I. Call to Order
   a. 5:38 pm

II. Roll Call
   a. Quorum established

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   a. December 4, 2008
      i. Approved with changes
   b. January 15, 2009
      i. Too many changes; will be voted on next week

IV. Open Forum
   a. Pardeis Heidari: Senate Bill 222 (SB49), Tax-Free Textbooks
      i. Currently, UTSA is for tax-free textbooks because of a resolution that passed within SGA 2 years ago. We need to pass a resolution in opposition for the tax-free textbooks today if we do not agree with the last resolution.

V. Executive Officer Report
   a. President
      i. Matt Ellison is now the Student Affairs Chair
      ii. Mayoral Debate
   b. Vice President
      i. SGA members have been missing meetings with university officials; Please try your best to make these meetings or email in a timely manner if you cannot make them.
      ii. Attend Committee Meetings
      iii. Student Bill of Rights being passed through advisors
      iv. Will be doing In-House elections in unfinished business today
      v. Bill to amend by-laws has been re-written
   c. Treasurer
      i. Absent
   d. Secretary
      i. Absent
   e. Executive Senator
      i. Still need office hours from most of the elected members
      ii. University wide Parking and Traffic Advisory Committee has 2 student seats available. Please see Tomi Yamamoto if you wish to sit on this committee. We need more student input.
b. Senator Yamamoto moves to have AA look into having more Distance Education, i.e. online courses.

ii. Motion fails

ii. Second

iii. Nay have it

ii. Adjournment

a. 6:39 p.m.

i. Looks of opening for Resident Assistance

ii. Limited food

i. Viewing at the downtown campus

ii. Presidential inauguration at 10:30 a.m. in the Demmman room

d. Gin Lu is lacking a sleep over Sunday

c. MK March Monday, 19, 2009

b. GRE/GMAT Prep Club (Ben King)

a. 24 names for the Golf Course

i. I will see what we have after Sunday
iii. Shanty Shack has been scheduled for the week of February 9th. Sign up sheet is being passed around. Shanty Shack is a great way to give back to the community by collecting donations of clothing and food and raising awareness about people in need while we get our name and other SGA related events advertised to the university. This event happening is greatly dependent on how many people are available to help out.

iv. There are about 2 more months until the spring elections in March. If you will be moving on from SGA after this term, try to find a good transition spot so the people next year can continue on with your hard work. If you'll be returning, please continue with your efforts!

VI. Committee and Senator Report
   a. Academic Affairs
      i. Tomorrow, Friday at 5pm is 1st committee meeting
   b. Business Affairs
      i. Still looking into Chisholm and University Oaks internet; emailing Theresa to approve internet survey
      ii. Have a meeting with Jane Wilcox to discuss Student Bill of Rights
      iii. UTSA vs Texas State game – tailgate on Wednesday; sending sign up sheet
      iv. Tuesday, 27th 2pm-3pm Student Transportation Committee Meeting - vote on the issue of off-campus apartment complexes paying for shuttle service
   c. Student Affairs
      i. Meet with Matt Ellison after General Assembly to set up committee meeting times
   d. University Advancement
      i. Shanty Shack – we need to follow through with everything we do in order to keep having these kinds of events
      ii. Meeting with Jason Kieoni-Rose on Wednesday, 28th for biodiesel possibilities. Anyone available to go to this meeting, please see Vannessa Lopez after General Assembly
      iii. Looking for co-chair and go green committee chair, hopefully before next week’s committee meeting
      iv. 2pm on Friday at UC 2.128, Cameron Room for UA committee meeting
      v. 3pm on Friday at UC 2.128, Cameron Room for go green committee meeting
      vi. Please come see Vanessa Lopez to set up alternative meeting times to if you’re not able to make the scheduled meeting times and are on this committee
      vii. A professor was upset about textbook costs; take e-books into consideration instead of tax-free textbooks
      viii. Will email all committee members every week
      ix. Administration has a committee now for sustainable development

VII. Committee and Senator Reports
   a. Ginju Im
i. Professor needs volunteers on Feb 6th to give out nametags for Brackenridge Philosophy Conference

ii. Almeida and Joel Hernandez are interviewing candidates to fill tenure seats for Philosophy Department; Inviting students for meet and greet

VIII. Advisor Reports
   a. John Montoya
      i. Sorry about last week’s absence; He was sick.
      ii. Jaimie Carrington is the Golf Cart Chair; has meetings set up for organizations to participate in Homecoming Golf Cart Parade
         1. Tuesday, 28th at noon in Ash Room (UC 2.03.06), 6pm in Cameron Room (UC 2.218)
         2. Friday, 30th at 2pm in Hidalgo Room (UC 2.214)
      iii. Need help in public relations for Golf Cart Parade
   b. John Kauflus
      i. Homecoming t-shirts (short and long-sleeves) were ordered; will be on sale on Feb, 2nd
      ii. Matt DeLeon came in 2nd place for Homecoming Art Contest
      iii. Has been at many meetings over past few weeks; tuition or fees will not increase for next 2-3 years unless it was voted on by students (ie. athletics fee)
      iv. East coast and Nevada has been hit hard with gas prices and hire freezes; No one at UTSA will lose their jobs and things will run as usual
   c. Barry McKinney
      i. In February, these things are going on
         1. ULA nominations and preparations
         2. Publicizing upcoming SGA elections
         3. Homecoming golf cart parade
         4. Shanty shack, if it happens
         5. Other university events
      ii. Think for the next term, “who will come behind you”.
      iii. Next week Saturday is the Risk Management Symposium

IX. Unfinished Business
   a. In-House Elections
      i. College of Business Senator
         1. Austin Talley
            a. Voted in
      ii. College of Education and Human Development Senator
         1. Cortney Blumberg
            a. Voted in
   b. Jose Benavides moves to postpone indefinitely item IX. B on the agenda: a Bill to amend the By-Laws of The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association
      i. Second
         1. Passed
c. Ginju Im moves to take item IX. C on the agenda off the table: A Bill to amend the By-Laws of The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association to improve budget accounting and approval procedures.
   i. Vice-President calls for a 5 minute recess
   ii. Eric Ruiz moves to end debate
       1. Second
           a. Fails
   iii. Jordan Raymond moves to amend by-laws to read:
        Section 1: Each budget item in excess of $50 shall include a PRECISE description of each proposed expense and a statement of its intended purpose.
        1. Second
        2. Discussion
           a. Christina Gomez: This bill contradicts the constitution and the Judicial Branch will fail this bill. The intent is good but this is something that can be discussed with the treasurer.
        3. Javi Cantu moves to end debate
           a. Second
           b. Moves to previous question
              i. Amendment passes
   iv. Margie De Young moves to end debate
       1. Second
           a. Passes
   v. Bill will sit on table until next week

X. New Business
a. Jose Benavides moves to introduce a new bill to the chamber
   i. Second
   ii. Reading of the bill
   iii. Will sit on the table until next week
b. Ginju Im moves to introduce the resolution in opposition of tax-free textbooks
   i. Second
   ii. Reading of the resolution
   iii. Ginju Im moves to have this resolution be an emergency legislation.
       1. Second
           a. Passes
   iv. Discussion
v. Chris Kuta moves to previous question
   1. Second
      a. Fails
vi. Discussion continues
vii. Eric Ruiz moves to amend the resolution to read:
    Author: Pardeis Heidari (adapted with permission from Student Senate at The University of Texas at Dallas)
    1. Second
       a. Passes
viii. Daniella Lerma moves to previous question
1. Second
   a. Passes
ix. Vote on resolution
   1. Passes with 16 to 7
   c. Tomi Yamamoto moves to have Student Affairs look into on-campus housing procedures for international students.
      i. Second
      ii. Discussion
      iii. Daniella Lerma moves to previous question
      1. Second
         a. Passes
d. Christina Gomez moves to approve Andrew White and Adriana Ramirez for University Life Awards Chairs
      i. So moved
      1. Passes
e. Ben King moves to have Academic Affairs look into having classes mandatory for graduation be offered every semester.
      i. Second
      ii. Discussion
      iii. Moves to previous question
      1. Second
         a. Passes
f. Jason Perkins moves to have Business Affairs look into container policies on UTSA shuttles.
      i. Second
      ii. Discussion
      1. Moves to previous question
         a. Passes
g. Sarah Ramirez moves to have University advancement look into finding ways for more affordable textbooks.
      i. Second
      ii. Discussion
      1. Moves to previous question
         a. Passes

XI. Announcements
   a. Christina Gomez invites everyone to Houlihan's for her birthday party
   b. Kort Jackson apologizes for
   c. Ginju Im, Saturday Omega Psi Phi having a dance party
   d. Vanessa Lopez: $5.50 movies at AMC theater
   e. Christian Meneeje, Night of Comedy tonight at University Center
   f. Barry McKinney, go to Starbucks and pledge 5 hours of community service for cup of coffee

XII. Adjournment
   a. 7:57pm