Student Government Association
General Assembly Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2007

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
   a. Quorum is established
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   a. Passed (1 amendment: Misspelling of name Harburger)
4. Open Forum
   a. Dr. Paine
      i. Rudy asked about the sombrilla
      ii. Enrique asked about the plans on the library
         1. Dr. Paine: There aren’t any specific plans for a library on
            campus, however it is on the list of things to be approved
      iii. Kort asked about the state of the school’s computer labs. “Are
           there any plans to expand our library?”
         1. Dr. Paine: John McGowan is the person that we need to
            contact for a status on the computer labs
      iv. Ahmed Kahlil: Are there any issues that you are looking to tackle
            right away?
         1. Dr. Paine: We are working on addressing concerns like the
            facility issue. Classroom space is lacking. One of the
            biggest things that people are asking is if UTSA is paying
            attention to its current students amidst all of the expansion
            plans. We are looking to get more current pictures of our
            campus out to the public, as a lot of the pictures that are out
            there are 15 years old.
   v. Student: The correlation between lecture and lab classes is weak.
      Students are not getting the most out of lecture and labs because
      they do not correlate very well. When you look at other
      Universities the lab is there to reinforce what the students are
      working on and the students end up coming out more educated
      with higher GPA’s.
      1. Dr. Paine: Other universities have strong college councils,
         is this something that we can use at our university to make
         sure that student concerns are reaching the right channels?
         a. Christian: “The best thing that we could do is make
            a motion for the academic affairs chair to address
            that concern with administrators”
   vi. Robert Garcia: What are some things that you saw at Trinity that
       were effective in getting students involved.
      1. Dr. Paine: Word of mouth is almost more valuable than
         anything that we can do. A lot of what we need to do is
         promote wearing out school’s colors, and promoting our
         university at venues like high schools, churches, and other
places where UTSA could recruit. It also isn’t just a UTSA issue, it is a San Antonio issue as well.

vii. Dr. Paine: We are looking to start a committee in the fall to look at the concept of alcohol, in all of its forms, on campus. One of the things that is important to think about if having alcohol on campus is really going to meet the desire for alcohol on campus?

viii. Douglas Chan: How far along is the University in the technology of Pod casting

1. Dr Paine: You will need to talk to Dr. McGowan about that matter.

ix. Robert Garcia: Thanks for coming out and getting students involved

1. Dr. Paine: I am always willing to come out and visit with students.

b. Maggie Jackson, Associate director for Supplemental Instruction: Here to address the concern of SI sessions. She is aware that students are struggling with SI’s. One of the problems is the growth that the school is going through. We have 328 SI sessions on campus each week, 59 have room assignments, 82 do not. We are scouting regularly for locations to give SI sessions in. In addition, Enrollment Services reports on what rooms are available each semester. We are also looking at some grants.

c. Rudy: What processes are we looking at to inform the students of the upcoming events? Also, can we have reconciliation on the money given out to student groups on campus? Also, student safety continues to be a problem on campus with the emergency lights on campus not functioning properly. Alcohol is back on the resolution and we need to get the campus educated on what it is going to entail for the student body. Also, why are we forcing the students to take alcohol awareness classes if we are going to have a bar on campus.

5. Executive Officer Reports:

a. President

i. Adam went to American-Israeli policy report in DC

ii. Filed testimony on Tax-Free textbook referendum in the legislature.

iii. March 26th @7:00 pm at Stinson Middle School: meet the candidate.

iv. Emergency lights are still a problem

v. Matt DeLeon is senator of the month

vi. Mark Wilson is committee chair of the month.

b. Vice President

i. Civic Awareness Week: Debate on Monday amongst candidates

ii. 12:00 on Thursday will be deputationization on campus for SGA

iii. Pins for SGA people during graduation

iv. Beautification on campus

v. Everyone got email on 2016 plan

c. Treasurer
i. 2-3 leaderfund applications filed
ii. we will have a reconciliation on the leaderfund budget next week
iii. Christina, Kim and company are helping with banquet.

d. Secretary
e. Executive Senator
   i. Plaque for Betty
   ii. Snag on Website with funding, will have more information next week

6. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs:
      i. Library is looking to rent out laptops for students
      ii. If anyone has any suggestions for bring up in the meetings then please see Mark
   b. Business Affairs
      i. Food service meeting today, the new food services director.
         Subway is getting neon signs. The express line in JPL is active.
         Spellman wants Chartwells to be more of a residential food place.
         Remodeling the interior of the ski lodge, and are looking for suggestions
   c. Student Affairs
      i. The Sports Bar and Grill resolution is on the ballot for the evening.
         We looked into getting the graduate student input. Students really want a bar and grill.
   d. University Advancement

7. Committee and Senator Reports
   a. Alicia Matus:
      i. College of science forum last Tuesday. Collected 15 concerns focusing on physics labs, class and lab times, etc. Successful in getting goals set for the COS college council. Someone brought up the student bill of rights.
      ii. By 2015 we will have 35,000 students. We are lacking space the space that we need to conduct classes.
      iii. President Romo has authorized the construction of a new lot off of Edward Ximinez.
      iv. Bexar county has promised $1.5 million for a soccer field.
         1. Munerra: doesn’t the parking lot construction conflict with the Roadrunner park?

8. Advisor Reports
   a. Barry McKinney:
      i. We need people to staff polling sights.
      ii. Business affairs need people to join a committee to address custom textbooks on campus.
      iii. Strip for spirit next week: If you give them a shirt from another University then they will give you a shirt
      iv. NIUTSA is at the Downtown campus next week
v. Next Wednesday is the LEADUTSA distinguished lecture speaker
   Colleen Barrett.
vi. There have been some physical changes to the
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
      i. Carlos Robledo sponsors the bill
      ii. Carlos Robledo calls to table the bill
         1. Alicia seconds
         2. passes unanimously.
   b. Alicia: motion to allocate money for facebook elections
      i. Motion out of order
   c. Kimberly Sheehan: Motion to put a bulletin in the paisano each week.
      i. Carlos: We could have an editorial in the newspaper each week.
      ii. Robert: We could use sandwich boards
      iii. Tommy: We made a monthly newsletter in years past
      iv. Enrique: The newsletter wasn’t successful. We need to focus on
           getting SGA listed on a class
      v. Robert: We could send an email
      vi. Munerra: We should look at doing the newsletter again
      vii. Kim: motion rescinded
11. Announcements
    a. Christina: Madison is still looking for personal donations for a charity
       walk that she will be participating in.
12. Adjournment: 7:12