



## **General Assembly IV Minutes**

**April 14, 2007**

**Austin, Texas**

**Sheraton at the Capitol**

- I. **Call to Order-** President, Damian Tovar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Invocation-** Led by State Advisor, Scott Nalley.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Led by Parliamentarian, Jami Bright.
- IV. **Roll Call-** Secretary, Sara Russell stated that quorum had been established.
- V. **Orders of the Day-** Parliamentarian, Jami Bright read the orders of the day. Section VI Reading of the Minutes was amended to read Approval of Minutes. Blinn College Bryan moved to approve the orders of the day as amended. Cisco Junior College seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- VI. **Approval of the Minutes-** Blinn College Bryan moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written. Midland College stated that Section X, sub-section A, needs to read Chris Dailey. Blinn College Bryan restated the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Amarillo College seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- VII. **Officer Reports**
  - A. **President- El Paso Community College- Damian Tovar-** Region 1 will meet in Capitol View Terrace South, following the General Assembly IV, for their regional meeting. Appreciation to each of the Region Presidents was expressed.
  - B. **Vice-President- Kingwood Community College- Lauren Brame-** asked the delegation to please offer feedback regarding the speakers and entertainment. The talent show will be in the Capitol Ballroom. Comedian, Trey Love will be emceeding the show. All performances are limited to three minutes. If you would like to sign up, see the Vice-President after General Assembly IV.

**C. Secretary- Navarro College Waxahachie- Sara Russell-** reported that roll call would be promptly at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

**D. Treasurer- Amarillo College- Brett Clayton-** reported that the silent auction is over. Bids were supposed to have been listed in whole dollar amounts. Those bids that were listed in cents were rounded to the nearest dollar. If your name was called, you won a bid. Items are to be picked up in Creekside II after General Assembly IV. Items must be paid for at the time of pick up.

**E. Parliamentarian- Tyler Junior College- Jami Bright-** reported that the Department of Public Safety would be enforcing the dress code at the House of Representatives tomorrow. They will not allow open toed shoes or jeans. Men should wear jackets and ties on the floor. The dress code for the balcony is more casual. Only three delegates per college will be allowed on the House floor at a time. Please enter from the North side of the capitol (the side that faces U.T.). Campaigning, at the Capitol, is not allowed.

**F. Host- Blinn College Bryan- Shayna Spencer-** reported that laptop computers are not allowed. Delegates were reminded to be respectful and behave appropriately.

**G. Bulletin- Hill College Johnson County- Shane Gregory-** reported that the convention bulletin will be available online at the TJCSGA website ([tjcsga.org](http://tjcsga.org)).

**H. Point of Information-** Cisco Junior College inquired as to the restrictions on video cameras and digital cameras on the House floor. Video cameras are not allowed. Digital cameras are allowed only on the balcony level.

**I. State Advisor- Scott Nalley-** reported that there were no complaints from the judicial committee, and no repercussions from the campaign.

**J. State Advisor Elect- Phil Sims-** expressed thanks to the hotel staff regarding meals and accommodations. Reminded students that tonight; Comedian Trey Love will be emceeding the talent show.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

**A. Legislative Committee- Committee Chair, Blinn College-** issued the following suggestions: Be diligent in continuing to lobby the legislature to adopt H.B. 956. We must be involved in the creations of bills that will impact our student bodies. The best method of this will be continuing Community College Day. Each school needs to practice a Community College Day with their local legislators. We need to bring in more community colleges. We currently have 53 community colleges in attendance. We have over 80 community colleges in the state of Texas. We should increase local service projects to make our organizations more

visible. This could be achieved by holding two projects on campus and one off campus. TJCSGA should consider sponsoring one project, which will obtain unity among the regions and show the community the effect that we can have. To better the life of students, each campus S.G.A. should discuss textbook changes with the Department Heads. We will be able to inform our students of current book values and track the turnover rate of textbooks. The TJCSGA website should be utilized in order to increase communication.

**B. Constitution/ Bylaws Committee- Committee Chair, Blinn College**

**Bryan** proposed the following amendments. Article IV, Section G, Subsection 2 should be amended to say, "The executive board shall have the right to decide on the hotel and the location of the convention three years in advance and shall have the right to sign and negotiate all hotel contracts. The host school will assist with all other preparations for the convention. The next proposed amendment is Article II, Section II, Subsection B that should read, "If both the state advisor and state advisor elect positions have been vacated, the President in conjunction with the President of the Advisor Association will elect new officers." The last amendment to Article III, Section 6 should be amended to read "1) Outstanding contribution to the TJCSGA while involved in the Association. 2) Continued contribution to the State of Texas and its citizens. 3) Before nomination there is a 300-day waiting period after the candidate has completed their involvement in TJCSGA. 4) Must have Moral Character above reproach. 5) Must be nominated by an active member of TJCSGA. 6) All nominations, including candidate's resumes must be turned in 30 days before the State Convention the wish to be nominated during. 7) An honorary members nominations committee will be formed on years in which a candidate is up for election, to ensure the criteria for this honor have been met.

**C. Resolutions Committee- Committee Chair, Tyler Junior College-** has nothing to report at this time.

**D. Awards Committee-**

- 1. Essay-** Honorable Mention- TSTC Harlingen. 3<sup>rd</sup> place- North Central Texas College. 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Navarro College Corsicana. 1<sup>st</sup> place- Amarillo College.
- 2. Event-** Honorable Mention- Mountain View. 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Amarillo College. 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Tyler Junior College. 1<sup>st</sup> place- Navarro College Corsicana
- 3. Scrapbook-** Honorable College- Vernon College. 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Blinn College Bryan. 2<sup>nd</sup> place-TSTC West Texas. 1<sup>st</sup> place- Brazosport College.
- 4. Song-** 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Tyler Junior College. 1<sup>st</sup> place- Amarillo College.
- 5. Media-** Honorable Mention- Tyler Junior College. 3<sup>rd</sup> place- North East Texas Community College. 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Odessa College. 1<sup>st</sup> place- TSTC Harlingen.

## 6. Sweepstakes- Amarillo College

**IX. Unfinished Business-** President, Damian Tovar reported that there was no unfinished business.

### **X. New Business**

**A. Advisor-Elect-** Leslie Wey, Brazosport College presented speech. Delegates, from Brazosport College presented a brief speech and song. Heather Atchley, Amarillo College presented a speech.

**B. Silent Auction-** Treasurer, Brett Clayton reported that the funds from the silent auction would be used as contingency/emergency funds.

**XI. Announcements-** Brandon Franke Blinn Bryan announced that for the position of advisor-elect, there were four advisors who volunteered their time for the position. Texas Southwest College announced that after General Assembly IV, delegates are encouraged to meet outside of the Capitol Ballroom, in order to take a picture for the "Step It Up" campaign. This picture will be sent to the Congress in order to show support for pollution control measures. President, Damian Tovar reminded students that only three delegates, from each school, are allowed on the House floor tomorrow, music for the talent show must be on a c.d. and radio edited, and one member from each college must sign in for roll call between 8:00 – 8:25 a.m. tomorrow morning.

**XII. Adjournment-** Brookhaven College moved to adjourn. Midland College seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.