The University of Texas at San Antonio
Student Government Association
Meeting Agenda
April 27, 2006

1. Call to Order
2. Changes, Additions, & Deletions to the Agenda
3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
4. Open Forum
5. Executive Cabinet Reports
   a. President (Adam Cowdin)
   b. Vice President (Christian Porter)
   c. Treasurer (Christina Gomez)
   d. Secretary (Lauren Williams)
   e. Executive Senator (To Be Decided)
   f. Advisors (Marlon Anderson, Barry McKinney, John Kaulfus)
6. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs (Mark Wilson, slated)
   b. Business Affairs (John Merritt, slated)
   c. Student Affairs (Enrique Vazquez, slated)
   d. University Advancement (Will Conway, slated)
   e. Finance (Christina Gomez)
7. Program Reports
   a. F.I.R.E. (Lisa Reyes, slated)
   b. Public Relations (Holly Sanders, slated)
   c. University Life Awards/Recognitions (Alex Carter, slated)
   d. Website (To Be Decided)
8. Executive Cabinet Programs
   a. Presidential Greek Relations (Will Nichols, slated)
   b. Media Relations (Carroll Caster, slated)
   c. Social Chair (Jamie Bell, slated)
   d. Historian (Amanda Onyeagwu, slated)
   e. Fundraising Director (Matt DeLeon, slated)
   f. President Emeritus (Jason Palasota, slated)
   g. Special Assistant to the Executive Cabinet (Jennifer Malaer, slated)
9. Judicial Branch Justices
   a. Dan Iza
   b. Will Greider
   c. Sarah Wassaff
   d. Tremon McGrath
   e. Rachel Hayes
10. Senator Reports
11. Unfinished Business
    a. Fair Trade Coffee
    b. Savings Club Resolution
12. New Business
   a. Election of Executive Senator
   b. Appointments
13. Announcements
   a. Last Meeting of 2005/2006 Academic Year
14. Adjournment
Executive Senator Elections

A. Elections shall be held in a General Assembly meeting.
B. Any Senator is eligible to be a candidate.
C. The following steps and rules shall be enforced for all Executive Senator elections.
   1. A written candidate statement for the office must be made in advance to the SGA Vice President. A candidate must either be present at their elections or have notified the SGA Vice President of his/her expected absence at least one week in advance of said election in order to be eligible to run.
   2. Each candidate will be invited to address the General Assembly, in a speech limited to three (3) minutes, in order by random drawing. If the candidate is absent, he/she may designate someone to speak on his/her behalf.
   3. Following each presentation, the members of the General Assembly may ask questions of the candidate. A time limit of ten (10) minutes is set by the SGA Vice President (or designee), with an option to extend.
      a. Each member of the General Assembly may ask no more than two questions. All follow-up questions must be kept to the point.
      b. Only after the first-time speakers list has been exhausted, may second-time speakers ask questions.
      c. The SGA Vice President may rule any question out of order that is inappropriate or dilatory.
   4. Observers who are not voting members of the General Assembly shall be permitted to remain in the room at all times during the elections. Observers may speak or ask questions only when yielded the floor by a voting member of the General Assembly. Yielding will count as a speaking opportunity for that member of the General Assembly. Observers will not vote.
   5. After all candidates have made presentations, general discussion of the candidates will begin. Pertinent discussion will follow one and/or more of the following formats:
      a. Pro/Con-Pro/Con is a series of brief, non-opinionated statements that relate to a particular candidate to quickly draw out positives and negatives about a candidate. The statements must be candidate specific (related to the candidate statement or the presentation). Pro/Con ends after a double pro or con.
      b. Compare/Contrast-Compare/Contrast is a five (5) minute period where comparisons can be made between the candidates up for consideration. General comments with respect to one candidate should wait until the General Discussion time. This time can be extended.
      c. General Discussion-General Discussion when members of the General Assembly may state their opinions as they relate to the facts presented in the candidate statements. This time is also open for comparisons and should remain relatively objective and to the point.
      d. Regardless of format all discussion must be pertinent to something within the candidate statement or the presentation. Outside information should not be used. Repetition and restating should be discouraged by the Vice President.
   6. Discussion of candidates will have a limit of ten minutes, with an option to extend.
      a. Only after the first-time speakers list has been exhausted, may second-time speakers make comments.
      b. Members of the General Assembly may only make two (2) comments, each being not more than two (2) minutes in length.
      c. No member of the General Assembly may be on the active speaker’s list twice. This shall not take precedence over a motion to close discussions.
      d. The SGA Vice President may rule any comments out of order that is inappropriate or dilatory. All rules and procedures as set out in Robert’s Rules of Order shall be followed in dealing with members who are ruled out of order.
   7. Voting shall take place by secret ballot, according to a roll-call system.
   8. Only voting members of the General Assembly may cast ballots.
      a. Valid votes shall be:
         1. The name of the candidate.
         2. No Confidence, which shall be defined as a vote against a candidate (may only be used when there is one candidate).
         3. Abstain, which shall count towards quorum, but neither as a vote for or against the candidate.
      b. A majority vote is necessary for election.
         1. If no candidates receive a majority, a run-off will then be held among the top-two candidates, whereby a simple majority is all that will be needed to win the office.
         2. If no confidence receives a majority, the General Assembly may resume debate, vote again, or leave the office vacant until another candidate can be identified.
   9. All persons present during the election shall be expected to conduct themselves with appropriate decorum fitting a business election of the Student Government Association.
   10. Misconduct shall include, but not limited to:
      a. Failure to obey the directives of the SGA Vice President.
      b. Excessive talking or otherwise disrupting discussion.
      c. Personal attacks of any candidate or member of the General Assembly.
      d. Any comment or questions not candidate-specific.
   11. Any non-member of the General Assembly who is being disruptive or otherwise interfering with the elections may be removed from the room at the discretion of the SGA Vice President.
   12. Any member of the General Assembly who is being disruptive or otherwise interfering with the elections may be removed from the room by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.
   13. Should quorum be lost due to the ejection of a member of the General Assembly, all proceedings shall continue.
   14. Candidates for election may vote in an election in which they are a candidate.