I. Roll Call: Damon Garcia, Carlos Cardenas, Chris Forbrich, Christina Gomez, Eddy Dawson, Geraldine Lopez, Lluvia Sanchez, Angela McNair, Jorge Gonzales, DestineeWaiters, Marcos Menchaca, Jennifer Malaer, Alex Martinez, Nick Lambert, Jozie Zatarain, Justin Shenk, Tommy Thompson, Jonathan Fierro, Carly Spannus, Justine Joseph, Sandra Guerrero (Proxy), Barry McKinney

II. Minutes were read and approved with no corrections

III. Open Forum: No Comments to the Assembly

IV. President- Damon Garcia
   a. President’s Dinner, Wednesday October 6th 2004
      - Raised 1.4 Million Dollars for University
   b. Resignation
      - Damon has accepted Bobbiejean Garcia’s resignation as Student Government Secretary effective October 20th 2004.
      - Secretary position is now open.
   c. Petition for the UT System Board of Regents
      - Passed around petition- two sheets per person. Please collect signatures and return them to him next week. The petition is stating that student need more impact on the students-when Regents are making decisions for 160,000 students.
   d. Computers in Labs
      - Damon has follow-up on computer labs- 9 computers have been taken out of the labs, but they are scheduled to be replaced by next Thursday.
   e. Retreat
      - Hopes to see students for the Student Government Retreat. Students should meet at the Fiesta Dancers outside the UC to load up at 2:30p.
   f. Appointments
      - Carly Spannus is been appointed as Recognitions Chair.
      - Jason Palisodo is also being appointed to the Government Aid Chair.
   g. Faculty Senate
      - Next week Damon will be attending the Faculty Senate meeting- working as a representative to the student on policy and academic topics. If any members of the student government can email Damon their comments and he will keep those with them.
   h. In House Elections
      - Marcos asked if the Deans will be notified that there is an open SGA positions. Damon replied that would be a great idea.

V. Vice President- Internal- Cody Coeckelenbergh
Report Given by Angela McNair, Speaker of the Student Assembly
   i. College Reps
      - Please email your goals to Cody
      - Representatives should email which standing and regular committee that they are in to Cody.
Please email your reports from General Assembly to Cody so that he can get those posted on the website.

Angela has spoken to Laffie in the UC regarding student concerns.

Other issues are UTSA Law School

There is a concern that there are not concern tables at the downtown campus.

VI. Vice President- External- Carlos Cardenas

j. Voter Registration

k. Holding a committee meeting on the Advancement of Women.

Next week the committee is meeting with Jennifer Vilgray- Director of Governmental Agencies for Planned Parenthood. Attempting to increase women’s services at UTSA.

l. Shuttle Services for early voting

In talks with Ambronsino regarding various modes of transportation methods for Voter Drives. If we rent a vehicle, only certain faculty and staff with special

Mary Lou Zeman- donated $200 to help pay for transportation for trips to early voting sites.

m. Patriot Act Resolution

Next week, Carlos will present to the Assembly regarding the Patriot Resolution. Same as the resolution brought to the city government on August 12th 2004.

VII. Treasurer- Christopher Forbrich

n. New Financial Procedures

New financial procedures will be presented at the Retreat

New “Request for Purchase/Expenditure” forms should now be used to request funds from the Treasurer’s office.

VIII. Barry McKinney- SGA Advisor

o. Announcements:

Next Monday October 11th – Come out to the BBQ- Part of GLBT Week 11-1p in Sombrilla.

Wednesday October 13th 2004 12:30-2, discussion form 2:30-3 (Laurel Room 1604)(Southwest Conference room-Durango Building)- we are having a web seminar on free speech and civility. A new version of the Free speech POLICY will be distributed after.

p. Retreat

SGA members should be getting emails every day.

Barry needs everyone vehicle information.

There will be one more form to sign when everyone gets on the bus.

The bus will board at 2:30p, then the bus will leave no later than 3:05p.

Members only have to pay the $60 fee if they don’t go, so that money has been refunded, but was appreciated.
Students should park their cars where they normally would, unless they plan on parking in Parking Lot 2, as it will be permanently be closed over the weekend.

IX. Standing Chairs:
   
   q. Student Affairs- Alex Martinez
      
      Disabilities Services:
      
      I. Would like for Disabilities Services to work with the Faculty and find help for disabled students ordering books, taking notes and getting to class on time.
      
      II. Talked to Human Resources and Learning Services departments to have a seminar on what they need to know to help these students.
      
      III. Additionally, is working with HR to help employees to provide equal protection. The program that they have is one that disabilities services, which can be handed down to the faculty.
      
      IV. Additionally working on Note Takers for students. Issue with faculty to have a student with a disability to have a professor ask another student in the class to get notes- but those students are volunteers. Working with Disabilities Services to see if an SI or another student could work on taking notes for a fee.
      
      V. Some of the older buildings aren’t equipped for disabled persons and are exempted from complying due to their age. There are improvements that the University can make to make these facilities more accessible.
      
      VI. Going to have a meeting with Charles Lampey, Director of facilities services to see how they can help these students. Also working with Dr. Ambrosino to get her to implement this seminar on an annual basis and making it manual.

   r. Downtown Affairs- Jozie Zatarain
      
      Had an opportunity to schedule an appointment with Michelle Montanio, Assistant director of SLCP-Downtown. Working to be of services to the students of the downtown campus. Currently shares an office with CAB and VOCIES.
      
      Did have an opportunity to spend time at the student government office at the downtown campus. She took an inventory- History of documents since 1997. She wants to have some type of history available to look back at what other student governments have done. She would like the historian to work with her in creating a reading file to keep everyone aware of what Student Government has worked on and what they found. She would like to know how these issues were resolved or if they were left open and uninvestigated. There was also a collection of questionnaires from previous student governments.
• She will be having concerns table downtown- through next week to recruit committee members.
• There are currently 15 students that are interested in being on the committee. She wants to keep getting students involved. She would like to have concern boards for next weeks tables.
• There are two computers in the office- one of which is almost exclusively used by CAB- but the other computer is not being used by VOICES. Michelle was unavailable to open the other computer- as it was locked.
• She has created a list of supplies and will see the Treasurer regarding these.
• She has worked with the College of Public Policy council.
• She has contacted Dr. Zapata, Vice Provost for Downtown Campus and will be meeting with the police regarding parking at the Downtown Campus.

s. Business Affairs- Jennifer Malaer

• Food Service
  I. Today the Business Affairs Committee gave a presentation to Richard Gianocovo, Regional Director of Chartwells, regarding food services. Chartwells will be instituting a comment card system in the next 1-2 weeks where students will be able to evaluate Chartwell’s performance and make food requests.
    a. Will be a continuous with them regarding the placement of these cards and subsequent drop boxes.
  II. We will be assigning an SGA delegate to attend their manager’s meeting and follow up on the comment card system.
  III. Please treat the food service staff respectfully.
  IV. University Wide Food Service Meeting, chaired by Corrine Vela-Zapata (Director of Business Services) will be October 13th 2004 @ 3p in the Denman Room (JPL 4.02.12)

• Business Services Town Hall Meeting
  I. Tuesday October 26th 2004 and Wednesday October 27th 2004 10:30-12p at the first floor of the UC and also at the Frio Street Building Downtown.

t. Academic Affairs- Marcos Menchaca

• Honor Code
  I. Chair is setting up a meeting with the Chancellors of Honors Alliances and the Advisors on how the Honor code was developed.
  II. Immediately following that meeting, Marcos will send the code out to all of the SGA voting members.
  III. Please review and forward your comments privately to him.
IV. As far as the Committee knows, it has never gone through SGA official. This is the opportunity to review policy changes going into place. Marcos would like to thank the voting members for handling this issue appropriately.

- Course Catalog Changes
  I. Currently working on course catalog regarding changes for the next edition.

u. University Advancement- Nick Lambert
  - Committee Meeting
    I. Meeting time has been set for every other Tuesday at 5:30- next one will be on October 19, 2004. He has requested a room, but he hasn’t heard back. Temporarily in the SGA office until a room is available.

- SGA Advancement
  I. Also, please let him know what each committee has in the works and what members want to do with Student Government during the year.
  II. He will work with Development to try to help SGA get what isn’t in the budget.

X. Parliamentarian- Eddie Dawson
  v. Students have been asking him “What does Student Government Do?”
  w. He would like the Public Relations Committee to have presentations on What SGA is doing. This would be a good outlet for Committee Chairs to pitch their meetings.

XI. Historian- Christina Gomez
  x. Have fun at the retreat! Please bring your cameras to help take pictures.
  y. If you plan to pass a resolution, please type those up and get those to Christina so that she can keep actuate files.

XII. Representative Reports
  z. College of Business – Angela McNair
    - Meet with Dan Hollis on Monday and Tuesday regarding undergraduates. Worked on increasing relations with students and professors in Principles of Finance and Accounting Principles I.
    - Working to develop a Research Seminar for seniors. Dr. De La Vina and Dr. Hollis are looking at a 4 dollar increase for international fee to send students to Latin America rather than just to Europe and Asia.

aa. College of Liberal of Fine Arts- Destinee Waiters
  - Bi Laws and Constitution are being review by the two Deans. If anyone else wants to view it, it will be uploaded on the SGA website shortly.
  - Working on setting up meetings-on October 26th. Informational Meeting to let people know what the College Council wants to do and how to get it done.
  - Concern tables on the 12th & 13th as well as concern boards will
be out. If you can volunteer please see her.

bb. Student Organizations- Jonathan Fierro
   • So far he has met with 42 groups on campus to get his name out to all student organizations.
   • He is working to meet with all student organization presidents.

XIII. Regular Committees
   cc. Website- Tommy Thompson
      • A lot of changes have been made to the website. Richard and a friend changed the website to a content management system. Right now a lot is left to change- such as the calendar which still needs to be done.
      • Tommy will still make changes to the calendar- however you can make these changes if you would like. Richard is working on creating forums for committees to discuss on. Template has some changes still. If you have any questions, please email Tommy.
      • Feel Free to make a Log-In and make changes that you would like. Once Users are set up, then you will be able to change all documents relating to your function in SGA.

dd. Public Relations- Justin Shenk
   • New Assistant Chair for the PR Committee: Chanel Dietrich
   • Long Term Stuff to get done in the short term- Magnets, T-Shirts and Scantrons.
      I. These items are of more value than soccer balls. Please direct your feedback to Justin. The purpose of moving to more useable items is self evident. Magnets would be good for the dorms.
      II. T-Shirts need to get done within the month. If anyone knows any good deals on Magnets or T-Shirts, please let Justin know.
      III. We have another meeting from 12 to 2 on Friday. Plan on chopping out some posters for Business Affairs. Also announcing elections and the vacancies of the Secretary. There have been about 5 people at the meeting.

ee. University Life Awards-Angela McNair
   • Received all the paperwork from Anne Englert.
   • Meeting times will be changed after the Retreat, so please bring your planner with you.

XIV. Old Business

XV. New Business
   ff. Proxy for Sandra Guerrero moved to investigate ring sales at the Downtown Campus, Seconded by Jozie Zatarian.
      • Angela moved to amend the motion to have the Student Affairs committee to report back to the General Assembly by October 28th 2004. – All in Favor, with two abstentions. Amendment Passes.
Motion passess, All in Favor, 3 abstentions
gg. Christina moved to Accept Jason Palisodo as Chairman of the Government Aide Program, Seconded by Marcos.
- Discussion: Wants to help student Government on its way. Damon has been talking to him about GAP and he is willing to do the job.
- All in favor, one abstention
hh. Nick moved to accept Carly Spannus as Chairperson of the Recognitions Program, seconded by Destinee.
- All in favor, one abstention, motion passes

ii. Angela moved to that Academic Affairs committee in conjunction with the University Advancement Committee will work to establish feasibility to creating a UTSA Law School in the next seven to ten years. Seconded by Marcos.
- Discussion: Brought up at Student Assembly but they didn’t have enough information. Alex: meet with Dr. Gambetta and referred SGA to President Romo. Marcos: Possible for committees to investigate, however SGA will get good ideas on the direction of the university. If SGA decides this, it would be best to get a letter from the President.
- Amendment: Jozie- To amend that the investigation include the downtown campus as a possible location. Amendment fails- no second.
- Discussion: Muendo- This is just a rumor. No information is going to be release to prevent this from spreading to the information to other schools.
- Discussion: Marcos- UTSA has the authority to address the Regents directly. If SGA decides that a Law school is pressing enough, this investigation could be the feather that tips the scale.
- Discussion: Damon- when they were putting together the Pre-Law Institute, there would be politics involved and feels that there are many supporters.
- Discussion: Alex; reiterate that President Romo is the only one who will and can comment- directly per Dr. Gambetta.
- Chris moved to divide the assembly by roll call.
  o Chris Forbrich- Nay
  o Christina Gomez- Favor
  o Eddie Dawson- Favor
  o Geraldine Lopez- Favor
  o Lluvia Sanchez- Favor
  o Angela McNair- Favor
  o Destinee Waiters- Favor
  o Marcos Menchaca- Favor
  o Jennifer Malaer- Nay
  o Alex Martinez- Nay
  o Nick Lambert- Favor
  o Jozie Zatarain- Favor
o Jonathan Fierro - Favor
o Carly Spannus - Favor
o Justine Joseph - Favor

XVI. Announcements
jj. Town hall meetings October 26-27 (1st floor of UC) 10:30-Noon - If you are downtown there is not Wednesday Meeting.
kk. University Food Services Meeting - Wednesday October 13th
ll. Dr. Amy Jasperson - hosting an election night party and looking for support. SGA and Students in the Dorms are invited. Kens5 and the Express News will be attending. St. Mary's did a similar event. Justin will have a signup sheet next week.
mm. UMOJA's semester party is tonight - $5 if you are dressed up. If anyone is UMOJA members, please come out and support them.
nn. Wants to meet with the PR Chair and the Chisholm Hall Representative
oo. CAB:
  ▪ Karaoke after next meeting in Ski Lodge
  ▪ October 11th 2004 - GLBT BBQ
  ▪ October 26th - 5-7p Jazz Groove at Downtown Campus (Bill Miller Plaza)