I. Roll Call: Damon Garcia, Cody Coeckelenbergh, Carlos Cardenas, Chris Forbrich, Christina Gomez, Eddy Dawson, Geraldine Lopez, Angela McNair, Destinee Weiters, Richard Knight, Marcos Menchaca, Jennifer Melker, Alex Martinez, Jozzi Zatarain, Tommy Thompson, Jonathan Fierro, Carly Spanus, Justine Jospeh, Nick Lambert, Chris Borres, Daniel Laugesen

II. Open Forum

- Nick Vandlist, with Progressive Student Organization. Brought to his attention that SGA is passing a resolution regarding the Patriot. He feels it is very important to pass this resolution regarding the Patriot Act, as governments shouldn’t work through fear.
  - There are several books in the Library that could be construed as tagged by the FBI, specifically articles on communism and anarchistic.
  - Another issue that concerns him is the issue of the tracking involved with the student ID cards that link to the Banner system.
  - Computer tracking with Logins in the computer labs concern him as he doesn’t want his computer related activities released to federal agencies.
  - He doesn’t feel that this is out of the student government scope of work.
  - Last year the student government passed a resolution support President Bush and the Iraq War, supporting the president. He asks the Student Government to repeal this resolution.

- Llvia Sanchez, spoke to a student regarding the petition to support the patriot act. In a room of 30 students, only 18 percent of the students actually felt that this was a valid issue. Additionally, seven out of ten students didn’t even know what the patriot act was. She would like the representatives to consider that the majority of the students were not in support of this resolution or petition.

- Nick Vandlist, the majority of the Senators did not read these laws prior to passing them.

- Llvia Sanchez, Student Government has encouraged voting and that will affect how the politicians feel about these issues. Now the Student Government should be focusing on many issues that exist within the school and leave this to the politicians.

- Damon Garcia, Student Government has a large scope of items in relations to the students. We should respect from the bottom, all the way up from student concerns to societal issues.

- Rudy Torres, He has heard about the voting of the Student Government regarding the patriot act and gives a vote of no support. He doesn’t think that you have anything to fear. There have been quite a few people that have told you their side of the story, and only telling you their side of the truth. He asks that we do not support the Patriot Act.
  - He was told in September 2004 that the SGA didn’t support external events, nor did they form an opinion. During that time, he wanted the SGA to pass a resolution to discourage a sales tax raise in Balcones Heights.
  - Today Dr. Gambitta held a seminar regarding border towns, including the Honorable Mayor from Eagle Pass. He said that there were many people that were coming through the borders more and more. Mr. Torres is worried about the people that are coming from South and Central America to come to the United States, and those who are not looking for work. Those are the people that are dangerous to America. Those are the people that the Patriot Act is directed towards. No one in this room is worth the efforts of the Secret Service or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
  - He would like to ask the members of the SGA to postpone voting on this issue until they had enough time to further investigate the students’ feelings on this issue.
  - For the past ten years, our military has been in the mountains and areas of Iraq.
  - There was another man who claimed that he was in the Special Forces. This is a force that is made of volunteers of volunteers.
  - Please don’t believe everything that you hear. The Patriot isn’t going to hurt you. He routinely checks out books that are there just to upset those who look back at the records.
  - The people that come against the wars are those people who will cry when the opportunities to assemble like we are today. Please table this motion. If you do decide to vote on this issue, please divide the assembly by roll call, slowly enough for the secretary to capture the materials and post your position on the website.
Justin Smith respectfully disagrees with the past gentleman who spoke. He do need to support our government but when our government is wrong, we need to speak up for the government to let them know what is wrong.

I. Executive Officers
   a. Damon Garcia- President
      i. One of the things that we are focusing on here in Student Government is recycling on campus. We feel that everyone is aware that recycling is important to the student and the environment.
         1. Stacey went to a meeting at the University of Texas at Austin regarding Recycling on campuses.
         2. If you have any comments or questions, please see him after the meeting.
      ii. One other project he is working on is the biggest election party on November 2nd. This Election Day will be a huge party in MB 0.104. KENS 5 will be there to take footage. It will run from seven pm to twelve pm.
      iii. Damon is working on a committee at the University Level regarding freedom of speech. We are looking at Texas Tech’s ruling from the Supreme Court.
      iv. Additionally looking at Institutionalizing Voter registration.
      v. Also looking into due process here at the university in one document to streamline all the procedures into one document.
      vi. Student concerns are the basis of the Student Government Concerns Week. There are over 200 concerns regarding the University and each person who gave a concern will be given a response as best as possible.
      vii. Tomorrow Damon is having is having a meeting regarding the Student Government being more transparent- not just in websites and minutes, but in locations. Looking to move the office to the copy center, as the majority of their business comes from departmental use.
      viii. Damon would like to take this concern to the next level to make sure that we are in the forefront of the students.
      ix. Question: SGA was attempt to have UTSA as an early voting site, are you still working on this?
         1. Yes, we are still working on this issue in a University Committee. We now have 1,000 new voters from our efforts.
   b. Cody Cooeckelenberg, Vice President of Internal Affairs
      i. Concerns week went very well. Special thanks to Richard Knight and Destinee Waiters.
      ii. Concerns are now online and all students can look at them. It is Cody’s responsibility to forward these concerns to committee chairs and representatives. Committee chairs should approach Cody and take those concerns that are theirs first.
      iii. The Website is now up and running, so please log in and put up information that you feel about the issues. The website can be issued at www.utsasga.com.
      iv. Working on sending out an email to all students which is loosely based on the concerns with an additional survey.
      v. If you do not have a UTSASGA email address, please see Tommy Thompson and Richard Knight.
      vi. College Councils are getting up and running. College of Architecture is now going well under the new representatives. Anyone in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts should contact Destinee “the Great” Waiters.
      vii. November 4th, we will have new elections. Two of our representatives have resigned- Lluvia Sanchez and Angela McNair- both of the College of Business. If you are interested in this please email Cody at VPI@utsasga.com
      viii. University Assembly
          1. Damon gave a speech on behalf of the student government
2. Representatives should post their reports online for review no later that twenty-four hours before the meeting. This will make it accessible to all SGA Members and students. Until then, please forward you report to vpi@utsasga.com.

3. On Tuesday November 2nd 2004, there will be no Student Assembly Meeting.

4. Reports should be posted to the reports form. He will be working with the reports. Tommy will discuss this issue more in his report.

c. Carlos Cardenas- Vice President of External Affairs
   i. Everyone should have seen the shuttling to the vote. When they come back, they get a T-Shirt compliments of the SGA.
   ii. Now about 150 students have voted today.
   iii. That is not enough to warrant an additional early voting site.
   iv. In the next few days, we will be biking around on a four wheeled bicycle to encourage Faculty, Staff and Students to use the shuttle to vote.
   v. In the weeks to come Carlos and Damon, along with other SGA Executives will visit the Bexar county Commissioners’ Court to encourage the court to make the colleges in the area early voting sites.
   vi. Carlos would like to shout out to Brandon from SAC. He registered approximately 1300 people to vote at San Antonio. They have incorporated voter registration into curriculum into service learning. We have done almost 8,000 registered voters on their campus. Brandon would like to ask that you approach your professors regarding voter registration.
   vii. Working to get polling sites at these institute is a goal for his office when it approaches the
   viii. Saturday at 3pm- all of the SGAs will be meeting in the Durango Student Center on Saturday October 30
   ix. We have this outreach program with Sandra Day O’Connor High School called the PGA. November 18th they will meet with them to discuss. Most students don’t understand that students should have a principal who is deputized.
   x. Biggest, Best, Election party ever will be advertised. This event is student driven.
   xi. Question (Chris Forbrich): Mr. Vice President, don’t you feel that you involvement with a high school and the promoting of specifically political issues is questionable for a person in your position.

1. Carlos responded by stating that this was to encourage people to get involved.

d. Christopher Forbrich- Treasurer
   i. Balance is in excess of $25,000
   ii. Received the QuickBooks file from Barry McKinney
   iii. Will make appropriate transfers within our accounts with Barry, Linda, and John
   iv. Dr. Gambitta has still not returned my phone calls regarding voter registration on a University Level
   v. Have written a letter to the Paisano regarding the direction of the Assembly. This letter is available by email or you may read it in the Paisano.

e. Barry McKinney- Advisor
   i. He has nominated all SGA members for the Whose Who
   ii. Good Job to those members who have worked on the shuttling program
   iii. Damon, Jason, Cody and Chris should see Barry after the General Assembly
   iv. Question- Does Student Government have an ethics committee? NO. Barry stated his job is “as a paid member of the staff that is here to help develop the leadership of the assembly.”

f. John Kaulfus- Executive Director of SLCP & UC
   i. Reminder to everyone that the SGA Advising position is posted for one more week. To date there are 26 new applicants.
   ii. Homecoming Committee will be November 4th at 9:30a in the Willow Room
II. Cabinet Reports
   a. Academic Affairs- Marcos Menchaca
      i. The committee will be inquiring to the Provost regarding the Law School Question directly to their office.
      ii. Additionally, they will be addressing the formula funding question. In the UT System, the two fees for Tuition are distributed differently. Working to understand this process better, obtain better data and look at the historical issues her on campus.
         1. After the committee has all of the facts it will release an opinion on the issue.
      iii. Question (Angela McNair) Has the Committee spoken to Dr. McDonald regarding formula funding?
         1. Actually, that is a very great idea. The committee will discuss with Dr. McDonald, who is the Secretary of the Faculty Senate.
      iv. Meetings are Mondays at 6pm in the Business Student Complex.
   b. Business Affairs- Jennifer Maler
      i. Met today at 2pm in the UC Dining Hall to evaluate progress Chartwells has made concerning food services.
         1. They are changing their hours to stay open until 8p to accommodate students
         2. They are getting good response from the comment card system, and are responding to each constructive one individually and giving a copy of the cards to the Business Affairs Committee for accountability purposes.
         3. They have moved the dessert area out into the sitting area to provide more space in the serving area for more salad, soup and possible sandwiches.
         4. They have been very accommodating and granted almost every suggestion we had made. We continue to have a good relationship with Chartwells and recognize and appreciate their dedication to serving the students under the conditions.
         5. We will be having lunch with Chartwells again next week to see where else they are going to put the comment cards.
      ii. Over the course of the week, they have research Parking Tickets and the Appeals Process
         1. Will make a recommendation to different modes of action to reform this process.
      iii. Attended the Business Services Advisory Committee meeting this week. She has distributed these minutes to the members of the assembly and will have those available upon request.
   c. Downtown Affairs- Jozi Zatarian
      i. Concerned that the SGA is working on so many issues that are happening at the 1604 campus, but doesn’t feel that those are being taken care of at the Downtown campus.
         1. She is concern that her committee is getting overworked. She needs some help to work on all of these issues. She would like a list of students that are interested in working with the student government, and then she needs that forwarded.
            a. If you are just going to put your email on a list and not actually helping, please don’t. If you truly want to make a difference, please email her.
      ii. Next week she will be meeting with Dr. Zapata, Vice Provost regarding several Downtown Issues.
iii. Special recognition to Christian Borres for working on the Architecture council and his involvement Downtown.
iv. She hopes to tap into the excitement within the School of Architecture.
v. She needs your thoughts and efforts with the Disabilities issues on the Downtown campus. If you have any questions, thoughts, comments or concerns to her, she would greatly appreciate it.
vi. This committee does count as one of the standing committees that you must participate in.
vii. Shuttle table will be taking voters to the Justice Center on October 27th from Noon to 6pm. The table will be at the Frio Street Building (Horse Shoe Shape) West Side of building.
viii. She has posted to the Downtown Affairs Forum
ix. Carlos- A sign-in sheet is being passed around for all shuttling groups
d. Historian- Christina Gomez
i. Please make sure that all of the Committee Minutes are on file in her office.
ii. She would like to take a second picture, as it didn’t come out as expected.
e. Parliamentarian- Eddy Dawson
i. Question: Decision on Proxy Voting.
   1. This issue has been investigated and Robert’s Rules of Order. It states a lot of different information regarding Proxy Voting. At one point it clearly states that proxy voting is discouraged. There is no definite answer. The Texas Association of Parliamentarians- Proxy voting should not be used in volunteer assemblies.
   2. IT IS THE DECISION OF THIS OFFICE THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROXY VOTING
f. Student Affairs- Alex Martinez
i. Continuing to work on the disabilities services issues both here and at the Downtown campus.
ii. He will be working on a report regarding the feasibility report on new student affairs policies to Dr. Ambrosino and Dr. Romo.
iii. He will be publishing his report to the Paisano to make the students aware of these issues.
iv. In regards to the concerns that are to be directed to the committee chairs, he expects everything from athletics to financial aide. He hopes for more support with those issues and to help solve those popular issues. He needs people that care and those that can invest their time.
g. University Advancement- Nick Lambert
i. Currently in the process of getting boards for student government announcements and concerns. This is something that will be available to us with no cost to us.
ii. The boards should be about six feet tall and three feet wide.

III. Representatives
a. College of Science- Richard Knight
i. No Report
b. College of Business- Angela McNair
i. Chris helped her make a budget which she has submitted to the deal
ii. Next Meeting will be on November er 3rd
iii. November 13th, they will discuss getting a student on the curriculum committee
iv. In February, there will be speakers for students available.
v. When new members are elected to this office, they will automatically become officers in the Business Student Council.
c. College of Architecture & Design- Christina Borres
i. Working on the College Council, needs to speak to an administrator who is unavailable due to illness
ii. Working with Jozi on Downtown related affairs.
d. College of Liberal & Fine Arts- Destinee Waiters
i. Newly elected COLFA rep is not available

ii. The next meeting for the College Council will be in the Business Building on October 26th 2004

iii. On November the 9th at 6pm, they will have their next meeting and finding a new room that is outside of the Business Building.

iv. COLFA is looking for an English Student that could provide input on several issues relating to the department.

v. Additional information will be available on the SGA Website.

vi. College of Science offered room, Destinee declined, Respectfully

c. College of Public Policy- Geraldine Lopez

i. Made a presentation to department heads regarding the college council.

ii. Got support on Administrative student surveys.

iii. Asked them to post the minutes of the College of Public Policy so that the students could see what the council’s agenda.

iv. Found some discrepancies regarding deadlines of college related scholarships. Ms. Lopez will investigate to clear up confusion.

v. Working on the Compact Process to outline its plans over the next three years. This report is due by January 2005.

vi. November 2nd College Council meeting has been cancelled for the Big Election Night Party.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Government Aide Program- Jason Palasota

i. Would like to change the name of the Program to FIRE (Acronym)

b. Public Relations Vice Chairperson- Chanele Dedrick

i. Will be putting flyers in boxes for Election night party event

ii. Want to have a table election night for fun and to pass out information. If anyone wants to volunteer, please sign up.

iii. Jozi added that the Student Government will be sponsoring a sponsor board.

c. Information & Technology- Richard Knight

i. Richard has a list of those of you who have signed up on the website. Please sign in the website.

ii. DAMON CALLS FOR ORDER TO THE ASSEMBLY

iii. Website Committee- Tommy Thompson

i. Thank you to Richard for all the work that he has done on the website. Without him it wouldn't have worked.

ii. If you have a report, please send its way to reports@utsussga.com. This will send it to the officers and Tommy so that he can post that on the website.

iii. CHRIS FORBRICCH CALLED ORDERS OF THE DAY

e. University Life Awards- Angela McNair

i. We will be discussing the decorations for the budget.

ii. Looking to give ULA a map over and will report back with her decision.

f. Environmental Services Committee-

i. Working on the on campus recycling program

g. Rowdy Voter Group- Carlos

i. No Report

V. Old Business

a. Cody moved to un-table to resolution on the US Patriot Act Resolution, Seconded by Carlos Cardenas. All in Favor, one opposition, two abstentions.

i. Cody, during his freshman year in Fall 2001, he heard that issues of September 11 occur. He didn't understand what was really going on, but was happy to see that our nation has opened their minds to terrorism. On September 13th, Congress made a near unanimous vote to pass this vote in the state of fear. This act is very similar to the Methamphetamine Act. The government has been working to take aware our constitutional rights in the excuse to capture criminals and stop terrorism. We as members of the student government, we are the elected officials set here to represent the student. We must make the appropriate
decision for the students tonight. During the open forum, there were several comments from student regarding the patriot act. It is amazing that so many people have died, yet we don’t have good educational systems, as students have not been educated on these issues.

1. Cody went out to the common areas of the University to see how many students really know these issues. Most students that he approached didn’t know about this issue.

2. He tried to be unbiased and explained the issue to the students. He did let them know that he had strong feelings on this issue and that they should do some research on this issue.

3. During his freshman year, he had to write a paper on the Bill of Rights of the United States of America.

4. There is no fun in War, War is for the advancement of the world and gave respect to America by the cold war.

5. A member of the Student Government mentioned to a student that the SGA wouldn’t get caught up in external activities is not true. We will address all concerns brought to our attention.

6. Did Ashcroft decide to use this act in the best way possible? He respectfully doesn’t believe so. “This issue really upsets me a lot.” – The Honorable Cody Cockeyenberg

7. Cody reads the act to the assembly at the bench.

8. Cody collected 343 signed petitions asking this assembly to make

9. Angela let the students in the room know that the SGA appreciates their attention to this matter.

10. Alex Cruz, Student, on behalf of the students.

11. Carlos begins discussion on Richard Tobias regarding the UTSA Police’s involvement in the incident that the record outlines from the last General Assembly.

   a. Carlos asked many people to come and speak on to the Assembly regarding this issue, however he claims that many students are too scared to appear before the assembly.

   b. Spoke to those individuals in the International Programs Office & discovered that many of these students are first generation Americans.

   c. This is an academic setting and we have to write, act & talk on all issues on all opinions.

   d. Proposes that we take the places of these individuals.

12. Jennifer Maler says that we shouldn’t address individuals as just the students.

13. Eddy Moves to previous question on the Patriot Act- Failed 8 in Favor, 9 Against

14. Marcos asked the Individual Alex Cruz, on what he doesn’t like about this resolution. Says that he feels that the resolution is obviously written with passion. He would like to have time to look at the resolution with a more moderate eye.

15. Richard Knight- Citing for Scientific America “Boxed Out”- In this article they quote William F. Brinkman, President of the American Physical Society. This individual feels un-stabilize the economy and research and supports this resolution.

16. Christina Points out the assembly that the police last week did offer a warrant.

17. Nick Vandlist explains to the assembly that his friend, who is a known anarchist, was arrest in a deep south state last week.

18. Alex Cruz, points out that the student government has more pressing concerns. This student does point out that the police did offer a warrant and doesn’t feel that this is regarding the patriot act. He asks us to not
debate an issue that won’t be important for the students. Again, he
feels that this assembly can do something that is a direct positive for the
students.

19. Point of Order on Discussion to those who haven’t spoke (Angela),
Damon Denies

20. Cody replies to Alex Cruz’s statements. He says that there are a lot of
reasons that the students that feel that this is a real concern. Many
students bring their issues to this assembly. When you mentioned the
Patriot Act Resolution and the incident that occur with the student is a
prime example of the fear that the police used, and the resolution asks
them not to use. The police did force their way into this student’s
house and they were very misleading. They thought that they were
going to tell him about a family member or other student, but it was a
search. This incident was very relevant. You say that this resolution is
radical, but this resolution is not radical enough. The police are in
favor of this resolution. Cody reads the last line of the resolution. This
solution is 342 pages long and passed in less than a month.

21. Jozi Zatarain, there is conflicting information from the person who
originally presented demonstrates a conflict in the story. If the police
say they didn’t do it, but the student says that they were…maybe it isn’t
an issue of the facts being stated correctly, or in they just weren’t put
into the correct words. In regards to outside involvement, she would
like to make a statement on the “Government” that is doing
this..this..this…”they” are doing something to us…She asks if who
here is able to present “who” the government is and what they are
really doing from. She has many feelings on the Patriot act, but that is
not what we are here to discuss. She sees vague information.

22. Cody, the conflict saying that the police had not done this, and the
testimony from the student. The police state they haven’t used fear to
intimidate the students. Cody doesn’t believe that the police chief has
been forthcoming. When we say who is they? He is speaking of the
Senate 98 to 1 and the 356 to 66 for the House, for October 12th. One
month after the September 11th 2004.

23. Destinee, She will vote for this issue, due the educational process is
being disrupted due to this act.

24. Chris Forbrich reminds the assembly that they should vote their
conscience. Don’t be fooled by speculation presented to you this and
last assembly.

25. Carlos called for Division of the Assembly by Roll Call

a. Damon Garcia  Chairman- Vote not recorded or
counted
b. Cody Coocekleenbergh Favor
c. Carlos Cardenas Favor
d. Eddy Dawson Favor
e. Geraldine Lopez Against
f. Angela McNair No with Rights
g. Destinee Waiters Favor
h. Richard Knight Favor
i. Marcos Mencchaca Abstain
j. Jennifer Malaer Against
k. Alex Martinez Abstained by Absence
l. Jozi Zatarain Abstain
m. Jonathan Pierro Favor
n. Carly Spannus Abstained by Absence
o. Justine Joseph Abstain
p. Chris Forbrich Against
q. Daniel Laugesen  Favor
r. Christian Borres  Favor
s. Nick Lambert  Favor

VI. New Business
   a. Eddie Moves to open in house elections  
      i. Secretary  
         1. Margaret Michelec, Amy (Poe) Madole, Alex Cruz  
            a. Amy Poe Madole- Won the Secretary's office.  
            i. College of Science -Ruti Kovner- Approved by Acclamation. 1 abstention, all in favor.  
   b. Justine Joseph moved to Investigate the Chisholm Hall Staff, seconded by Eddie Dawson.  
      i. Amended to investigate all housing staff regarding student interactions, 10 Favor 5 Absentions  
         ii. Angela moved to adopt by consent, no objections.  
   c. Jason Palasota moves to change the name of the Government Aide Program to the Freshman Aide Program.  
   d. Carlos Moved to Adjourned at 10:50p

VII. Meeting Adjourned.