I. Roll Call: Damon Garcia, Chris Forbrich, Bobbiejean Garcia, Llivia Sanchez, Angela McNair, Destinee Waiters, Jeri Lopez, Cody Coeckelenbergh, Richard Knight, Marcos Menchaca, Jennifer Malaer, Michael Comer, Alex Martinez, Justin Shenk, Tommy Thompson, Justin Shenk, John Kaulius, Barry McKinney
II. Minutes from August 26th, 2004 meeting read and approved with corrections
III. Open Forum:
   a. Carlos Cardenas spoke about the Patriot Act and would like to see a resolution passed by SGA. Also spoke about Rowdy Voter Group turning more into UTSA Party & Civic Awareness Week.
   b. Brian Johnson: Thanked those who helped on voter registration and Damon Garcia for his leadership and being a role model. Our words and actions influence everyone, so keep up the good work.
IV. President (Damon)
   c. Week of Welcome
      ▪ Went very well. Special thanks to everyone who helped the Campus Activities Board in pulling off the WOW events. Close to 2,000 students attended the August 25th Dat Phan Showcase. There has been a good response from students who were pleased with the week of welcome as a whole. Special thanks to the staff of the SLCP, members of CAB, and the Honors Alliance for making it happen.
   d. Constitution
      ▪ Please become familiar with the Constitution
      ▪ It is very important for all members to have intimate knowledge of the document that governs them.
      ▪ Please review the duties of the office you've been elected to.
      ▪ If you do not have a copy of the SG constitution, please ask for one.
   e. Internal Rules of Procedure
      ▪ Authentic version distributed.
      ▪ Please become familiar with the IRP.
   f. Retreat
      ▪ Scheduled for October 8th and 9th at Camp C.A.M.P. in Center Point, Texas.
      ▪ The retreat will be filled with activities and opportunities for the Student Government Association to interact with one another and become prepared for the rest of the school year. Please clear your schedules for this particular weekend. The retreat is mandatory for members of SG.
      ▪ This venue is one of the cheapest venues in years past. We want to be fiscally responsible and make sure we are prudent with our funds that are given to us by the students of UTSA.
      ▪ Forms to attend must be completed and turned in by Sept. 27th
   g. College Councils
      ▪ Met with College Deans and they will support all College Councils and would like to have direct communication with the College Representatives who serve as Student Government/College Council Liaisons.
      ▪ All College Council Constitutions should be on file in the SG office.
and the office of Barry McKinney.

- Representatives should strongly consider recruiting students at the beginning of this school year.
  - Sign up sheet in classes for your constituents and future council members.
  - List of students from college Dean.
  - Club Fair- September 7th, 8th, and 9th (downtown)
  - Regular information tables in front of the location of your college.
  - Email student organizations

h. Elections and Appointments
   - VP-I, VP-E, At-Large Representatives, and Presidential Appointments.
   - Encourage your UTSA friends and colleagues from other organizations to join Student Government.
   - Flyers are available with all necessary information and applications for students. We want to give every student the opportunity to become involved in Student Government and make a difference.
   - Justin or Bobbiejean will pass around a sign up sheet for poster making for next week as well as Club Fair sign up.
   - Consideration for permanent banner discussed in officer’s council.
   - Student Government Debate- Thursday September 16th at the Sombrilla.

i. Appointments- Veronique Owens, Election Commissioner; Jennifer Malaer, Business Affairs Chair; Alex Martinez, Student Affairs Chair

j. Constitutional Review Committee
   - Members of Student Government are asked to join this committee. This committee will analyze the current SG constitution as well as the Internal Rules of Procedure.
   - Any changes will be made through reasonable and lawful means.

k. Voter Registration
   - I spoke to UTSA President Romo, all Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, and Deans to gain their support for voter registration. They are very supportive and want to help the cause.

l. Concern Tables/Voter Registration Tables
   - Sign up sheet passed around by Angela McNair

V. Vice President Internal (VACANT) – Special Election to be held in September
VI. Vice President External (VACANT) – Special Election to be held in September
VII. Treasurer (Chris)

m. Report on Ledger Balances, Summer Expenditures & Related
   - We have no financial statements and no proposed budget, but will report on it next Thursday

n. Distribute proposed Student Government Agenda for FY 2005

o. Discuss Fiscal Service & Financial Aid
   - Transactions are delayed to the point that they can make hardships for students.
   - University should make a good faith effort to see that these transactions have been processed and distributed within what industry would consider a reasonable amount of time.

p. Have contact Development and working on draft of letter to Lisa Blazer,
at the advise of the Development office.

q. Discuss meeting with VPBA Kerry Kennedy

r. Recently, UTSA's construction projects have experience two construction related fatalities. As student leaders, I feel each of us should be concerned and offer our support to the administration in any ways that we can.

VIII. Secretary (Bobbiejean)

s. Member's updated contact information needed

t. The importance of good communication

u. Is everyone checking and receiving their utsasga.com email? If not let Richard Knight or myself know so we can get you on there.

IX. Standing Chair

v. Academic Affairs (Marcos)
   ▪ Currently scheduling appointments with the Provost and VP Academic Affairs. We want to give each college good representation.
   ▪ College Council Cabinet/Senate: we could possibly put this in the IRP
   ▪ Another “Meet the Dean” has not been scheduled can be if desired
   ▪ Meetings will be held Friday at 9 – 10:00am

w. Business Affair (Jennifer)
   ▪ In acceptance announcement stated meetings will be held Thursdays before the General Assembly.

X. Regular Chair

x. Public Relations (Justin): We will entail on getting the word out of what's happening, by communicating with the Paisano, making posters, & banners. The time for making posters is TBA. We will try to contact all RSO's, we'd like to be integrated and get feedback.

y. Website (Tommy): I would like everyone's picture next to them on the website. Need events for the calendar. We have links for the minutes & agenda. There are some problems with the front page, but getting it fixed.

XI. Representative Reports

z. COB (Angie): Met with John Jennings, Dean of Professional Development, & John Clarke. We spoke to about 300 students during the orientations. On the 22nd we will have a speaker, the CEO from Grande. Last night 18 people showed up to the Business Student Council. We have another meeting next week at 7:00pm. We have a new dean, former Dean Bublitz moved to the Provost Office. I have a meeting with Dr. Wilson on Wednesday at 10:00am.

aa. COEHD (James): not present

bb. COLFA (Destinee): Fall convocation went well; we had a lot of responses.
   I met with Dean Gelo and will now set up a meeting with him and the new associate dean, Christopher Wickham. We have drafter our constitution and are working on bylaws. Dean Gelo would like to approve the constitution with the department first.

cc. COPP (Jeri): We house the degrees for undergrad criminal justice and graduate public administration and social work. Spoke to Patricia Harris, who will probably be our advisor & will announce us to her large classes. We will work on club fair next week. No date set for next meeting. We met 3x's over the summer and have three main issues.
• Library: requests have been made for more selections on English & British Literature
• Scheduling with the college
• More evening speakers: public admin graduates want more speakers that are geared to them for networking and internships.

dd. COS (Richard): Turned floor to Cody. COSSAC participated and helped out during the WOW events. We gave a talk on research experience for under grads. We plan on meeting with the associate dean next week and are getting stuff started for the year. Poor safety record & fatalities in the building is a concern.

XII. Ad-Hoc Committees

ee. IT (Richard): UTSA is now receptive to student's voice. We will have meetings; Please contact if anyone is interested.

ff. VISA (Chris): UTSA lost a large amount of money on the discount fee; we lost $100K in the summer months alone, but don't know how much from VISA itself. Ernie DeWinney is looking into this. American Express withdrew it's bid. The alternative and recommendation is to look into options of a credit card fair that will help students transfer to a Master Card. Kennedy is looking into this for the legal affairs. But do we want students to gain up more debt. Fred Frederick's office was contacted at 11:00am of yesterday, the Dept. of Accounting @ UT-Austin, but no response is back yet. UTSA is still accepting Master Card & Discover, Chartwells is still accepting VISA.

gg. Rowdy Voter Group (Carlos): the committee was established in summer to hit up on voter registration. We have deputized 60 people on campus. This Sunday we will have a civic awareness week meeting

XIII. Advisor Report

hh. John: No report

ii. Barry: We are hiring an advisor and hope that you all get involved in the process.

XIV. Unfinished Business

jj. None

XV. New Business:

kk. Accepting of Summer Business

  • Chris moved to accept the motion approved on July 8, for the radio frequency search in the amount of $150.00, 2nd by Marcos. Motion passes all in favor
  • Chris moved to accept the motion approved on July 22, for the purchase of two desktops ($1,897.70) & one laptop ($1,897.70), 2nd by Marcos. Motion passes all in favor
  • Chris moved to accept the motion approved on July 22, for the purchase of voter registration t-shirts in the amount of $1,062.00, 2nd by Marcos. Motion passes all in favor
  • Chris moved to accept the motion approved on retreat at CAMP – Camp on October 8th & 9th, August 19th. Destinee 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

ll. Chris moved to accept the appointment of Jennifer Malaer as business affairs chair. Bobbiejean 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

mm. Chris moved to accept the appointment of Alex Martinez as student affairs chair. Marcos 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

nn. Chris moved to accept the appointment of Veronic Owens as election
commissioner. Marcos 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

oo. Chris moved to accept the appointment of Jozi Zatarain and Michael Comer as downtown affairs co-chairs. Marcos 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

pp. Chris moved to accept the appointment of Marcos Menchaca as academic affairs chair. Cody 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

qq. Chris moved to accept a constitutional review committee. Cody 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

rr. Jennifer moved to accept Angela McNair as ULA chair. Cody 2nd. Motion passes all in favor.

ss. Cody moved to accept the resolution Voter Registration and Encouragement for UTSA Students. Marcos 2nd. Chris moved to accept the motion by roll call vote. 10 Ayes – 0 Nayes – 1 Abstention (Chris Forbrich).

XVI. Announcements

tt. Student Government Debate – Thursday September 16th at the Sombrilla

uu. Saturday September 4, contact Jeri if you want to do community service

vv. Alpha Kappa Psi will have a meet the gentleman this Saturday at 2:00pm in the Retama

ww. Wednesday at 5:00pm Pecan Room – Architects will be here to get more in put from students for Phase III, contact the SLCP Office to sign up

xx. "Civic Responsibility Week" is the week of September 13th. Events will begin on September 14th with a Voter Registration Teach In and Rock the Vote concert. This event will be followed by a Panel Discussion on September 15th comprised of a City Council member, State Representative, Senator, and UTSA distinguished faculty. Civic Awareness Week will end with a debate from a highly contested state representative race. Mercer vs. Leibowitz. Mercer is a UTSA Alumnus.

1 Sarwat Husain - Chairwoman of the Council for Islam-American Relations
Anthony Barber - Texas Justice Network and NAACP

Next Meeting Thursday, September 9 @ 7:00pm