I. Call to Order (1:06pm)

II. Roll Call

Reps Present: Geleana Alston, Bill Barry, Jake Hammons, Mike McCullar, Brent McElfresh, Gail Nelson, Melissa Vazquez, Elyse Zavar

Reps Absent but excused: Maria Beane, Megan Holmes, James Kilbride, Cesar Rivera, Joni Schneider

Reps Absent: Erika Ruymgaart

Others Present: ASG Graduate House Advisor Dr. Paula Williamson

III. Approval of Minutes

House Leader Nelson asked that the approval of the minutes from the meeting held on November 9, 2012 be deferred to the next meeting due to the excused absence of House Secretary Schneider.

IV. Orders of the Day

Representative Barry motioned to approve the agenda and Representative Zavar seconded the motion. With no objections, the agenda was approved.

V. Guest Speaker

a. Dr. Lawrence Estaville-Cancer Prevention (please see handout)

VI. Public Forum

VII. Reports

a. House Leader’s Report-

House Leader Nelson reported that on November 9, she and Representative Vazquez attended a Legislative Finance Committee meeting. House Leader Nelson and Representative Vazquez reviewed and made suggestions to the student application for the Rising Star Grant Research funds.

House Leader Nelson then reported that on November 13, she and Secretary Schneider attended a meeting of the ASG Steering Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the goals and objectives of the Commission. The goals and objectives are to
discover ways to possibly improve the ASG through benchmarking with other universities in the Texas State system.

House Leader also reported that on November 27, she attended a meeting with J. Weathers and S. Naper to discuss the data collected related to the Alkek study rooms. At that time, it was determined that further data is needed. Another meeting will be held early next semester.

House Leader finally reported that on November 28, she attended the Faculty Senate Meeting to bring forth Representative Barry’s suggestion of including the university’s ‘No Smoking Policy’ on course syllabi. The reaction to the recommendation was mixed. While a few favored the initiative, most believed that course syllabi was not the appropriate place to communicate a policy unrelated to academics.

b. Secretary’s Report- no report

c. Parliamentarian’s Report
  House Parliamentarian asked the Reps to review the governing documents of the House and to prepare proposals for amendments.

d. Committee Reports. In the absence of Representative Rivera, House Leader Nelson provided the update.

  Vet Committee: Representative Rivera believes that the undergrad senate should contact the House about any bills they plan to present. The House would support most, if not all, bills proposed. No word has been received about the vet lounge bill.

  Social Media Committee: No update at this time.

  Student Farm: Representative Rivera believes it is important to have the farm. It would promote greater studies, campus health through the sales of fruits and vegetables, and help fight university community waist lines by promoting healthy eating. Suggestions, 1. A food drive during the farmers market to help fill the university pantry for needy students (if we do not have one, we should). 2. Once needy students have been identified, they would be able to go after the farmers market to get fruits and vegetables that had not sold. 3. Have a health fair during one of the farmers markets.

e. Advisor’s Report
  Dr. Williamson informed the Reps that Sylvia will contact the Deans to identify when the lunch could possibly be held. Dr. Williamson also stated that she would discuss with Dr. Willoughby possibly funding the event through the Graduate College budget.

VIII. Unfinished Business
  a. Student Farm- No report
  b. Campus Lighting Concern- No report
c. No Tobacco on Campus Rally
   Representative Zavar will connect with Dr. Lawrence Estaville for a potential partnership regarding the rally.

IX. New Business
    a. Next Semester’s Meeting Schedule
       January 25\textsuperscript{th}
       February 8\textsuperscript{th}
       February 22\textsuperscript{th}
       March 8\textsuperscript{th}
       March 22\textsuperscript{nd}
       April 5\textsuperscript{th}
       April 19\textsuperscript{th}

X. Questions

XI. Announcements
    a. Reminder of Pot Luck Dinner

XII. Adjournment (2:31 pm)
     Motion to adjourn by Representative Hammons, seconded by Representative Alston and unanimously passed.