

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 11th, 2019

Call to Order

Called to Order at 5:15 PM

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes

Jacob moves to approve the minutes

Darreyl seconds

Motion passes

Approval of the Agenda

- *Anna moves to strike "Take1Leave1 bookshelf" and add "Transfer Equivalency Tool" under the Academic Affairs Committee Report*

Kyle moves to approve the agenda

Darreyl seconds

Motion passes

Announcements

- Danni: please get your Homecoming excuses in as soon as possible so that we can accurately review the excuses, especially if it's something that you may or may not get excused for
- Jacob: CHAC had their monthly meeting this past Friday. We have a new member of staff in Housing operations. We've also switched to a new system for housing work orders. Housing renewal includes the summer 2020 semester.

Ex-officio reports

- Briana Lemos, Director of Student Development
 - Homecoming is this week; please participate and get involved
 - The SG HQ is an office environment, so please be very aware of where you are those around you with your language and manners

Visitors

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

- UTDSP5001: Speech Expression and Assembly policy
 - After September 1st this year, we became a traditional public forum where members of the public can come to campus and exercise their right to free speech in common outdoor areas (derived from UT Austin's Speech, Expression, and Assembly policy)
 - Staying the same: University programs take priority, the reservation process for outdoor spaces, limited public forums, and tabling has all stayed the same; solicitation is still prohibited and faculty/staff/student organizations still cannot co-sponsor events, faculty groups must reserve the space to display an exhibit
 - Changing: literature distribution is less regulated, bulletin boards are more restricted, banners and signs are only permitted to be displayed by campus community members, amplified sound designated areas and times
 - Response team: volunteer group of Student Affairs staff that attend events to assist students
 - Questions:
 - Willie: could extremely graphic images be considered obscene?
 - Dr. Smith: it's really on a case-by-case basis; all images pre-approved are thoroughly vetted
 - Kara: if we see something that violates the regulations, should we call the response team?
 - Dr. Smith: the response team won't always be there, so call the Dean of Students Office right away
 - Xavier: So there're no precautions taken; anyone can just show up?
 - Dr. Smith: yes, but the caveat is students and faculty are prioritized
 - Samee: what's the policy for requesting the police?
 - Dr. Smith: student groups can request the police anytime, but faculty and staff are always there to help as well
 - If you have any further questions or concerns, please come to my office and I will try to address them.

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Associate Dean for JSOM

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Officer reports:

President: Ayoub Mohammed (ayoub@utdallas.edu)

- Senate Survey Results
 - Both positive and negative feedback; thank you for everyone who took the time to respond
- Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training

Vice President: Hope Cory (Hope.Cory@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to report

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

- Homecoming week

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

- Budget report
 - Monthly budget reports will be uploaded to our website and posted in slack, or just ask me if you have any questions

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee: Anna Straughan (ams170008@utdallas.edu)

- Transfer equivalency tool
 - We don't have enough information and student response to comfortably proceed
 - Dr. Thomas: the goal is to be able to take the final store tally to go to the registrar, admissions, etc. with student feedback, so we're currently in limbo
 - Please take the time to fill out the survey and recruit others because it involves about 36.5% of our student population
 - Questions?
 - Thomas: is there any way that we could incentivize senators to complete the survey
 - Anna: yes
 - Sara: are you looking specifically for transfer students, or anybody?
 - Anna: it can be anybody
 - Fariel: is there a way to send it specifically to transfer students?
 - Anna: We're looking into way to target transfer students
 - Willie: why does it take 2 hours to complete?
 - Dr. Thomas: it's extensive, covers a multitude of universities, and extremely meticulous
 - Andrew: How do students access the survey?
 - Dr. Thomas: there's an instructions document and a url link
 - Anna: if you have any other questions/suggestions, please email me or slack me

Communications Committee: Kyle Tupper (kyle.tupper@utdallas.edu)

- Suggestion Box Update
 - The trial went well, we're planning to move the box around to find an optimal location

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

- SG Social Media Expansion
 - People can be notified whenever we have events/activities
- Comet Cupboard School Supplies
 - We'll have an event from November 18th - December 6th
 - There'll be cardboard boxes where you can drop off donations at the SU, res hall front desk, Canyon Creek and UV leasing office

Legislative Affairs Committee: Thomas Hobohm (tsh180000@utdallas.edu)

- VDR Training for senators
 - Ian: there are 3 reasons: increasing voter turnout, having students take a more active role in elections, and you'll be in a position of public trust (which looks good on paper)
 - Requirements: must be 18 or older, a U.S. citizen and Texas resident (if you have an address in Texas and you've lived here for over 30 days), you must be mentally capable, and no felony convictions
 - Your appointment will always expire on December 31st of an even-numbered year. At the end of that term, you will have to destroy or return the materials you were given
 - Overview by Texas Rising
 - They will give trainees an overview of how to talk to people with respect, inclusivity, and common sense
- Bussing Program Debriefing
 - The charter bus works well for big elections, but for smaller elections we're planning to look into uber or lyft partnerships

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Mathi Siva (mathi.siva@utdallas.edu)

- Breakfast with RSA
- CHAC Meeting Recap

Student Affairs Committee: Neha Khan (neha.khan@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to report

Technology Committee: Yilong Peng (yilong.peng@utdallas.edu)

- Hack-a-Thon Updates
 - The SG side went well; 3 teams submitted their projects (creating a virtual reality product that could be used for educational purposes) and the 1st place team created an actionable product
 - Questions?
 - Genna: is there any way that we could see the products of the Hack-a-thon?
 - Yilong: yes, we are working out a way to send those
 - Vignesh: I set up the Alexa in the HQ to display a project from the OIT side of the Hack-A-Thon, which worked with developments using the UTD Alexa program
- Comet Print Survey
 - We'll be distributing the survey in the slack

Green Initiative Adhoc Committee: Genna Campain (genna.campain@utdallas.edu)

- Green Initiative Recruitment
 - Next semester, we'll be setting meeting times and starting cool projects (sustainable semesters, farmer's market), so if you're a new senator and interested in getting involved, please reach out

Old Business

New Business

- Donuts and Dialogue Allocation
 - Paulina moves to allocate \$150 to buy food for a legislative affairs town hall with professors*
 - Jacob seconds*
 - Ayoub opens a 10-minute discussion*
 - Ian calls to question*
 - Motion passes*
- Comet Cupboard School Supplies Allocation
 - Abdullah moves to allocate \$27.23 for a collection mechanism for the Comet Cupboard school supplies drive*
 - Kyle seconds*
 - Ayoub opens a 10-minute discussion*
 - Motion passes*

Closing Announcements

- Ayoub: I want to reiterate what Anna said about the Transfer Equivalency Tool and Genna the Green Initiative projects; try to get other to be involved
- Kyle: Vote for Ayoub for homecoming king! The link to vote is in the slack and the deadline is on Friday

Adjourn

Stephanie moves to adjourn
Neha seconds
Motion passes