

# UT Dallas Student Government

## *Senate Minutes*

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Announcements

### **Visitors:**

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

### **Ex-officio reports:**

Briana Lemos, SG Advisor

- Grad Student Assembly Info Session (Similar to SG)
  - Founders, Thursday 1pm
- Leaders Meet
  - Saturday, SSA Auditorium, Registration on Student Leadership Website and OrgSync

### **Officer reports:**

President: JW Van Der Schans (john.vanderschans@utdallas.edu)

- University-Wide Committees
  - Core Curriculum
    - 1 Student - lower-division undergraduate
    - 2 Students
  - Academic Calendar
    - 1 SG Senator – undergraduate
  - Effective Teaching
    - 1 Student
      - Next meeting: Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12-1pm
  - Information Technology, Planning and Policy
    - 1 Student - graduate
  - Wellness
    - 1 Student - undergraduate
- **TA Awards (Need an SG Senator soon)**
  - **1 SG Senator**
- Senator of the Month
- Orbit – UTD Quality Enhancement Plan
  - Check Email and Review
- Constitution and bylaw changes



Vice President: Alex Holcomb (alexander.holcomb@utdallas.edu)

- Project updates
  - Waiting for Art UTD for submissions for Staff and Faculty Dining Hall
  - Will finalize faculty on Art committee this week
- Personal Responsibility
  - Not showing up to retreat is a reflection of why we are regarded an apathetic Student Government
- SG Social
  - SG Board Game Night!
- Leaders Meet
  - Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 3pm

Secretary: Areeb Siddiqui (Areeb.Siddiqui@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to report

Treasurer: Joey Campain (joseph.campain@utdallas.edu)

- Budget report
- Green Initiative meeting date
  - Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3-4pm; SU 2.4 (Student Life Suite/SG Conference Room)

**Committee reports:**

Academic Affairs Committee: Nikki Prattipati (sainikitha.prattipati@utdallas.edu)

- iTunes University
- Take One Leave One (Student-run libraries on campus)
  - Allocation for bookshelves to be coming soon
- Resume Templates

Communications Committee: Eric Chen (eric.chen8@utdallas.edu)

- Boothing update
- Facebook Analytics update
  - Will begin on a smaller scale
- Projects in the works:
  - Newsletter
  - Info-graphic Video
    - To explain the mechanics of how SG runs

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Adam Richards (adam.richards@utdallas.edu)

- Bus Survey circulated to Senate
  - Please send in any revisions
- Graduate Organization Fair
  - Graduate Student Panels
  - Discussions for preparing for graduate school
- Culture event planning

Legislative Affairs Committee: Ashley Levy (ashley.levy@utdallas.edu)

- Comet Policy Plug
  - Working with admin on best means to release



- Voter Education event
  - We will need Senators to volunteer for this event
- Know Your Rights Cards
  - Working to get Court approved translation

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Danni Yang (Danni.Yang@utdallas.edu)

- CHAC Meeting update
  - On board with moving forward on Band-Aid and 24 Hour Dining projects
- Band-Aid project
- 24 Hour Dining

Student Affairs Committee: Haris Pepermintwala (hsp140230@utdallas.edu)

- Water Fountains
  - Looking at spaces to add more water fountains
- Recycling on campus
  - Looking into adding more; talking w/ facilities
- Campus Lighting
  - Deciding if some spaces need more lighting

Technology Committee: Dhiren Kisani (Dhiren.Kisani@utdallas.edu)

- Amazon Lockers
  - 12-week process will begin once UTD signs contract
- Tech Vending Machines
  - Boothing Thursday 1-5pm in the SU
- OIT Electronic Art competition
  - Should have allocation for gift cards next meeting

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- **Confirm the appointment of:**
  - **Troy Ingold**
    - GIS Junior
    - Served on pseudo-government, chamber of commerce, business board of directors
      - Ran events with thousands of attendees
      - Learned how institutions in a city are run
    - UTD could be more accommodating to students who have not come out straight from high school
    - Need better guidelines in place to ensure participation in SG events
    - UTD app could be improved with an outside vendor
      - More likely to keep app up to date
- **Senator of the Month**
  - Yilong Peng
    - Yilong has been doing impressive work on Amazon Lockers, including setting up meetings with faculty and maintaining correspondence with Amazon
- **Election Campaign Information**
  - Candidates must attend campaign orientation meeting



- Dates and Times in Slack, Facebook
- Notify Ashley by Noon Thursday if you cannot attend
- Ticket size is now 10 people
- Forms due March 23 (Can be found online ([utdallas.edu/vote/run](http://utdallas.edu/vote/run)) or SG office)
- Elections: March 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>
- Encourage people to run even without a ticket!
- **We need to spread the word about the election to increase turnout**
- **SG Board Game Night Date Selection**
  - Body votes for a Thursday night
- **Constitution change – discussion**
  - Proposal: No longer a requirement to have a semester experience to be allowed to run for President, Vice President, or Chair
    - Adam: Good Idea, other schools do not have these rules
      - Shows trust in the student body
    - Alex: Been an ongoing discussion for a while
      - No longer in favor of this after being Vice President, may hurt reputation
    - JW: This rule greatly reduces student participation
    - Eric: Transition period is not detailed enough to help an inexperienced person from transitioning
    - Adam: SG reputation is hurt by being insular
    - Danni: Present transition period before this discussion
    - Harpreet: Against rule because difficult to learn the SG process
    - Ashley: Right now 5-10 people are eligible to run -> this is absurdly prohibitive
    - Alex: SG reputation is bad in body, however, I was referring to reputation with Student Government
    - Nikki: Can work, but candidates need to shadow President and VP for a while in order to run; transition must also be supplemented
    - Kyle: Low voter turnout can lead to joke tickets
    - Ben: Have candidates be vetted by current administration in order to prevent joke tickets
- **Allocations**
  - Legislative Affairs: **Know Your Rights Cards - \$220**
    - For printing, translation, contingency
    - More allocations may be needed for design changes w/ other languages
    - Approved
  - Residential Student Affairs: **Band-Aid Initiative - \$110**
    - Bandages, plastic bins, tax
    - Most other institutions have Band-Aids in housing
    - Will be recurring
    - Approved

**Adjournment**

