



The University of Texas at Tyler

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, January 17th, 2023

- I. Call to Order 5:30pm**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Minutes**

Name	Absent
President Smith	
Vice President Bennett	
Secretary Dix	
Treasurer Luna	
Chief of Staff Peters	
Adan Govea	
Amelia McCain	
Amber McAdams	
Ashlyn Mattern	
Bee Black	
Ben Buchanan	
Brennan McGinnis	
JJ Rojas	A
Jorian Khan	
Justin Vargas	
Kyna Holman	
Lisa Tran	
Macie Kirkby	
Maggie Manning	
McKenna Waller	
Tanner King	
Valerie McNamara	
Aisha Price	A
Asia Adams	
Anayeli Campo	
JaMaya Gossett	A
Perpetual Kyei	
Emma Owulebaja	
Angelina Lezama	
Ronald Carnes III	
Erica Santee	



Macy Reed	
MD Milon Uldin	
Alexis Minick	
Peace Okeke	
Kelsey Niette	
Emma Harlan	
Chief Justice: Chloe Burleson	

IV. Open Forum

a. NONE

V. Speaker's Podium

NONE

Officer Reports:

a. **President Smith**

So lately I've just been working on getting the ball rolling for the spring semester. there's a lot that I want to do. what that we have planned. a few of those things, or one of the big things that I want to do is a safety and accessibility walk, if you all recall we did me, KC, and a few of different departments did that last year, and we walked around the UC. And the BEP, but that was the only place we walked around and trust me. I've walked this campus enough to know that there's far more things that could be listed as, or that needs to be fixed, or that needs to be looked at for being more accessible. Everything on campus is legally accessible by those standards, but there's always room for improvement. and I think this would be a good thing for every student government to do for multiple years that way. If things don't get done and a future student government could make a formal recommendation. eventually saying that this is something that we have been looking at multiple years. So, I want to expand that out to our senate on expand that out to the distance campuses. I think it would be cool if each Senator group kind of reviewed over their own college. Whenever we do that. All the residents housing senators, for example, could re review over the resident's facilities. but that's one of the things that I'm excited about. Another thing that Robert and I have mentioned before is something that we're going to maybe call the President's chamber. that will basically just be a student org. That consists of or that invites all the Presidents of each student work on campus to kind of come together and collaborate with each other. because I know that there's some org out there that don't know of all the other, or that are out there. And so maybe there's room for more collaboration between those groups. so, and it could expand to something even greater than that. So, who knows? but that's what we've been working on? I meet with President Calhoun on Thursday. So, if there is something that you feel is pressing enough for me to go to speak to him about. please let me know. Also, tentatively. Right now, President Calhoun is going to come and speak to us at our January 31st meeting so that will be a formal entire meeting. And at those the subsequent meetings. After that I do plan to have Dwayne Morris eventually introduced himself. He is our chief business officer, and I think executive administrative. I don't know if that's the official title, but he deals with a lot on campus so, he would be a great resource to for to invite student government and to ask questions.



b. Vice-President Bennett

So I've been kind of doing the same getting stuff ready to get the ball rolling here in the I've been working closely with Josh and Landry and Beverly on getting stuff together for a minute breakfast, because that's always our biggest thing. it'll be during homecoming this time around again, so it'll be exciting. and I'll go into details later on with that and then I've also been working with Landry and facilities, Director Kraus to look into getting a water bottle refill station there in the RBN. Because they don't have any, and possibly also RBS. I'm not sure exactly how many there are in there, too. But if you all have anything like that just bring it up to us, or if you want to do it as a Senator project, go for it.

c. Secretary Dix

Okay. Well, first of all, I'm sorry that I can't be there. I went to the doctor yesterday, and I have a cute tonsillitis, so kind of a little bit of a pain from that. But other than that, I've just been kind of getting back into the swing of things and getting on the social media checking the website and just preparing some social media posts for the year.

d. Treasurer Luna

Hello, everyone! I am so out of breath. So, I've been trying to catch. My breath ran inside. It's like at the DPS, anyways. So really, it's just been like answering emails. People have been asking how to request funds for Sd. A/C. And so, it's always like the same thing. I'm telling people to make sure that they're informed about it. no one has requests or submitted a request for him just yet. So, at least from what last of my check. So that's a good thing, because last semester everyone was kind of like asking before we even started anything. So, I was like. But hopefully, everything will look better this semester.

e. Chief of Staff Peters

This past week, nothing much, just getting the updated constitution on the website and some stuff ready for rules committee.

Committee Reports

a. Events

So we did meet today at 4:30. We're probably gonna be doing it in one or 3 right next door. from from here, on out so if anyone wants to join in. Please come. We always love it extra input. we're. We kind of looked over different events that are coming through that. We have dates already set for and then we are also. We were also looking at different ideas, different volunteer activities. And so if you ever have, even if you're not on a committee and you have any event, ideas, or volunteer for activities, or whatever you want to do with us, please reach out to me or come to events. We always love different ideas.

b. Communications

We have not met yet, and I also wanted to say if you're in Communications Committee, or if you want to be in Communications Committee as of last semester we met at on Thursdays at 1230. so just kind of let me know where you're at. With that that time still works for my schedule. But I know some other things that might have changed for you. So just let me know.

c. SGAC

So SGAC has not met just yet. But we will be tomorrow Wednesday at 4. So if you're free, and you want to help out with like budgeting stuff. I can send you the link if you're interested. Just message me.

f. Rules

We didn't meet because the holiday. But this mess we were going to be doing Mondays at 1:00 PM if you want to join. That's the time I might change it on with an email.

g. ESC



Did not meet.

h. **GSA**

Did not meet.

VI. Student Voice Reports

a. U-Pines

Senator Harlan: Yeah, I don't know if there's anything that's been going on about difficulties with getting the form for housing for next year for you, Pines. But I know that. They also had problems with it was really cold, like there wasn't, there was something with the water that just U-Pines was just not prepared like to handle it past time when it got cold, water heaters were not working or something. I didn't have any problems with it because I was not at U-Pines, but they took three months to respond to it. And then they responded over break but the person didn't check their email, and then they added a fee on to it so they just had problems with that. We have also been having problems with maintenance and they not notifying people when they are going to show up and knocking really loudly at like 8am and waking them up. Also they have not been informing when they've been at the apartment and what they have done.

b. Liberty Landing

Senator Govea expressed interest in how the Senate felt about the housing text messages.

c. Victory Village

Senator Mattern: You mentioned the application. I didn't even look at it this year because Andy said that Seniors and higher grades are going last and nobody's gonna get it. I heard it closed like a day before it was supposed to and there are a lot of people on the waitlist right now. Granted, there are a lot of apartments at Victory that are not open because of all of the damage that happened during the freeze, and all that kind of stuff like we have a random roommate right now because her apartment was completely flooded. I don't know if it is just my apartment or what, but we always have RA's knocking on our door. We didn't have one day where an RA didn't open our door and come in. They have come in our apartment a lot. They're trying to get signatures right now. There was a girl, she's like a temporary roommate, apparently she's gonna get kicked out is she doesn't sign the paper in like the next few days which was weird but like I don't know why they come to us to contact her, why wouldn't they reach out to her? I don't know, I thought it was weird.

Old Business

New Business

a. Senator Nominations

Let the record show that Rena Abatia was sworn in as a U-Pines Senator, and Saman Brown as a College of Pharmacy Senator.

Advisor Comments

Advisor Neaves: All right. a few things, so I want to remind everyone it's good. Well, first off, welcome back. It's good to have our students back on campus it does get kind of quiet and lonely, so to see the campus back and alive it is very exciting. These last couple of weeks, it's hard to believe we're already in the second week already, so hopefully, you had a great first week and are already settling into a new semester. So one of the few things on your voice reports, I felt like we all had a lot of questions, lots of debate almost, so that type of activity



would be best suited for New Business, and so that way you can ask questions and have those conversations and debate. Really when you're doing voice reports it is trying to really focus on providing an update on what you did and what's going on as it relates to your constituents and questions and debate should be left for new business. The questions and concerns brought up today will hopefully be resolved next week when our dean of students is here, as well as the new executive director, so it will be good for them to hear those concerns so that way they can try to make improvements. It's exciting to have the College of Pharmacy represented as well as more graduate students, and so I am excited. The parking appeals committee was a good reminder, if you are on a student government committee or a university committee make sure you are attending those meetings. That's where the work gets done. You bring up what you did in those committees and provide updates. Other than that, welcome back, have a great year, if you have questions let me know.

Announcements

President Smith: If you have not done so already, send your headshot to Secretary Dix, we want to get those up on the website/ Instagram.

Next Week

Nothing to add.

Adjournment

Let the record show that the Senate unanimously voted in approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm.