



ASG House of Graduate Representatives

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2012

I. Call to Order (1:05pm)

II. Roll Call

Reps Present: Geleana Alston, Bill Barry, Jake Hammons, Megan Holmes, James Kilbride, Michael McCullar, Brent McElfresh, Gail Nelson, Cesar Rivera, Erika Ruymgaart, Joni Schneider, Melissa Vazquez

Reps Absent but excused: Elyse Zavar

Others Present: ASG Graduate House Advisor Dr. Paula Williamson, Graduate Student Bitra Razavimaleki, Student Body President Nathan McDaniel

III. Approval of Minutes

House Leader Nelson motioned for the approval of September 28 meeting's minutes. Representative Hammons seconded the motion. With no objections the minutes were approved.

IV. Orders of the Day

House Leader Nelson motioned to approve the agenda and Representative Rivera seconded the motion. With no objections, the agenda was approved.

V. Guest Speaker (1:07pm)

a. Student Body President Nathan McDaniel

President McDaniel came to the House meeting to inform the representatives of upcoming events and future legislation. He stated the ASG budget has been approved and the Senate approved a piece of legislation on facsimile weapons. The senate would be voting on legislation about renovating the cubical space on the 4th floor of LBJ, the re-entry policy at Bobcat Stadium and the reserved rooms in the Alkek Library. Representative Hammons asked the President if it would be

possible for the authors of the legislation on the reserved rooms could come to the next House meeting. President McDaniel then continued with the Senate's future legislation on concealed weapons on campus and refurbishing the steps of the Alkek Library. President McDaniel also informed the House of Engagement Week that will be taking place the following week and the representatives were invited to participate. Also the ASG Round Table event would be October 25. He further stated the Senate is preparing for a legislative session for a bond to build a Civil Engineering building. Also the Rising Star Grant application was now available for departments to apply. President McDaniel also stated that the applications for the Coordinating Board for the Board of Regents Student Representative and Texas Education Coordinating Board Student Representative are due Nov.1 and applicants are needed. Also, the Freshmen Council has been filled. They are looking for mentors and their meetings take place on Thursdays at 7pm.

VI. Public Forum

VII. Reports

a. House Leader's Report (1:32pm)

House Leader Nelson met with President McDaniel on October 4. The House will be receiving ASG buttons to wear on campus. She will be attending a Finance Committee meeting with Representative Vazquez. She will also be attending a meeting with Representative Alston to speak with administration in the Alkek Library for research on the reserved rooms.

b. Secretary's Report (1:35pm)

House Secretary Schneider stated that she is still updating the TRACS site.

c. Parliamentarian's Report (1:37pm)

House Parliamentarian Alston stated she will be attending the next Senate meeting and will also be attending the Leadership Luncheon. House Parliamentarian also stated that the representatives' copies of *Robert's Rules in Brief* would be arriving soon.

d. Committee Reports

i. Technology

Representative Rivera said they are working on following the Senate on social media.

ii. Smoking Policy

Representative Barry asked Dr. Ronald Brown about inclusions of the smoking policy in course syllabi and Dr. Brown will be meeting with the Deans to research the process.

e. Advisor's Report (1:44pm)

Dr. Williamson asked for volunteers for the International Research Conference. Dr. Williamson also thanked Dean Willoughby for providing refreshments for the House meeting.

VIII. Unfinished Business (1:45pm)

a. Emails to Graduate Students

House Leader Nelson distributed a draft letter and asked for suggestions. Representative Alston presented the draft for the second letter that would be sent by the individual Colleges.

b. ASG Email account

The second letter would be sent as soon as the Graduate House email accounts were established.

c. H.E.A.T Information (Elyse)

This item was not discussed due to Representative Zavar's absence.

d. Legislation for Veteran's Lounge

Representative Rivera stated he has contacted the Senator who was also working on similar legislation. Representative Rivera suggested that massage chairs might be feature that should be included in the future Veteran's Lounge.

e. Budget Approved – Graduate House Social

Representative Hammons motioned to un-table this item and Representative Holmes seconded the motion. Representative Rivera suggested asking for donations from businesses in the San Antonio and Austin locations since a large portion of the graduate population commuted from those areas. Representative Rivera suggested that the social should be held in the spring semester for more time to gain funds.

f. Senate/House Meet & Greet, Monday December 3, 6-8 p.m.; Potluck

House Leader Nelson mentioned the potluck dinner that the ASG would be hosting and this would serve as the Senate Meet and Greet.

IX. New Business

a. Reserve Rooms in Library

House Parliamentarian Alston shared the reading of the legislation that would be voted on at the next Senate meeting. Representative Rivera motioned for a committee to be formed to research this legislation and address the Senate at the next meeting. Representative Hammons seconded this motion. Representative Hammons will head this committee and Representatives Schneider and Alston volunteered to serve on this committee as well.

X. Questions

XI. Announcements

Representative Schneider shared that the Math Department was having an Open House on October 19. Representative Rivera shared an upcoming event taking place October 13 called Una Noche de la Gloria.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Representative Hammons, seconded by Representative Barry and unanimously passed.