

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019

Call to Order

Called to Order at 5:15 PM

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes

Abdullah moves to approve the minutes

Kyle seconds

Motion carries

Approval of the Agenda

Tiancheng moves to add Comet Cupboard Allocation

Neha moves to add Chartwells Student Survey Update

Hope moves to add Testing Center Policy Reinforcement

Kyle moved to approve agenda as amended

Tiancheng seconds

Motion carries

Announcements

Visitors

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

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Associate Dean for JSOM

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Colleen Dutton, Chief Human Resources Officer

Ex-officio reports

Briana Lemos, Director of Student Development

- Late Night Breakfast at Dining Hall West from 10pm-12am

Officer reports:

President: Ayoub Mohammed (ayoub@utdallas.edu)

- Semester Recap
 - Thank you for a great semester
- Next Semester
 - Looking forward to next semester

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

- Testing Center Policy Reinforcement
 - Please be sure to register for exams 72 hours ahead of time
- One-On-One Meetings with Ayoub/Hope
 - Please lookout for message in slack regarding meetings with Ayoub/Hope

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

- Nothing Submitted

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

- November Budget report
 - Remaining student government budget is \$19, 889.52. October's budget report is on the website and November's will be added soon

Committee Reports

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

- Transfer equivalency tool
 - Thank you to Dr. Kaplan for allowing student to receive extra credit for participating in the transfer equivalency tool
 - Have t-shirts available for those who already completed the review or wanting to participating in reviewing the tool

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

- Suggestion Box Update
 - Looking to get more suggestion boxes in other locations across campus
- Daily Boothing Update
 - Boothing google sheet going forward to see senator availability for next semester
- Governing Documents Update
 - Bylaws have not had a chance to be reviewed yet, but looking to present on the first senate meeting next semester and will give two weeks for senators to review

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Art Initiative
 - Art Initiative working committee not exclusive to student government (Res Halls, student organizations, etc.)
 - Vignesh: Have you reached out to student organizations about receiving art?
 - Ayoub: Do not want SG to be solely in charge, but want to allow other stakeholders to be involved
 - Neha: Having a working committee makes things easier for all stakeholders
 - Antonio Diaz: What kind of power does SG have to hang art, because there have been issues with ATEC.
 - Briana: Past SG partnered with student groups and student union in the past because there is no one person in charge of art within buildings/departments on campus
- Chartwells Student Survey Update
 - Chartwell's student survey looking to get approved this semester and will send out the beginning of next semester

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

- Project updates
 - SG sub-reddit has 80 responses which is a huge success. Will be working on improved answers and more reactivity. Moderators and administrators of SG account have done a great job.
 - App survey: Download the app, try it out and fill out the 5-minute survey to win a prize. Drawing closing December 9th
 - Vigg: Is it an update to the app or a separate app?
 - Yilong: Just the UTD app.
 - Ayoub: Is there a quality response requirement for the drawing?
 - Yilong: All questions are mandatory, and it survey instruction state that quality is important.
 - Hannan: Is the UTD app connected to the blackboard app?
 - Yilong: They are not connected, but there is a tab on the UTD app, which is web-based. New updates in January that will improve the mobile elearning experience.

Green Initiative Adhoc Committee: Genna Campaign (genna.campaign@utdallas.edu)

- Green Initiative Recruitment
 - If anyone is interested in Green Initiative and want to add schedule information, email Genna.
- Bee Campus USA Movie Night
 - Happening next semester, more information to come

Old Business

New Business

- Appointment of Technology Chair
 - Kyle nominates Alexander Quach; Alex accepts
 - Antonio nominates Vignesh Vasan; Vignesh accepts
 - Amaan nominates Mahir Kaheri; Mahir declines
 - Alex:
 - Has served on SG and technology committee for the past 3 years
 - Has worked on several projects such as the addition of the CVS vending machine and with OIT in the installation and updates to the UTD Mobile App
 - The technology committee has worked really hard this semester on accountability and would like to see that continue next semester
 - Thomas: What is your major?
 - Alex: Biology
 - Genna: Besides accountability, what things have you seen work or not work while on the technology committee?
 - Alex: Technology committee is unique as projects tend to be individualized, but would like to introduce more team-based projects because each individual only has so much knowledge regarding the topic at hand
 - Eric: How do you see your role changing on the committee if you get Chair?
 - Alex: Hopes to transition into more of a leadership/mentoring role instead of a project-based role
 - Tiancheng: Why did you not run a year ago?
 - Alex: I was confident in Yilong's ability to lead the technology committee and this next semester I am confident in my ability to lead
 - Vignesh:
 - Currently on the GIA committee
 - Computer science major
 - Always in SG Headquarters
 - Involved in student groups on campus
 - Worked with hack-a-thon, including projects like fixing hack-a-thon budget, involvement in hack-a-thon
 - Knows that great things are coming to UTD
 - Has a vision to see UTD become more technology based
 - Kara: You are on GIA, so how are you going to overcome the challenge of not being involved in the technology committee?
 - Vignesh: I may not have experience on the committee, but I will depend on the committee to help me lead them
 - Thomas: What about the new wave do you mean?
 - Vignesh: New building coming with new and advanced technology
 - Lance: I am confident you are experienced in technology, but what is your experience in leadership roles?

- Vignesh: Have led small group ACM projects and led hack-a-thon team
- Voting via ballot
- Alexander Quach voted in as Chair of the technology committee
- HDMI Cables Allocation
 - Willie moves to open allocate \$110 to the tech committee for HDMI cables*
 - Majd seconds*
 - Salaar: ECSW Building is in need of HDMI cables to connect computers in study rooms. After speaking with Dean Adams, we are allocating only 5 cables and 5 locks as a pilot.
 - Vote Carries
- SU Charging Station Allocation
 - Danel moves open allocate \$400 to charging station*
 - Darreyl seconds*
 - Sahil: After speaking with Dan Goodwin and students, many of the charging stations do not work or there is an insufficient amount. These stations will be added by the ping-pong tables and the area past Chick-Fil-A and Moe's.
 - Kyle: Assuming these work and are actually used, will SG be responsible in replacing them when they wear out or break?
 - Sahil: Dan Goodwin said he will take care of it if/when they break
 - Jacob Jones: Will we have SG branding?
 - Yilong: Yes, of course.
 - Ian: If SU has the money, why are we allocating funds?
 - Sahil: Dan Goodwin has been slow to respond.
 - Yilong: We came up with this, but Dan Goodwin stated that SU would be in charge of the up-keep as long as SG allocated the funds to purchase the stations. Dan Goodwin suggested a particular model that he may be able to get a discount on, but despite SG's efforts to reach out, we are moving forward with this particular charging station.
 - Willie: What do the charging stations look like?
 - Yilong: Looks similar to the vertical file holder
 - Eric: Would this be installed over the break?
 - Yilong: Probably not, but more like the beginning of next semester
 - Justin: If he is not responding to emails, how can we expect these to be installed?
 - Kim Winkler: The charging stations will be installed.

Eric: Motion to table allocation indefinitely due to small details
Motion fails

Voting for allocation:

Motion carries

- UEMR Allocation
 - Danni moves to allocate \$130 for the partnership with UMER*
 - Seconded by Majd Hawwar*
 - Danni: Partnering with the on-campus medical response team who is hosting a training that will allow students to learn CPR, naloxone response, and more. Event is set to happen on January 23rd.
 - Hope: Who is the event open to?
 - Danni: Anyone
 - Sunayed: Is it walk-in or is there a sign-in?

- Danni: It will be walk-in

Motion carries

- Comet Cupboard Allocation
 - Tiancheng moves to allocate \$60 to the Comet Cupboard school supply donation drive*
 - Kyle seconds*
 - Kara: This will not only be open to students, but also departments. There will be a contest to incentives departments to donate. The allocation is for prizes for this contest.
 - Danni: Have you thought about just allocating \$60 to supplies instead of prizes?
 - Kara: Departments have way more than \$60 worth of supplies lying around
 - Tiancheng: Spoke with staff member who stated that small incentives are really great for departments to get involved.
 - Jacob: Will there be a contest for students to donate?
 - Kara: We can consider this.

Motion carries

Closing Announcements

- Eric: Instead of having a committee meeting, we will be having our SG social at 5:15pm. There will be a gingerbread house building competition between committees.
- Thomas: The legislative committee will have its donuts and dialogue regarding American voter turnout on December 5th at 5-7pm in SSA.

Adjourn

Darreyl moves to adjourn
Abdullah seconds
Motion carries