Student Government Association  
December 2, 2010  
35th General Assembly Minutes

1. Call to Order  
   a. 5:34 pm

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes  
   a. Approved

3. Invited Guests  
   a. The Dream Act- Martha Quintenilla

4. Open Forum  
   a. Itza Carbajal- discussing Pell Grants and the budget cuts to the state legislature.

5. Executive Officer Reports  
   a. President – Derek Trimm  
      i. +/- Grading system report: the A+ will be added, and a C- will count to your degree, but you still need a 2.0 to graduate.
      ii. Need 2 Green-Fund appointments: will be allocating up to a $150,000 budget. Nominate them and Derek will interview them and appoint them.
      iii. Over the break we will be holding Spring Semester Planning Sessions
   b. Vice President – Nicole Munoz  
      i. Will be putting disclaimers on transcripts that say whether it was possible to receive a + or –
      ii. Discussed dislike towards the six drop policy, Dr. Paine is against it and our university is against it.
   c. Treasurer – Roger Frigstad  
      i. None
   d. Secretary - Xavier Johnson  
      i. Sent out an email, switching the emails over to SGA emails after finals
      ii. UTSAC- resolution in favor of giving benefits to domestic partners to employees, that was the only one not passed unanimously. Passed resolutions in support of time off for graduate medical students and for insurance policies to graduate medical students.
      iii. Smoking Ban- Just letting you know I’m fighting it again, I will organize a protest if in fact it does pass. YAL has been doing surveying of our own as well
      iv. Transportation- it’s going to get ugly, we are working on balancing the budget and planning for the worst which means unless there is a large group supporting increasing the transportation fee services will have to be cut further.
      v. Parking and Traffic- the Police department is also working on a proposal and doing research and should be in support of scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades on campus, we will be bringing it to a vote next meeting
   e. Executive Senator- Jason Hensley  
      i. Polos are in, come and get them
      ii. Have a Great Semester!
      iii. Scantron and coffee giveaway will be on the 7th. It will take place at the midnight breakfast on December 7th and the 8th from 9 until midnight on Tuesday and Wednesday.
      iv. Good luck on finals

6. Standing Committee Reports  
   a. Academic Affairs – Marisa Daniels
i. There has to be at least 200 students in the Astronomy program for them to start the program. Met with the Dean and the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

b. Business Affairs – Victor Hinojosa
   i. Last Monday at 4:00 p.m. Anna and Victor met with housing about security.
   ii. Maintenance now has a new system, and the complaints are categorized by time and how long it takes to fix the complaints.
   iii. A new housing complex will be opened in the fall, it will be a hybrid of Laurel and Chisolm

c. Student Affairs – Farrah Walji
   i. Golf Cart Parade- Still doing planning meetings
   ii. Shantyshack- Still doing planning meetings. VOICES will be on board.
   iii. Smoking Ban- Committees position is still to have designated areas and better enforcement of the current smoking policy, the Faculty and Staff currently have passed resolutions supporting a ban of smoking on campus.

d. University Advancement – Lacy Guaderrama
   i. Working on all concerns, meetings this week and next week. Continuing on the 26 concerns next semester.
   ii. I want to thank my committee for a really awesome semester, and if you don’t already know we got the committee of the month award this week.

7. Committee and Senator Reports
   a. Social Committee- Sergio Maltos
      i. Basketball won this week
      ii. Volleyball are the conference Champions and play in Austin tomorrow at 6
      iii. No home games till December 20th

8. Advisor Reports
   a. John Montoya
      i. You can represent UTSA and student government again; there have been a series of meetings here in San Antonio to get input on issues like transportation, education, teen pregnancy, and other things. RSVP at SA2020.org. Meeting is at 6:30 (210) 207-9372
      ii. Got a certificate from BARR for our participation with them
      iii. Student Government conducted interviews for the Regent Position and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Committee forwarded 5 people for the Regent Position and 3 people for the Coordinating board.
      iv. We have a lot going on in the Spring so everyone needs to be ready to hit the ground running. Elections, Banquet, Spring Retreat, Golf Cart Parade, University Life Awards etc.

b. Barry McKinney
   i. This is only the second time in our schools history that a volleyball team has gone to an NCAA tournament, tomorrow you can go to Austin for Free to see the team. The bus leaves at 2:30.
   ii. There is a band concert series this week, it is about 160 strong, there is a $5 admission fee just to help them out and there is a free concert on Saturday.
   iii. Late Night Breakfast is next Tuesday, there will be a free breakfast at night and it starts at 10:00 p.m. and goes until midnight.
   iv. Remember that you are students and take time to study for your exams
   v. Have a Great winter break, our first meeting is January 13th of next year.
   vi. 73 days until my Birthday, shop early avoid the rush.
c. John Kaulfus
   i. N/A
9. New Business
   a. Derek entertains a motion to pass a resolution commending the UTSA volleyball team.
   b. Passes unanimously
10. Announcements
    a. Nicole- Thanks for sticking it out this semester, we will be going out to eat after this
11. Adjournment
    a. Meeting adjourned
    i. 7:00pm