ASG House of Graduate Representatives

Meeting Agenda

February 22, 2013

I. Call to Order (1:05pm)

II. Swearing in and Welcoming of Visitors
Representative Candidate Zachary Russell introduced himself and shared his excitement for serving. House Leader Nelson then swore Candidate Russell in and welcomed him to the House.

III. Roll Call
Representative Present: Geleana Alston, Bill Barry, Maria Beane, Jake Hammons, Megan Holmes, Michael McCullar, Gail Nelson, Cesar Rivera, Joni Schneider, Elyse Zavar
Representative Absent but Excused: Brent McElfresh, James Kilbride, Melissa Vazquez
Others Present: Special Assistant Cody De Salvo, Joe Richmond, and Steve Prentice

IV. Approval of Minutes
Representative Hammons motioned to approve the minutes for February 8. Representative McCullar seconded the motion. None opposed.

V. Orders of the Day
Representative Nelson motioned to table the agenda items for the Reserved Rooms and Student Farm. Representative Schneider motioned to amend the motion to also include the addition of Executive Reports. Representative Barry motioned to approve the agenda with the changes. Representative Zavar seconded. The agenda was then approved.

VI. Guest Speakers
a. Joe Richmond, Director Transportation Services, and Steve Prentice, Parking Control Officer
Richmond and Prentice shared information about the changes in parking and transportation services that include increases of parking permits and bus fees and changes to the bus routes. He also distributed handouts that summarized the future changes.
VII. Public Forum

VIII. Reports

a. House Leader’s Report (1:54pm)
   House Leader Nelson shared the Calendar Updates and discussed the process for filing for office. She also met with President McDaniel to discuss ways to improve communication. One way of doing so is by attending Executive Staff meeting.

   House Leader Nelson informed the house that the ASG budget has been approved and the Senate is working on a bill about attendance policies for classes.

   House Leader Nelson also asked for volunteers for the ASG Graduate House table at the Grad House Fair on March 7th, 11am-2pm.

b. Secretary’s Report (1:57pm)
   House Secretary Schneider stated that the House roster has been updated except for the most recent inductee, Representative Russell. Also, Secretary Schneider reminded the House about the next Graduate Dean interview.

c. Parliamentarian’s Report (1:59pm)
   House Parliamentarian stated that the House will have the 1st Readings of Proposed House Legislation.

d. Executive Reports (2:00pm)
   Special Assistant Cody De Salvo shared comments about Election Code amendments. Also the Parking and Transportation Committee will be holding a round table meeting for discussing the changes in Parking and Transportations and there will be an ASG Roundtable Event on March 5th at 5:00pm in the Traditions Room North Housing Complex.

   Also, De Salvo suggested the House should move into a meeting place in the LBJ Student Center and a cubical will be set up for the House in LBJ Student Center.

e. Committee Reports
   Representative Rivera motioned to table Technology and Veteran Committees’ Reports and Representative Barry seconded the motion. None opposed.

   i. Technology
      Tabled.

   ii. Veteran’s
      Tabled.

   iii. Smoking Awareness
      Representative Zavar shared her reaching out to Dr. Estaville for ideas and gaining manpower for the No Smoking event. One of the ideas is hold a commitment raffle. The suggested date for this event is November 13, 2013.
Also it was suggested to create a video from different organizations expressing why they are tobacco free.

f. Advisor’s Report
   No Advisor Report.

IX. Unfinished Business (2:13pm)
   a. Social Events—Grad House Social
      Now that budget approved, the House can hold the Grad House Social. The proposed date is March 23rd.

   b. Reserved Alkek Study Rooms
      This item was tabled.

   c. Student Farm
      This item was tabled.

X. New Business (2:18pm)
   a. Alpha Chi Event, Wed March 27
      Representative Zavar shared information about the annual scholarly event that provides advice on how to get into grad school. There is a panel of 7-10 grad students and volunteers are needed.

   b. Next e-blast to graduate students from individual colleges with social media update
      The next letter to the graduate student body will promote STAR grant and Engagement Week. The email will be sent on March 4.

   c. Grad House Internal Event
      Representative Alston suggested the House having an unofficial hangout time.

   d. First Readings of Legislation
      i. CCC Legislation
         Representative Barry read the CCC legislation.

      ii. A resolution in support of Reserved Area of Veterans in LBJSC
         Representative Rivera read the resolution.

   e. Driving Safety on Campus
      Representative Schneider asked the House their opinion about the safeness of the yield sign at the intersection of Tomas Rivera and Sessoms Drive. Representative Schneider would like to look into changing the yield sign to a stop sign.

XI. Questions

XII. Announcements
Representative Alston announced she will be defending her dissertation proposal March 18th and invited the House to attend.

XIII. Adjournment (2:37pm)
Representative Rivera motioned for adjournment and Representative Barry seconded the motion. None opposed.