for 1 week. Lluvia 2nd. In favor of tabling 13 Abst.1 Against 8

Announcements: * all newly elected members see Cody after meeting
    * If you have not signed up for a meeting, see John.