Student Government Association
October 20, 2011
General Assembly Minutes

I. Call to Order
   A. 5:31 pm

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   A. Approved

III. Invited Guests
   A. Nancy Martin – Professor of Educational Psychology: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting will be broadcasted on Oct. 27th on adjusted Core Curriculum proposal. Student feedback (survey) on institutional option for UTSA
   B. Rustein Merriweather – President of United Artists of America: Organization to help develop artists’ talent. Come out Oct. 29th to the Roadrunner Station where there will be live performances

IV. Open Forum
   A. Andrea – Nov. 5th ZETA Breast Cancer Awareness event; $75 entrance fee
   B. Liz Ross, Rec Center – social media initiative. Walk It Out challenge

V. Executive Officer Reports
   A. President – Xavier Johnson
      a. UTSAC Recommendations
      b. Debate Team
         i. Working on Student Service Fee Committee
         ii. Making a resolution in support of
         iii. Discussion with Alumni Association, Margie French, Kevin Price, and other stakeholders
         iv. Met with Dr. Paine and Dr. Frederick
      c. Strategic Resource Planning Council meeting: Focus Group, Student Success I on Friday 2p-4p in the Regent’s Room (MB 3.106)
      d. Went to student organization meetings to speak about SGA: PRSSA, UHSA, NSCS, Democrats, Green Society
      e. Faculty Senate has endorsed Food Options Resolution
      f. Transportation Initiative – UT System Regents are the big obstacle; working on a game plan for approaching the issue
   B. Vice President – Victor Hinojosa
      a. Great participation
      b. Met with Kareena; we have tabling charts set up which will begin Monday
      c. I want to make sure everyone is upholding responsibilities in SGA but also keeping up with your schoolwork
C. Treasurer – Prakash “Ash” Mammen
   a. No report

D. Secretary – Kareena Kirlew
   a. Everyone needs to be part of a Committee. Attendance will be maintained by myself and the Committee Chairs. 3 absences also results in loss of senator position

E. Executive Senator- Kort Jackson
   a. I am on Executive Council, and I would love to hear your comments or concerns that you would like to have voiced
   b. Those of you who attended to Gala Latina, thank you.
   c. If you went to Retreat, I’m working on thank you letters; will be ready for you by next General Assembly
   d. Campaign Platform – “to educate”

VI. Advisor Reports
A. John Montoya
   a. We are now in a very good position with Aramark because they want our feedback
   b. As we are having discussions with various partners on campus, be professional and courteous
   c. Committee on Professional Protocol – Marco Guerrero is the trusted Chair

B. Barry McKinney
   a. No report.

C. John Kaulfus
   a. How many of you brought completed UTSA Listens forms? Our goal is 5-10 per week
   b. Please be very careful when you’re walking on campus, especially if you’re by yourself
   c. If your professor does not know your name, you need to have that rectified within the next 2 weeks; that is a letter grade.
   d. We have 6 weeks left, what have you done for UTSA and the student body?

VII. Standing Committee Reports
A. Academic Affairs – Marisa Daniels
   a. Teaching and Learning Center – we would like to get surveys out to see which professors’ teaching methods are most effective
   b. Friday 11am meeting with Dean of Science Department
c. Trying to create a student-based website for textbooks

d. Next Wednesday Josh D. is meeting with Dean of Libraries to discuss

e. Lots of complaints about the Science building; cubicles and chairs

f. Going to try to initiate lecturing methods that are more dynamic

g. Josh – Khan Academy, fun online teaching site

B. Business Affairs – Natalie Watts

a. Want to thank my committee for increased attendance

b. Meeting with Charles on Oct. 29th with Events Management

c. Meetings Tuesday at 5pm at JPL Starbucks

C. Student Affairs – John Boone

a. Live performance concern

b. Nov. Lung Cancer awareness month, using this opportunity to work on the smoking enforcement policy... again.

c. Andrea researching how we can get vendors to do festivals each month in collaboration with Farmers Market initiative

d. Meetings 4:30 on Thursday

D. University Advancement – Austin Christensen

a. Farmers Market – going well, just trying to figure out how operational functions will work

b. Roadrunner Statue – sent email to President of Student Gov’t at TX State. who got its statue in 2007

c. Working on the concern to make UTSA Blvd. more pedestrian-friendly

VIII. Committee and Senator Reports

A. Public Relations Internal – Diana Cuervo

a. No report

B. Public Relations External – Roger Cardenas

a. Nov. 2-3 PRSSA donation drive

b. Nov. 4 FTK Fashion Show

c. Nov. 18th Chili Bowl sponsored by SAVE

d. Next Friday Oct 28th Best Fest – unable to do a dunk tank so we need other ideas. Please sign up for the Flash Mob

e. Collegiate link – if you want to put your Committee meetings on there you can

f. Meetings Wed. 1:30p in SGA office

IX. Unfinished Business

A. None

X. New Business
A. In-House Elections
   a. 1 candidate for Science Senator
   b. Rony Escobar wins 19:3:2
   c. Oath of Office

XI. Announcements
   A. Victor – get agendas and nametags, then sign in and receive an iClicker at the beginning of every General Assembly
   B. Kort – please sign this list for you to receive an SGA polo
   C. Austin – this Saturday a few of us are visiting the Farmer’s Market
   D. Alex – Monster Pumpkin Mash event sponsored by Engineering

XII. Adjournment
   A. Meeting adjourned
      a. 6:50pm

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