UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Meeting Agenda

2.2.2016

Roll Call

- Present: Akshita, Grant, Hannah, Tyler, Ana-Maria, Caitlynn, Charlie, Raja, Noah, Neel, Luis, Harris, Joey, Nisha, Nihan, Neha, Raviteja, Sindhu, Pooshan, Prashy, Christian, Megha, Carlos, Zhongwei, May, Nyemike, Becky, Varun, Ivan, Adam, Uttara, Rebecca Wu, Jonathan, Gaurav, Anders
- Absent: Rebecca, Jessica, Yitong, Brett

Approval of Minutes

Announcements

- Becky
  - Student feedback on Green Fee
- Charlie
  - Elections
    - Part of the budget goes to advertisements, posters, flyers, etc.
    - Please run, form tickets, usurp those currently in position
    - Election rules will be clarified, can and cannot do certain things
- Nyemike
  - Voter registration booth
    - Thursday, 11-1, February 4th, Lower level of student union

Visitors:
Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor

Ex-officio reports:
Briana Lemos, SG Advisor

- New senators need to come by the office

Officer reports:

President: Caitlynn Fortner (cef130030@utdallas.edu)

- UTSSAC
  - Finishing up recommendations for positions as chairs in UTSSAC
- Student Fees:
  - Microwaves, feet washing stations, others?
    - Student Fee Advisory Council meetings at 9am
    - Storage container proposal and new ideas come from that council’s discourse

Vice President: Grant Branam (gwb140030@utdallas.edu)
Senate Minutes (2.2.16)

- Blue Books
  - Schools, A&H and EPPS, have chosen not to fund them
  - Dr. Daniels gave directive before leaving, but A&H decided not to fund them
- Comet Dollars
  - Starting currency that can be used around the campus by students via Comet Card

Secretary: J.W. Van Der Schans (jwv140030@utdallas.edu)
Treasurer: Joey Campain (joey.campain@utdallas.edu)

Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Raja Reddy (rxr142030@utdallas.edu)
- Quality enhancement plan
  - Entire initiative is to find a project on campus that improves student learning
  - Idea collection phase currently, then going forward with grant and funding
  - SI would a type of initiative taken by QEP
  - Dr. Murphy working with Academic Affairs committee among other groups on campus
  - Possible event in the future in similar location and fashion to It’s On Us campaign as a means of collecting information

Communications Committee: Becky Jin (for Rebecca Tjahja)
- Title IX
  - Requires all responsible employees to report to office if they hear information about sexual assault instance
  - Reaching out to influential groups to address the policy
- Social media posts
  - Committees need to take pictures and send them to this committee so that they can be posted in social media
  - Want to show the campus what SG is doing through social media posts

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: (vacant)

Legislative Affairs Committee: Christian Filsouf (caf140030@utdallas.edu)
- Dan Patrick event marketing
  - Event is being pushed back to March
  - Given more time with the delay
- Voter drives
Adam and Nyemike have shown initiative for the voter drive so far
Want to keep continuing the voting drives throughout the semester

Debate: Campus Democrats v Campus Republicans

One of two events to be brought to the campus from the legislative committee involving political discourse between groups

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Noah Mudd (nwm140330@utdallas.edu)

Survey booth
- Rolling out survey for ice machines and outdoor exercise equipment
- Need volunteers for the booths
  - One residential hall per day
  - 11:45-1pm and 1-2:15pm shifts

CHAC update
- Campus Housing Advisory Committee
- UC is 93% occupied, UV is 98% occupied, 189 applicants for PAs, creating two more LLCs, one for undeclared and the other for Academic Excellence Scholars (check)
- Application for housing will be coming out again after crash in the week prior
- Spread the word: Click “no” on the criminal background option
- Bridge between Phase 1 and 2 will start construction
- Maintenance form online is currently in the works

Student Affairs Committee: Charlie Hannigan (rxh122930@utdallas.edu)

Title IX
- Private conversation with professor or campus worker could be broken with the Title IX policy
- Possible policy to have employees warn students if they suspect a conversation about sexual misconduct, and that they must tell the student that they are going to report it

Comet Creed
- School unity is the interest of many students
- Instilling tradition by having the Comet Creed on every wall of the campus that faces the doorway

CSA – Students purchase rights to part of harvest to have access to fresh vegetables at a low cost
- Couldn’t get this last semester
- Trying again in the spring semester since there is more time if the project is started early
- Food is delivered to campus, is low cost, and the producers have their consumer base guaranteed

Decorative stones
- People constantly walk through landscaping, so the decorative landscaping so far is not as durable
- Rocks are an alternative that do not lessen the aesthetic of the campus
Accessibility

- Currently discussing ways to get accessibility to those that need it in a more expedient manner
- Outdated technology is being worked with so that the tape recorders are updated for students that need to record classes due to accessibility impairments

Technology Committee: Megha Bhatnagar (mab150630@utdallas.edu)

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Confirm Appointments: (Noah motions, JW seconds)
  - Anu Emmandi
  - Abhishaike Mahajan
  - Christian Cortes
  - Jake Cruz
  - Patrick Wilson
  - All appointments are confirmed
  - Caitylnn: Make sure to go to Briana’s office to fill out paperwork

- Executive Committee Nominations (Charlie motions, Akshita seconds)
  - Graduate and International Affairs
    - Grant
    - Gaurav
    - Gaurav
      - Accepts nomination
  - Gaurav appointed to chair position

- Elections

- Bike Paths (Ravi motions, Uttara seconds)
  - Ravi
  - Map shown in session shows that we have ability to properly plan out the paths
  - Possibility to improve efficiency of travel time for bikes with the paths
  - Path around plinth area converges on area in between Green, Administrative building and A&H building
  - Bikes allowed on path next to Physics building and Art Barn
  - Prohibit use of residential hall adjacent paths, and instead propose they use road
  - Bike Path Discussion
    - Harris
      - Make use of other sides of most buildings around the plinth
- Adam
  - Path around the fountain is where areas can reserve booths
- Joey
  - Enforcement is difficult
- Christian
  - The idea is great, but the enforcement is rather difficult
- Ravi
  - Pedestrians and bicyclists need to both get there efficiently
- Ana-Maria
  - Where do people fall in if they use other modes of transportation?
- Ravi
  - Plan does not account for this because of a lack of concerns
- Charlie
  - Move to extend discussion (seconded by Ravi)
  - Is not something that is needed because he has never experienced an issue with bikes
  - Limiting pedestrians to pathways will slow down pedestrian traffic
  - Implementation issues, not enough people would follow it
- Raja
  - Fountain area is a trouble spot
  - If the paths are open to pedestrians it should not be as much of an issue
  - Spend some money to separate the Berkner-Founder path side
- Charlie
  - If pedestrians are allowed on path, then it is the same issue, or you have a worse issue if they are not allowed on the path with slowed pedestrian traffic
- Adam
  - Discussed past transportation, like electronic transportation, so he is wondering where that falls in the policy?
  - Not sure about student popularity, especially considering that they may have to pay for excessive amounts of fees
- Ravi
  - Charlie response: You do not want it to happen, so it is a risk we need to avoid by putting in these policies
  - Newly opened area has a possibility of having bike lanes
  - Pedestrians and bicyclists sharing the same path would not be as much of an issue
• Point of the lane is to keep them clear, so that they do not have an obstructed path
  ▪ Charlie motions to extend discussion (Adam seconds)
  ▪ Motion does not pass

➤ Cookies allocation
  o Noah motions for $50 allocation
    ▪ Boothing for 5 days in the residential halls, need cookies as incentive
  o Raja
    ▪ Explanation of cookie costs
  o Harris
    ▪ Purchase nicer cookies with additional funding
  o Adam
    ▪ Good food brings people to things, so people are incentivized with higher quality
  o Noah motions to amend motion to allocate $100; Neel seconds
  o Charlie
    ▪ $100 is not efficient
    ▪ Interesting alternative
    ▪ Alternative option was declined
  o Joey
    ▪ If we increase allocations on food every time we have food, the budget will be used quickly
  o Akshita
    ▪ We may not use all of the money
  o Adam
    ▪ Should not be concerned about splurging on certain expenses given past budget excesses
  o Motion for $100 allocation was approved

➤ Christian motions to announce Senator of the Month, and Noah seconds
  o Christian: Joyous individual because of this senator
  o Nyemike can keep his hair metaphorically
  o Nyemike is the Senator of the Month

➤ QEP funding
  o Raja motions to allocate $410 for QEP event (Noah seconds)
    ▪ Funding would be used for food
  o Adam
    ▪ How much does SG have on hand?
  o Joey
    ▪ Projects budget: $26,000 for projects for the rest of the semester
    ▪ Spread around to entirety of senate for their use
Adjournment

Pooshan motions to adjourn, Christian seconds

Parliamentary Procedure Basics

To ask a question - "Point of Information: [state question]"
To make a motion - "I move to [exact wording of motion]." (Most motions coming from an individual must be seconded by another individual simply saying "Second")
To end debate and move directly into a vote on the motion - "Call to question." (Generally, the chair will ask if there is any further discussion. If there is not, she will present the motion at hand to be voted on. The motion is typically used when there is still debate to be had but a person feels it is unnecessary. It is voted on.) To ask a question about Parliamentary Procedure – “Point of Parliamentary Procedure (or ParliPro)”