STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

January 30, 2014

I. Call to Order
   A. 5:34

II. Approval of Minutes
   A. Approved

III. Invited Guests
   A. None

IV. Executive Officer Reports
   A. President - Zack Dunn
      i. Leaderfund is a reimbursement program. It is designed to provide financial support for Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) that host events or participate in activities that provide leadership or learning opportunities for students or contribute to an increased sense of campus community. Reimbursement is allocated at the discretion of the Student Government Association finance committee
   ii. A Student Government Association can propose a referendum to its student body, which, if passed by a simple majority vote, is then brought to the university president by the administration of the SGA. If the university president supports the referendum, they can take the proposal to a meeting of the regents for approval. Under the system proposed by Chancellor Cigarroa, the process would begin with a meeting of the SGA administration and the university president, rather than by a student body petition. A presentation would again have to be made by the university president to the regents. Finally, if the regents approved a referendum, it would then have to be passed through a vote from the originating university’s student body.
   iii. Meeting with Pam Bacon regarding newly formed Dining Services Standing Committee
   iv. College of Public Policy hosting County Judge Candidate Forum on the 17th with Chris Stewart, all are welcome to join.
   v. Senator Ted Cruz is coming from 4-5pm on the 18th to speak on importance of voting
   vi. Dining Market Match meeting & UTSSAC tomorrow
   vii. Invited Guests will be attending the General Assemblies more frequently.
   viii. All are encouraged to dress to impress.

B. Vice President - Andie Watson
   i. The last day for Diploma Dash sign up is today. The race is on March first
   ii. In-House Elections!
   iii. Closet Clean-up will be tomorrow. We are looking into getting a new door.
   iv. “White Out” game Men’s Basketball after GA at 8pm

C. Treasurer - Ileana Gonzalez
   i. Budget:
      a. $150 spent on Spring Retreat
      b. $83 on office supplies
   ii. Finance Committee will be on Tuesdays at 1pm in the office

D. Secretary - Jerome Scott II
   i. Sign up to speak at organization meetings in the SGA office by next Thursday

E. Executive Senator - Chris Stewart
   i. Brought sandwiches for those that attended the office hours. Next week will be chicken salads. Office hours are Tuesday and Thurs, 12-1 PM
   ii. Dodgeball given to Gilbert thanks to his work with the involvement fair

A. Chief of Staff - Conor Harvey
   iii. Changes in the new reporting system. All reports need to be turned in by Friday.

V. Standing Committee Reports
A. Academic Affairs – Salina Cram
   i. Assisting with the libraries to gain new study area on the 4th floor. Working to improve the wifi. The JPL is continually buying and updating the course reserves. We will be tabling Wednesday to see what books people might want and more general concerns
   ii. Meetings are 5:30 Tuesdays in the SGA office
B. Business Affairs – Cole Whitmore
   i. Will be pumping the brakes on parking for a bit.
   ii. No more Red Box, no longer give out to college campuses
   iii. Looking into utensil dispensers that sell pencils and scantrons
   iv. A suggestion was brought to serve Girl Scout Cookies on campus. Looking into logistics
   v. More main campus microwaves. One in the UC, one in the EB
   vi. Working with UA to get lights on the convocation center to announce VB/BB game days.
   vii. Meeting with Kerry Kennedy soon to touch base, swap goals, etc.
C. Downtown Affairs – Alejandra Esquivel
   i. Committee meetings will be Wednesdays at 12
   ii. Meeting with Conor Harvey and Michelle Rocha, the assistant director of student activities downtown
   iii. Cattleman\’s Square, some gates have been locked. Are pushing to get them reopened.
D. Student Affairs – Christian Kenney
   i. Raising attendance update and will be discussing ideas with with the UTSAAC
   ii. Committee meetings are 3:30 pm on Wednesday
E. University Advancement – Josh Fierro
   i. Working on more lighting on campus: HEBUC & Sombrilla Trees
   ii. Upgrading the lawns between the HEBUC and Convo, and behind the HEBUC
   iii. Meeting with Alumni on how to improve areas of the university with Alumni collaboration
   iv. Puppy Zone Collaboration w/ Student Health Services

VI. Appointment Reports
A. Public Relations – Mageida Sopon
   i. Theme: Strive for Excellence
   ii. Special Presentation- "Let's Talk": How to speak to others about what SGA is. Invite people to come to our office.
   iii. Things to talk about at organization meetings. General Assemblies, University Life Awards, LeaderFund, and Website
   iv. News worthy section on the website with information on what we are up to
B. Website Director – Steven Ordaz
   i. Website Items Needed- Send profile pictures and position and committee goals to my email
   ii. Diploma Dash Training will be 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Campus Rec on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays ending February 28th

VII. Advisor Reports
A. John Montoya
   i. Basketball Game after GA at 8pm in the Convocation Center
   ii. Leadership NOW! Walk up registration will take place. Be present by 9:30am for the breakfast
   iii. La Universidad de Monterrey will be visiting UTSA. We will be meeting with students and possibly showing them around campus.
B. Dr. Barry McKinney
   i. Please get to know your faculty. Be sure to go to class
   ii. 13 days until my birthday

VIII. Old Business - None
IX. New Business
A. In-House Elections: Lauren Lopez sworn in as Sophomore Senator
X. Announcements
A. Chris stewart
B. Table tennis this weekend
C. Last fiesta info meeting next week at 1pm

XI. Adjournment – 6:09