STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

October 2, 2014

I. Call to Order
   5:36 pm

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   A. Approved

III. Invited Guests
   A. Transforming Fees
      i. The Distance Learning student fee ($25/credit hour) is designed to support the Learning Management System and online courses
      ii. Fall 2013:
         • 436 courses used Blackboard to share content, give tests, assignments, etc.
      iii. The Digital Learning fee is ($18/credit hour) is a proposed fee to replace the Distance Learning fee. It is planned to be a less-expensive fee which is distributed more broadly across students than the Distance Learning fee currently is.
         • This fee is hoped to reduce E-book costs by up to 40% and reduce other associated costs, such as virtual labs
         • The fee will only be applied to courses which use Blackboard more readily than others
   B. Alexandra Roman – Head of Golf Cart Parade
      i. Wanting to promote Golf Cart Parade (happening October 10th) through social media
      ii. Information meeting on October 3rd at 2:00pm
      iii. Sign-up sheet to hold everyone accountable to help clean up
   C. Jerome Scott
      i. Running for Mr. UTSA
      ii. Involved in Orientation Leader Association, Ambassadors, SGA executive board, VOICES, and numerous other organizations
      iii. Fundraiser on Monday from 4-9pm on Monday the 6th to raise money for student scholarships
      iv. Voting October 6-8 on ASAP
   D. Alandra Lawrence
      i. Support Ileana for Ms. UTSA
      ii. Tabling happening next week

IV. Open Forum

V. Executive Officer Reports
   A. President- Zack Dunn
      i. Pantheon of Excellence
      ii. Monument Lights protocol
      iii. University Assembly names: Patrick, Elyas, Conor, Elizabeth, Savin, Christina, Alandra, Bethany, Ashton
      iv. State of the University Address went well, good SGA numbers
      v. Student Regent at UTSA on Friday at 10:00am
      vi. SAHERA meeting on Monday, Texas A&M Student Regent will be there
      vii. Golf Cart decorating on Thursday the 9th
      viii. Faculty Senate presentation on Thursday the 9th
      ix. BestFest / Golf Cart Parade / Fireworks on Friday the 10th
      x. Burnt Orange Society – group at UT which Zack would like help researching
   B. Vice President- Christian Kenney
      i. Tailgating – we need two seating coordinators; see Christian after the meeting to help
         • Please come the football game and hang out with us!
ii. Homecoming is a very busy time – help out wherever you can!
iii. There is no General Assembly next week on Thursday! Instead, Senators are expected to attend Golf Cart Parade decorating party and it is a mandatory event.

C. Treasurer - Ileana Gonzalez
   i. Signed PRA for $2,100 Homecoming
   ii. Signed PRA for $1,000 T-Shirt Exchange
   iii. Retreat: $4,258.80 Room and Board
      • Under budget
   iv. T-shirt exchange! Make sure to be spreading the word, retweeting, sharing on Facebook!

D. Secretary - Cole Whitmore
   i. Contact sheet shared on the Drive
      • Open seats listed in headers
   ii. Class is no longer an excused absence for GA
   iii. NVRD absences are being re-tallied

E. Executive Senator – Conor Harvey
   i. Spirit Lights Email, Ideas Email and Checking Email
   ii. Office Hour TR 2:30 - 3:30
   iii. Being an engaged senate is crucial to SGA running smoothly
   iv. Open Seats – talk to friends
   v. Dodgeball was passed from Savin Weera to Katherine Martinez

VI. Committee Chairs
A. Steven Rodriguez – Academic Affairs
   i. Meeting with Dean of Libraries, Dr. Krisellen Maloney
      • Meeting time and date: Tuesday (10/7) at 4:30 PM
      • Meet in SGA Office then we will head over
   ii. Waitlist Tabling
      • Will be week after next
      • Actual date: TBA
   iii. Outdoor Study Areas
      • Met with Jeff Schilder today to look at potential locations

B. Darius Brown – Student Affairs
   i. Meeting Times & Locations
      • Tuesdays at 4 PM
      • Oak Room (UC 2.01.20)
   ii. Meeting with Sam Gonzalez went well – SA shares many goals with SGA
   iii. Logo work has been turned in and discussed with Zack
   iv. Meeting with Katherine next week on some goals

C. Jeff Schilder – Business Affairs
   i. Meetings on Tuesdays from 5:15 - 6:15
      • Nueces room, HUC 2.216
   ii. Meeting with Dianne Hengst and Lorenzo Sanchez
      • Trying to find a time for them to come speak at GA
   iii. Outdoor Covered study areas initiative under way

VII. Appointments
A. Jared Cruz-Aedo – Social Media Director
   i. Working on homecoming week

B. Katherine Martinez – Membership Director
   i. BestFest booth with be themed around The Godfather based on a Senate vote
   ii. Membership Committee meetings are in the Montgomery Room on Thursdays at 3:00pm

VIII. Advisor Reports
A. John Montoya
   i. Thursday the 9th – meet in the Harris Room to go down to the decorating party
   ii. Wear SGA polos on Friday, not Thursday

B. Barry McKinney
   i. Rowdy Rally at 3pm tomorrow in the Paseo
ii. Game on Saturday – Kickoff is at 2:30pm
iii. Homecoming event breakdown is available at utsa.edu/homecoming

IX. Old Business
A. Resolution GA 103 was

X. New Business
A. Zack Dunn gave his “Fireside Chat” about lessons that will guide you in SGA
   i. Spend time in the SGA office
   ii. General Assembly is practice; events and meetings are the game
   iii. You will never know enough
B. In-House election – India Randle for College of Public Policy was successfully elected by the Senate

XI. Announcements
A. William Trynoski – last day to register to vote is October 6th
B. Barry McKinney – coolest college logo being voted for online, UTSA in the top 8
C. Adey Obisan – Carl Willis would like SGA’s support in the Mr. UTSA election
D. Kalin Sittler – Epilepsy 5K Fun Run happening in Eisenhower Park on November 15th, if you’d like to be involved, contact Kalin Sittler
E. John Montoya – sign up for BestFest!

XII. Adjournment – 7:30pm