

# UT Dallas Student Government

## *Senate Meeting Minutes*

### Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

#### Call to Order

*Called to Order at 5:15 PM*

#### Roll Call

#### Approval of the Minutes

*Eric Moves to Approve the Minutes*

*Jacob seconds*

*Motion carries*

#### Approval of the Agenda

*Kyle moves to add an allocation to new business*

*Motion carries*

*Tiancheng moves to change his agenda items to "Nothing to Report"*

*Motion carries*

*Kyle moves to approve the agenda*

*Tiancheng seconds*

*Motion carries*

#### Announcements

#### Visitors

Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

- As of Sunday, the campus is now open to outside groups

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Associate Dean for JSOM

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Jeremiah Stinnet, Assistant Director of Leadership

- Leadership conference on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-4:30 for UTD students at the Student Union
- Topic: resilience, only 69 spots available
- Registration found on Presence or [tinyurl.com/UTDLead](http://tinyurl.com/UTDLead)
- Student leadership workshop series leading to a leadership certification starts next week (for more information contact his office or stop by across the hallway)

#### Officer reports:

President: Ayoub Mohammed ([ayoub@utdallas.edu](mailto:ayoub@utdallas.edu))

- Updates on Chartwells
  - New management and staff
  - More employers with raises and better training
- Communication Expectations
  - CC Ayoub, Briana, and Hope on all SG-related emails
- OIT Duo 2 Factor Authentication

Vice President: Hope Cory ([Hope.Cory@utdallas.edu](mailto:Hope.Cory@utdallas.edu))

- Retreat
  - Let me know by tonight if you cannot attend
  - Packing list and itinerary will be sent by the beginning of next week
  - Stay updated in the slack
  - Complete the Strengths Quest assessment a week in advance

Secretary: Stephanie Royer ([stephanie.royer@utdallas.edu](mailto:stephanie.royer@utdallas.edu))

- Nothing to report

Treasurer: Eric Chen ([eric.chen8@utdallas.edu](mailto:eric.chen8@utdallas.edu))

- Nothing to report

Judicial Board Chair: Danni Yang ([Danni.yang@utdallas.edu](mailto:Danni.yang@utdallas.edu))

- Introduction
  - Send your excusals to me and Stephanie, and forward them to Briana, Hope, and Ayoub
  - Points system (will be extensively covered at retreat)
  - Questions?

- Kara: Should we send our retreat excusals to you and Stephanie as well?
  - Danni: if you've already sent in your excuse, no, but if you have yet to, then you should

### Committee Reports

#### Academic Affairs Committee: Anna Straughan ([ams170008@utdallas.edu](mailto:ams170008@utdallas.edu))

- Nothing to report

#### Communications Committee: Kyle Tupper ([kyle.tupper@utdallas.edu](mailto:kyle.tupper@utdallas.edu))

- Updates from meeting with OIT
  - Collaborative meetings to better the UTD app
  - Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions
- President's Lunch
  - Continuation of last year's successful event
  - Potentially turning this into a semesterly event
  - Please reach out to me if you have interest in helping

#### Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Tiancheng Hu ([tiancheng.hu@utdallas.edu](mailto:tiancheng.hu@utdallas.edu))

- Nothing to report

#### Legislative Affairs Committee: Thomas Hobohm ([tsh180000@utdallas.edu](mailto:tsh180000@utdallas.edu))

- Meeting with Amanda Rockow, the Vice President of Public Affairs
  - Setting up a polling station for Dallas county, shuttles for Collin County

#### Residential Student Affairs Committee: Mathi Siva ([mathi.siva@utdallas.edu](mailto:mathi.siva@utdallas.edu))

- Residence Hall Names
  - Committee has compiled a list of names for submission

#### Student Affairs Committee: Neha Khan ([neha.khan@utdallas.edu](mailto:neha.khan@utdallas.edu))

- Nothing to report

#### Technology Committee: Yilong Peng ([yilong.peng@utdallas.edu](mailto:yilong.peng@utdallas.edu))

- Committee goals:
  - Bringing VR to the VR space
    - Currently built-in to the library, looking to expand on the VR aspect
  - Adding alumni to Handshake
  - Studying UT Austin's alumni network's platform
  - Improving Comet Cab tracking on the UTD app
    - Expanding and increasing accessibility of the digital map
  - Keeping UTD email accounts post-graduation
  - Collecting UTD Alexa data
    - Currently mixed to negative feedback, so working towards improve
  - Creating a voting board
- Questions?
  - Tiancheng: what happened to Tanuj's system of electronic voting?
    - Yilong: there were too many issues with it
  - Visitor: When can we expect another update from OIT about the UTD emails? Have they studied UT Austin's system? The benefit of G-suite is that there're no costs.
    - Kyle: Because of security and cost concerns, it's likely that they won't allow students to keep their emails after graduation—costs outweigh the benefits. Even UT Austin is thinking about eliminating their system because of the costs, related to security
    - Thomas: G-suite isn't free

#### Green Initiative Adhoc Committee: Genna Campaign ([genna.campaign@utdallas.edu](mailto:genna.campaign@utdallas.edu))

- Meeting times
  - This is your last chance to join Green and have a say in meeting times—email me
- Comet Composting training
  - Will start in the next couple of weeks
- Questions?
  - Kara: is the composting program only for on-campus residents?
    - Genna: currently, yes but we're looking on expanding to Northside
  - Sara: Is advertising done through word-of-mouth?
    - Genna: yes, we're going to do use other methods as well
    - Danni: potentially marketing through your res halls and apartments

- Farial: you can email your PA as well

## Old Business

### New Business

- **Appointing senators: applicant introductions**
  - Fahd Abaid
    - Junior, neuroscience major interested in joining academic affairs
  - Daniel Arnouk
    - Sophomore, marketing major, interested in SG because has seen the positive change, academic affairs
  - Josh Babu
    - Freshman, commuter, pre-med, plans to better the college experience for commuters, student affairs
  - Bradley Bailey
    - Graduate student in political science, interest in legislative, hopes to surprise others with his ideas
  - Ian Berry
    - Junior, transfer student, interested in improving lives of the student body on campus
  - Jeremy Brunette
    - History major, veteran
  - Valerie Clemente
    - Freshman, political science major, interest in communications committee
  - Xavier Epps
    - Freshman, finance major, communications committee, wants to engage with student body
  - Kiara Gonzalez
    - Freshman psychology major, previous SG experience, interest in student affairs and Hispanic and disability advocacy
  - Paulina Hruskoci
    - Freshman, interest in Green Initiative, previous SG experience
  - Siddhartha Lavu
    - Freshman, unique perspective on residential life, interest in technology committee
  - Mahnoor Khan
    - Interest in increasing student body engagement
  - Sheeraz Usmani
    - Freshman sociology major, interest in student affairs, previous experience in SG and MUN
  - Angelina Hemme
    - Previous experience in debate, interest in legislative affairs
- **Questions for applicants**
  - Jacob: what is an idea you have?
    - Paulina: improving space on campus for residents and visitors
  - Thomas: what are some of your ideas?
    - Valerie: increasing communication between students and SG, a way for students who aren't as passionate to state their requests
  - Kara: what committee would you like to be on, and what are some of your ideas?
    - Ian: Through legislative affairs I have an opportunity to increase student awareness of them and to communicate new bills to students
  - Genna: what committee would you like to be on and any ideas?
    - Jeremy: GIA or Green, no current ideas as I am new
  - Eric: As a somewhat nontraditional student, how could your experiences have given you traits that would make you a good senator?
    - Fahd: I have a lot of leadership experience and his background has made me strive to be more accepting and embrace diversity
    - Jeremy: Not a complainer, extremely efficient at completing tasks
- *Eric moves to appoint all applicants as a group*
  - Jacob seconds*
  - Motion carries*
- *Eric moves to divide the appointments between Jeremy and the other candidates*
  - Danni seconds*
  - Motion carries*

- Eric moves to table Jeremy's appointment for the 9/17/19 Senate meeting  
Motion fails
- Motion to appoint Jeremy Brunette  
Motion fails
- Motion to appoint Fahd, Daniel, Josh, Bradley, Ian, Valerie, Xavier, Kiara, Paulina, Siddhartha, Mahnoor, Sheeraz, and Angelina  
Motion carries
- Motion to table social media allocation for next meeting  
Motion carries
- **Closing Announcements**

**Adjourn**

- Hope moves to adjourn  
Kyle seconds  
Motion carries