Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees Meeting
The University of Texas at Austin
Texas Union, 24th and Guadalupe St.
Santa Rita Suite, Room 3.502
Austin, Texas

August 26, 2011
1 p.m.

Voting members present: Tim Lott, Mike Mackert, Lindsey Powers, Nick Zajicek, Aleksandra Utterback, Tristan Mace, Julia Newtown, David Verduzco, Mark Morrison, Amy Villarreal

Voting members absent: Annie Kreighbum

Non-voting members present: Viviana Aldous, Lena Price, Bianca Krause, Steven Zurita, Cheryl Pyle, Ryan Ford

Non-voting members absent: Natalie Butler, Travis Bubenik, David McQuary

Professional staff present: Dan Knight, Jack Simons, Jalah Goette, Frank Serpas, Doug Warren, Lori Hamilton, Gary Borders

Guests: Jennifer Hammat (Asst. V.P. for Student Affairs), Andrew Townsell (Student Government), William Hubbell (KVRX)

Texas Student Media Board Members met at the William Randolph Hearst Building at 10 a.m. for a tour of the facilities. Then the Board retired to the Union’s Santa Rita Suite for an orientation, which included explanations regarding the Declaration of Trust, the TSM Handbook, the TSM organization chart, and a discussion of the responsibilities of the Board. Then the Board Members and invited guests had lunch in the suite.

After finishing lunch, Board Member Tim Lott called the meeting of the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees to order at 1:01 p.m. He then called for nominations for the new TSM Board President. Tim Lott nominated Lindsey Powers, Amy Villarreal seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.
Newly elected President Lindsey Powers took over the gavel. She opened up the floor for nominations for TSM Board Vice President. Powers nominated Tristan Mace, but he declined the nomination since it was a possibility that he would not be at UT for the spring semester. Therefore, Julia Newtown nominated Nick Zajicek, and David Ver dusco seconded her nomination, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Powers opened up the floor for nominations for TSM Board Recording Secretary. Nick Zajicek nominated Aleksandra Utterback, and it was seconded by Lindsey Powers, and was unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board needed to elect members to the Executive Committee. Tim Lott nominated Amy Villarreal as the required professional journalist on the committee. It was seconded by David Ver dusco, and was unanimously approved by the Board.

Lindsey Powers nominated Mike Mackert as the required professor on the Executive Committee from the College of Communication. It was seconded by Nick Zajicek, and was unanimously approved by the Board.

Julia Newtown was nominated to be the Election Committee representative on the Board. Amy Villarreal nominated her, and Lindsey Powers seconded her nomination. It was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board Minutes of the April 15, 2011, meeting and the Minutes of the May 19, 2011, meeting of the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees were approved by a unanimous vote of the board members.

Board President Lindsey Powers gave each of the advisers and student Editors and Managers a chance to update any recent activities regarding their monthly board reports.

Assistant Director Jalah Goette and Business Manager Lori Hamilton took the new board members through the May, June and July Financial Reports. They helped explain how to read each of the categories in the reports so that it would be easier for them to make financial decisions regarding each of the TSM entities.

Frank Serpas gave a short report on the renovations that will begin on the William Randolph Hearst Building (HSM) in the following weeks. The 3rd floor will be renovated during the month of September, with the 2nd floor changes probably being made during the Christmas break.

President Lindsey Powers called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Lott made the motion, and Amy Villarreal seconded it. Powers adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.