



ASG House of Graduate Representatives

Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2013

I. Call to Order (1:18pm)

II. Roll Call

Reps Present: Geleana Alston, Bill Barry, Maria Beane, Jake Hammons, Megan Holmes, Mike McCullar, Brent McElfresh, Gail Nelson, Cesar Rivera, Joni Schneider, Melissa Vasquez, Elyse Zavar

Others Present: ASG Graduate House Advisor Dr. Paula Williamson, Student Body President Nathan McDaniel, Cody De Salvo, Vanessa Cortez, Dag Osorio

III. Approval of Minutes

Representative Barry made the motion to approve the minutes for the January 25 meeting. Representative Zavar seconded the motion. None opposed.

IV. Orders of the Day

Representative Alston motioned to approve the agenda and Representative Rivera seconded. The motion passed.

V. Guest Speakers (1:19pm)

- a. ASG Student Body President Nathan McDaniel informed the House about the Scholarly Travel and Academic Research (STAR) Grant. Most of the applicants are graduate students. Only three undergraduates have applied.

President McDaniel also stated that the LBJ Student Center 4th floor has been renovated with new furniture.

McDaniel notified the House about the changes in parking services and their increases. Red parking tags may increase up to an extra \$100. Also the bus fee will increase from \$75 to \$95. Parking and Transportation will also be discontinuing Bobcat Transportation Interurban (BTI) Services. The Senate is working on a piece of legislation to create a lot-

by-lot parking fee to create a parking zone system. Representative Rivera motioned to table this discussion until the next meeting. Representative Hammons seconded the motion. None opposed.

McDaniel shared an update about the future Veteran's Lounge. Outside donors have been solicited to fund the project and blue prints have been drafted.

- b. Special Assistant Cody De Salvo asked the House about serving on the ASG Scholarship committee. Representative Alston volunteered to serve.

De Salvo also said he would be serving as a liaison for the branches of ASG and will be attending the House meetings. He has requested an emergency with Parking and Transportation Services. If anyone would like to contact him, he can be reached by email, codydesalvo@txstate.edu.

VI. Public Forum

Dag Osorio addressed the House about a proposal for the Student Farm. He is working with Representative Holmes on a piece of legislation that would stop the abolishment of the farm. He feels that the legislation needs some minor additions in regards to inclusion of specific statistics. He also shared that he spoke to President Denis Trauth about this issue.

VII. Reports

- a. House Leader's Report

No full report given.

- b. Secretary's Report

Report was given in Advisor's Report.

- c. Parliamentarian's Report (2:41pm)

House Parliamentarian Alston introduced the proposed amendments to the House Rules of Procedure, the ASG Constitution, and the ASG Election Code. The House discussed and debated these proposed changes.

- d. Committee Reports (2:15pm)

- i. Technology

Representatives Nelson and Rivera met with ASG advisors and executives about implementing social media on behalf of the House of Representative; however, no resolution was found in the meeting. Representative Rivera stated he is still going forward with keeping a separate voice for social media and there is still a miscommunication between the House and Senate. There is not complete involvement of the House with the Senate for all ASG activities.

- ii. Veteran's

There is movement on legislation for the Veteran's Lounge but again there is miscommunication with the senate.

Representative Zavar motion to extend meeting and Representative Vazquez second the motion. None opposed. (2:30)

iii. Smoking Awareness

This item was not discussed.

e. Advisor's Report (2:09pm)_____

For the Representatives attending the Graduate Dean Candidate Interview, they should let House Secretary Schneider if they had a preference of which question they had a preference of asking.

VIII. Unfinished Business

a. Social Events—Grad House Social

Item was not discussed.

b. Reserved Alkek Study Rooms

Item was not discussed.

c. Student Farm (1:57pm)

Representative Holmes summarized the proposal to keep the student farm. The proposal is to keep close proximity to campus on aerated soil. Statistics about production and students affected by the loss of the farm need to be added.

d. No tobacco on campus rally

Item was not discussed

IX. New Business

a. Next e-blast to graduate students from individual colleges with social media update; promote STAR grant

Item to be discussed at next meeting.

b. Grad House Internal Event

Representative Alston would like to set up a meeting time for the House to meet unofficially outside House meetings to socialize and build a stronger rapport.

X. Questions

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment (3:13pm)

Representative Hammons motioned to adjourn the meeting and Representative Barry seconded. The motion was unopposed.