Student Government Association  
April 15, 2009  
Minutes

1. Call to Order  
   a. 5:33 pm

2. Roll Call  
   a. Quorum Established

3. Invited Guests  
   a. Chief David Hernandez, UTSA PD  
      i. Department stance on concealed carry on campus  
      ii. Overview of UTSA PD  
      iii. Question and answer session  
   b. Brett Poulos, Southwest Regional Director of Students for Concealed Carry  
      i. Statistical overview of reasons to support concealed carry laws  
      ii. Question and answer session

4. Open Forum  
   a. Rudy Torres  
      i. Student safety should be top priority  
      ii. Support of the resolution supporting concealed carry on campus  
   b. Jordan Raymond  
      i. Video presentation – Opposing concealed carry on campus  
      ii. Question and answer session  
   c. Chris Kuta  
      i. Video presentation – Supporting concealed carry on campus  
      ii. Video presentation – Random questioning of students  
      iii. Question and answer session  
   d. Chris Kuta entertains a motion to continue viewing peer responses  
   e. Andrew Dossman  
      i. Jose Benavides wishes to continue to unfinished business  
      ii. Chris Kuta will not continue presentation, as directed by the Vice President

5. Unfinished Business  
   a. Installation of new Senators and Appointees  
   b. Brent Ward moves to remove from the table A Resolution in Support of the Right to Bear Arms on Campus  
      i. Second  
      ii. Discussion  
      iii. Approved seeing no further discussion  
   c. Jordan Raymond moves for a 5 minute recess in order to make copies of both resolutions  
      i. Second  
      ii. Motion passes  
   d. Recess commences  
      i. 7:00 pm  
      ii. Recess extended  
   e. Recess ends  
      i. General Assembly called back to order  
      ii. 7:08 pm

6. Continuation of Open Forum  
   a. Alex Liu  
      i. EPIC Movement – Asian-American Christian Organization

7. Discussion continues  
   a. Jose Benavides moves to increase discussion time by one minute  
      i. Second  
      ii. Motion passes  
   b. Continued discussion  
      i. Jose Benavides – Point of information in regards to remaining balance in General Co-sponsorship  
      ii. Vasuoda Kumar – Point of information pertaining to estimated remaining General Co-sponsorship balance  
      iii. Javier Cantu – Point of information regarding new funding resolution  
      iv. Pardeis Heldari – Point of information regarding previous year’s COSGA budget

7. Continuation of Unfinished Business  
   a. Discussion of “A Resolution in Support of the Right to Bear Arms on Campus”  
      i. Daniel Quintero yields the floor to Andrew Dossman  
      ii. Andrew Dossman presents in favor of concealed carry on campus  
      iii. Jordan Raymond questions as to the difference between Opinion Poll and SGA Survey as well as what questions were asked in regards to the Opinion Poll  
      iv. Christian Meneege investigates the opinions of those conducting the poll  
      v. Matt Linder points out statistically inaccurate distribution of students  
      vi. David García inquires as to what knowledge of concealed handgun licenses was presented to those in polling prior to questioning  
      vii. Kort Jackson feels the Senate is not prepared for an informed decision on the issue at hand  
      viii. Christian Meneege inquires as to the relevancy of Utah universities in regards to concealed gun carry statistics  
      ix. Brent Ward shows that only students at the 1604 Campus were polled  
      x. Pardeis Heldari asks to see list of citations as requested from April 9th General Assembly  
   b. Jose Benavides moves to see the list of citations  
      i. Second  
      ii. Motion passes  
      iii. Chris Kuta attempts to present the list of citations  
   c. Discussion continues  
      i. Christina Gomez inquires about the SGA-sponsored survey mentioned in The Paisano  
      ii. Gini Jui Im verifies that the author of The Paisano article did not accurately document interview subjects  
      iii. Jose Benavides inquires to the whereabouts of the minutes from April 9th  
      iv. Brett Poulos serves to clarify policies of Utah universities and Blue Ridge Community College in West Virginia  
      v. Javier Cantu – Point of Information in regards to discussion of bill rather than Open Forum  
      vi. Andrew Dossman asks for feedback on Chris Kuta’s video polling  
      vii. Jose Benavides questions legitimacy and representation of only 42 people surveyed
Andrew Dossman responds with statistic about COLSA representation.

Jordan Raymond asks Andrew Dossman and/or Chris Kuta to clarify the process of their polling.

Stephanie Aguilar asks about Executive Officer involvement in opinion polling.

Kort Jackson asks if verbal or written permission was given prior to video recording to prevent potential legal ramifications.

Matt DeLeon questions Chris Kuta if he used the SGA name in his polling.

Matt DeLeon asks resolution sponsor Daniel Quintero to speak on the issue.

Chris Kuta clarifies that he did not use the SGA name.

Daniel Quintero speaks in regards to the resolution at hand.

Christian Menefee - Point of Information in regards to the accuracy of resolution and the legitimacy of the polling.

Christian Menefee entertains a motion to end discussion.

Jose Benavides moves to previous question.

Second

Matt Linder - Point of Information in regards to when the Texas Legislature will vote on the bill.

Brett Poulos clarifies the Texas Legislature process.

Gin Ju Im and Jordan Raymond - Points of Order in regards to the motion in progress.

Jose Benavides rescinds the previous motion to end discussion.

Not seconded

Previous question is automatically addressed.

Motion fails.

Discussion continues.

Gin Ju Im discusses gun death statistics on a national scale in comparison to enrollment at UTSA.

Joseph Barnes validates polling process and expresses view in support of concealed carry on campus.

Chief David Hernandez - Point of Information regarding legality of guns in cars on campus.

Javier Cantu moves to limit debate to hear only two more pros and two more cons.

Second

Laura Carr - Point of Information in regards to whether limited discussion will incorporate both resolutions or just the resolution in discussion.

Brent Ward - Point of information regarding a specific time limit rather than two pros and two cons.

Parliamentarian Gregory Harrison questioned in regards to previous Point of Information.

Gregory Harrison refers the question to Kort Jackson.

Dr. Barry McKinney interprets that time under suggestion would be the time in which two pros and two cons can be discussed.

Voted upon.

Motion fails.

Javier Cantu moves for division of chamber.

Division of chamber.

Motion fails.

Discussion continues.

Jordan Raymond wishes to see a student body referendum.

Jose Benavides moves to table "A Resolution in Support of the Right to Bear Arms on Campus" seconded.

Jose Guidry - Point of Information regarding "tabling a motion".

Explanation of "tabling a motion" by Derek Trimm.

Parideis Heldari - Point of Information regarding tabling timeframe.

Jose Benavides - Point of information to inquire that the resolution can remain on the table until it is again taken off the table.

Gin Ju Im - Point of Information regarding the existence of General Assembly next week.

Javier Cantu - Point of Order regarding ended discussion and the division of chamber.

Vote by division of chamber.

Motion passes.

Javier Cantu moves to table "A Resolution in Support of Banning Concealed Gunson College Campuses".

Second.

Jordan Raymond - Point of Information regarding tabling and removal from agenda.

Gin Ju Im - Point of Order regarding tabling of the resolution.

Division of Chamber.

Motion passes.

Executive Officer Reports.

President.

Wishes to meet new Senators.

Basic introductions of SGA members begins.

Javier Cantu moves to postpone introductions.

Second.

Discussion.

Automatically rescinded.

Meeting with Dr. Barry McKinney and JFC about Greek housing.

High View Place Apartments does not have shuttle service.

Senator responsibilities and Parliamentary Procedure.

Last General Assembly will be April 23.

Finals are approaching.

Discussion.

Margie DeYoung inquires about whether or not a meeting has been set up with Keri Shipler to discuss Greek housing.

Jordan Raymond inquires about Parking and Transportation Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, April 28th.

Christina Stevenson inquires about the speed and feasibility of creating a survey, possibly through UTSA Today.

Dr. Barry McKinney explains the complexity of creating a survey.

David Garcia inquires about Senator Orientation.

Laura Carr inquires about an ad-hoc committee and how communication will be handled during its creation.

Jose Benavides asks if a meeting has been set up with High View Place Apartments to ask them to stop advertising the shuttle service they do not have yet.

Matt DeLeon clarifies that an unofficial meeting has already occurred.

Roger Frigstad inquires as to the name of the apartment complex in discussion.

Brent Ward - Point of Information regarding the meeting time and place of the Parking and Transportation Meeting on April 28th.
k. Gin Ju Im asks for specification of which Parking and Transportation committee will be meeting
l. Matt Ellison inquires about the feasibility of using Survey Monkey to poll students about concealed carry on campus
m. Matt DeLeon requests volunteers for the ad-hoc committee for the concealed carry survey
n. Vanessa Lopez - Point of information clarifying that anyone interested in the ad-hoc committee should meet up with Matt DeLeon after the meeting
o. Andrew Dossman points out that Survey Monkey voting can be skewed as it allows people to vote more than once

ix. Javier Cantu moves to return to the agenda
a. Second
b. Automatically returned to the orders of the day

b. Vice President
a. Parliamentary Procedure orientation will be next week for all new Senators
b. Meeting with Elliot Howard of Outdoor Pursuits to possibly plan the SGA Retreat at Bastrop State Park
c. Encouragement of constituents input on major decisions

C. Treasurer
a. Pledge accountability
b. Recognition of Virginia Tech shooting anniversary
c. Provisional budget changes
d. Partner the SGA retreat with CAB
e. Provisional budget re-analyzed line by line

f. Javier Cantu moves to discontinue line by line reading of the provisional budget
i. Second
ii. Austin Talley – Point of Information regarding the availability of the budget to review for next General Assembly on April 23rd
iv. Christina Gomez – Point of Information regarding when line by line analysis needs to take place
v. Motion has been resolved as line by line analysis ceases
vi. Gin Ju Im – Point of Information regarding a decrease in funding for food at the SGA Banquet
vii. Chris Kuta points out available funding from Aramark will explain the decrease in food budgeting
viii. Laura Carr inquires as to the necessity of the pool at the SGA Retreat
ix. Derek Trimm clarifies that pool is reserved at a group rate, but the best deal will be negotiated before a final budgetary decision is made
x. Gin Ju Im asks if Aramark will be funding the SGA Banquet from now on
xi. Matt Linder – Point of Information suggesting that if Aramark provides funding for the banquet that they too will be catering to the banquet
xii. Dr. Barry McKinney clarifies food and costs budgeting for SGA and UJA Banquet
xiii. Matt Linder – Point of Information regarding T Bar M cost with the inclusion of CAB
xiv. Gin Ju Im questions the necessity of general team development cost
f. Javier Cantu moves to end discussion over the provisional budget
i. Second
ii. Gin Ju Im – Point of Information regarding the Finance Committee meeting time

iii. Motion passes
iv. Matt Linder – Point of Information regarding the Treasurer’s office hours
d. Secretary
i. Minutes from April 9th passed out
ii. Minute corrections
iii. Javier Cantu moves to approve the minutes
a. Second
b. Motion passes
c. Minutes approved
iv. Working on verifying all emails for the contact list
v. Christina Stevenson moves to skip Committee Reports and progress to New Business
a. Second
b. Passes

9. New Business
a. Jordan Raymond moves for a one minute recess
i. Second
ii. Passes
b. Recess commences
c. Move to do Advisor Reports
i. Recess ends upon motion having been acknowledged by the Vice President
ii. Second
iii. Passes

10. Advisor Reports
a. Dr. Barry McKinney begins Advisor Report
i. John Montoya is out sick tonight. He said he'll miss you.
ii. FESTA SAFE! Don't drink and drive. Don't drink underage.
iii. FESTA UTSA Changes: Concept and reception now at the Rec Center
iv. Party on the Paseo is Thursday, April 23rd
v. Please remember you academic responsibilities
vi. Please get a copy of the constitution and bylaws and become familiar with them
vii. Please make sure you do your homework for motions and resolutions so you can make informed decisions

11. Continuation of New Business
a. Statement by Vice President Derek Trimm regarding Executive Senator Elections
i. "As you may recall, last week we had Executive Senator Elections. It was brought to my attention that several procedural errors were comprised during the election. In full disclosure we wanted to bring this matter to you, the General Assembly, for you to decide. One of the candidates for Executive Senator did not completely follow the instructions regarding his intent to run for office. There was some miscommunication on the matter. In addition, we failed to follow the process that one of the individuals who ran for the position had not been fully sworn in as a Senator and it's stated in the bylaws that every Senator "shall" take the Oath of Office."
ii. Discussion and further explanation
b. Jordan Raymond moves to have Executive Senator re-elections based on improper procedure in regard to the Executive Senator candidate statement, the question of the Senator-elect's Oath of Office, and validation of voting during the election
i. Second
ii. Discussion
1. Javier Cantu—Point of Information regarding clarification about whether the Senate should let the procedural errors slide or whether a re-election becomes necessary.

2. Vanessa Lopez—Point of Information regarding clarification of Senatorial and Judicial duties in the process of validating Executive Senator election or re-election results.

3. Derek Trimm clarifies that the Senate shall determine whether an error was made and Judicial shall determine how the results of a violation found by the Senate shall be taken into account.

4. Javier Cantu moves to let procedural errors slide.

5. Jose Benavides—Point of Information regarding an already seconded motion.


7. Javier Cantu moves to previous question.

8. Pardis Heldari—Point of Information regarding the purpose of the aforementioned motion.

9. Jordan Raymond clarifies that intent of motion is for a re-election.

10. Jin Ju Im—Point of Information that voting down current motion and moving into Javier Cantu's motion to let procedural errors slide would allow Jordan Raymond to become Executive Senator.

11. Chris Kuta feels that all Senators should be given an equal opportunity to announce their candidacy for Executive Senator.

12. Dr. Barry McKinney references a point of constitutional authority on Page 1, Section 6, Number 1.

13. Javier Cantu points out that a motion to end discussion and move to previous discussion is on the table.

14. Vote to end discussion and move to previous question:
   a. Division of chamber
   b. Passes

15. Vote to determine whether a re-election is necessary for Executive Senator:
   a. Division of Chamber
   b. Motion fails—there will be no re-election
   c. Jordan Raymond is Executive Senator

C. Javier Cantu moves to have Academic Affairs look into a mobile version of WebCT for Blackberries, iPhones, etc.

1. Second
2. Discussion
3. Motion passes

d. Sean Guidry moves to have Business Affairs look into the unused paid parking spots outside the Rec Center and their necessity.

1. Second
2. Discussion
3. Brent Ward moves to vote
   a. Second
   b. Passes

C. Javier Cantu moves to have $300 reallocated from the COSGA budget to General Co-sponsorship for EPIC.

1. Second
2. Discussion
3. Motion passes