

Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees Meeting
The University of Texas at Austin
Jesse H. Jones Communication Center, Building A Lady Bird Johnson Room (CMA
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2504A Whitis Avenue, Austin, Texas 78712
August 26, 2016

Voting Members Present: Christian Trudeau, Mary Dolan, McKay Proctor, Matt Eastin, Robert Jensen, Karen Landolt

Voting Members Absent: Pauline Berens, Jeff Cohen

Non-Voting Members Present : Gerald Johnson, Alexander Chase, Jackie Wang, Armando Maese, Aaron Bicart, Max Friendman, Peter Flynn, Julia Cho

Non-Voting Members Absent: Raven Cortright

Guests Present: Frank Serpas, Peter Chen, Robert Zimmer, Kat Sampson

Meeting Opening

The Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees meeting on August was called to order at 1:00pm by Matt Eastin.

Approval of minutes from the April 29, 2016 meeting of the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees

There were no errors noted in the April minutes. Robert Jensen moved to approve them. Karen Landolt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding appointments to the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees

Kat Sampson, candidate for the place 3 vacancy, introduced herself at length. Briefly summarized her goals for the board, and expressed a desire to guarantee the stability of the entities for decades to come. Matt Eastin moved to appoint her to the vacant seat in Place 3.

Mohammed Syed was not present, but Kat Sampson vouched for his intelligence and work ethic. Peter Chen said that he was a valuable member of the opinion staff, a sentiment Alexander Chase echoed. Robert Jensen moved to appoint him to the vacancy in Place 4. Karen Landolt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and appropriate action regarding the selection and appointment of the 2016-2017 President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees

To open elections, McKay Proctor nominated Pauline Berens for President. Christian Trudeau seconded. The board approved her election unanimously.

Christian Trudeau nominated McKay Proctor for Vice President of the board. Karen Landolt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gerald Johnson nominated Christian Trudeau for Secretary. McKay Proctor seconded the motion. The board approved his election unanimously.

Discussion and appropriate action regarding the selection of the members of the Executive and Election Committees

Gerald Johnson explained the usual composition of the Executive Committee. McKay Proctor nominated Matt Eastin to represent the Communications School. Robert Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

McKay Proctor nominated Jeff Cohen as the professional member of the executive committee. Robert Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Landolt, as the only representative of the Business School, would occupy that place on the executive committee.

McKay Proctor and Pauline Berens would be on the board as Vice President and President.

Pauline Berens, who was not present, would appoint the Election Committee the next week.

Presentation on Texas Student Media structure and procedures

Frank Serpas summarized the history, revenue, and expense structure of the Board. Robert Jensen asked for clarification of the hierarchy, specifically as it relates to Gerald Johnson's position. Frank Serpas explained the structure in detail.

The heads of the entities did short activity reports, summarizing what, if anything, they did over the summer and what they had as goals for the semester.

Karen Landolt moved to adjourn. McKay Proctor seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.