

Minutes for July 2, 2008 7:34 pm

- 1) **Called to order:** at 7:34pm
- 2) **Present:** Sam, Kelly, Jackie Franceska, Van, Jeremy, Manny, Jonathan, Sean, Amod, Mary
- 3) **Reading and approval of the Senate Journal:**
- 4) **Special Reports:** NONE
- 5) **Students wishing to address their Senate:** NONE
- 6) **Two minute speeches by the members:**

Jonathan asks when the funds from Campus Activities will be received by a brother of his (Greek); Amod addresses fees added to tuition, asks for SGA's help in this matter and try to find solutions to see why fees are allowed to be added on after the fact (payment), requests help with solving this problem, mentions that there are students who get charged where no material could have been required i.e. online classes, DVD's; Van adds on and says that the system is being blamed (PeopleSoft being blamed), Sean asks if any bill has been passed that must inform SGA of fees added on before they are added on, Sam states that this is not the first time this has happened
- 7) **Report of the President:** Sam
 - a) Yields time to Marcela: Reminds us of SGA's participation in Cat's Back
 - b) Thanks those who attended the meeting
 - c) Addresses the issue with fees: this is not the first time this incident has occurred, wants to make sure that students have adequate time to pay these fees, mentions that the fees are mandatory and have been forgotten, best way to handle is to make sure that students have adequate time, mentions that the University has allotted time
 - d) New looks: Focus on how do we reshape SGA, we have to be conscious about how we approach students and meet the needs of students, one of the things we are doing is reorganizing the executive branch
 - e) Nominating Jeremy for Associate Director of External Affairs/Governmental Relations- we want a continued engagement in political affairs, we have to understand what is going on in higher education in Texas in the political sense, looking to see what we can do engage students in political affairs, Jeremy has experience working with members of congress (Nick Lampson), encourages his nomination
 - f) Projects: TSA- coming up in three weeks, SGA is organizing a meeting in Austin, this is the first time a meeting like this has happened, attempted in 2003 and was not successful, this will be the first time this has happened in 20 years
 - g) College Councils: Anyone interested
 - h) Cougar Nation

VP Report

1. Peter Zackary - committees from August to August
University hearing board - person needed now for
June 23rd
2. Committees - sheets - purpose of committee + expectations
for person sitting on committees; want done by
Aug. 24
3. Cat's Back -
7 zones - passports + drawings
UH Cougar Sundae
Voter registration drive -

Report DIR of Ex Affairs

- 16 universities - 50 student reps -
there Friday & Saturday
USA Today - sponsoring dinner on Saturday night
Agreement for structure
Jeremy - voter registration drives

Speaker of the Senate

Functioning well

Holding senators accountable; find someone/something
to influence; challenge them to be engaged

Senate monthly reports - what they are engaged in

USA Today Program

funding outside funding; resolution to encourage
administration to support; don't want to pay for w fees

Standing Committees - Skip

Peter Zackary - getting him appointed so the committee can meet
can serve until they graduate unless you are removed

Announcements:

Election Seminar - importance of voting, candidate - 23/25
of Sept., voter registration - during the day - luncheon as well

Computus in Office working

Asking for a bigger room

Sam - go out as senator and look for things to change

b) Sean: SPB is hosting an event at the games room on July 10,2008- free billiards, pizza, table tennis, bowling 8pm-11pm

c) Sam: Check up on fellow Senators, try to be a peer mentor for Senators who look confused or lost, want to keep professional but at the same time keep it a family

20) Adjournment at 8:10pm

Good trip

no drugs
no drinking / no alcohol - keep it at home
want meals paid - eat w me
move around as a group - safety first
going out after hours - let me know
resist the Church Camp phenomena
only one drive the van * ask about insurance
how act affects our relationship / it will affect the Boston trip

Great time in Miami

- let me know
- kept it responsible
- traveled together
- respectful as adults / respectful as advisors