SG Meeting 1 Minutes

Attendance
- JW: “Whoosh” is tradition as attendance comment, instead of “here” or “present”

Announcements
- Dr. Smith: Welcomes Student Body
  - Alex and JW have been meeting with University Committees all summer
  - High Expectations of Student Government → Keeping momentum going
  - Theme of Transparency → President & Vice President have bi-weekly meetings with Dean of Students
- Brianna: Weeks of Welcome encouragement
- JW: Announcements
  - Basic Expectations
    - Attendance → Upheld by Judicial Board
    - Dress Code → SG Polo + Business Casual
    - Wanting to Contribute → Improve communication form, including visitors, and hopes for extensive feedback
  - Over 60+ Summer Meetings
    - Dr. Jamison Meeting happened → regarding construction transparency
      - Improving transparency of building take down and build up time stamps
    - Improving transparency on Social Media
  - University Committees
    - 2 spots available → Parking and Transportation and Wellness Committee; contact JW for more information if interested
  - Green Initiative
    - Extremely successful, gathered gently used furniture and sold for a discounted price → SOLD OUT
    - Reusable pods, save money and will be useful for next year
  - Mobile Application
    - Beta Phase Testing
    - Uniform Platform
  - Nonprofit Organization → PERIOD
    - Fighting for free menstrual care in restrooms → headed by Brooke Lopez
  - Alumni Center → Grand Opening September 11th
    - “Concert on the Green” during Homecoming
  - EC Elections
    - Presentation and Discussion after Acceptance/Decline of Committee Chair Nominations → Vote
- Alex: Announcements
  - Padfolios for all Student Government Senators
- Suggestion to Allocation process for New Senators → valuable information
- Contact Sheet → Must contact Brianna before talking to anyone not on the sheet → allows for better understanding of communication
  - Groupme is NO longer application of communication → Slack is new form of communication
  - Google Drive is NO longer drive → OneDrive is shared drive platform
- New Polos
  - Look “pretty fresh”
- Mosaic Art Initiative
  - Mosaic Mural in the process of being built into path of grass outside the Comet Café → designed by fellow student, Travis Fowler
  - Acrylic sign holders in bathroom stalls → increases Marketing outreach and ability to advertise
- Cometville – August 23rd → Organization Fair for Incoming Students
- Retreat
  - Mandatory – “You are lame if you do not attend, and it will count as an unexcused absence.”
  - September 9th and 10th – Glen Lake Camp
  - Arrive on Campus at 12:30pm → Return at 3:00pm the next day
- Constitution Day
  - Interactive Quizzes and arguments presented by Professor Champagne
  - Partnered with Pre Law Society
- Comet Day – September 26th

Old Business – None
New Business – Items may be on or off the agenda
- Christin – Move to confirm the appointments of Hannah Hubbard, Rebecca Tjahja, Reuben Rusk, Dhiren Kisami
  - Hannah Hubbard → hopes to continue serving on campus, has previous SG experience
  - Rebecca Tjahja → wants to give back to school before graduating, has already served for 2 years
  - Reuben Rusk → Has served for 2 terms, hopes to be a leader and focus on completing projects
  - Dhiren Kisami → Served on technology committee, hopes to continue work from last year and completion of projects
  - Based on Vote, Appointed: Hannah Hubbard, Rebecca Tjahja, Reuben Rusk, Dhiren Kisami
- Alex: moves to keep Executive Committee Nominations as ordered on Agenda
- Nominations for Student Affairs: Sammy Lutes, Haris Pepermintwala
  - Sammy Lutes
    - Has served on the Legislative Committee
- Student Affairs is unique and broadly described → opens up ability of Senators to keep topics current
- Increase Student Voter Turnout & continue to facilitate transparency among Faculty and Student Body
- Look at registration at both sides of the county line and implement Voting Booths
- Leadership Style → would like to serve as a resource for members on committee, but would like to be hands off in terms of leadership style → hopes to have senators take their own Initiative
- Christian: Spoken to Nancy Fairbank about her leadership style when she was chair?
- Sammy: Spoke frequently about her ideation and reasoning in her hands off approach
  o Haris Pepermintwala
    - Worked with Student Counseling Center and other departments, including Office of Undergraduate Education, on efficiency and
    - Peer Health Educator
    - Student Leader in Freshman Mentor Program
    - Increased inter-departmental projects
    - Reuben: Any specific full Student Body activity you would like to see?
    - Haris: Would defer to committee member for ideas regarding this area and stick to areas of health
  o Discussion on Student Affairs Nominees
  o Based on Vote, Appointed: Sammy Lutes
- Nomination for Technology Committee
  o Dhiren Kisami
    - Accepted and Appointed
- Nomination for Residential Affairs
  o Danni Yang
    - Accepted and Appointed
- Nomination for Communications
  o Eric Chen
    - Accepted and Appointed
- Nomination for Legislative: Rebecca Tjahja, Adam Richards
  o Rebecca Tjahja
    - Served on Executive Committee and was awarded committee of the year
    - Has had exposure in local, state and national policy
    - Experience in Washington D.C. with bi-partisan congressmen and congresswomen
    - Wants SG to be voice and ear for comets
    - Hopes to implement effective and enthusiastic voting registration booth
    - “Know Your Rights” Event
    - Rebecca (in response to D.C. experience questions from Christian and Sammy): Worked for Free E-books for students within the Obama
Administration, Worked closely with registration and tech policy within the White House along with State Representative Pete Sessions

- Adam Richards
  - Helped found Rainbow Guard, for LGBT+ individuals → has become a powerful force on campus
  - Served on Legislative Affairs for the past 2 years
  - Passionate about
  - “Combating Fake News” → works with Communications to discuss how to teach students to be skeptical and look at resources correctly
  - Hopes to work closely with local politicians, primarily on discrimination and equal rights for individuals
  - Large Focus on Voter Registration
  - Would work closely with congressional discussion that affects students and individuals on campus

- Discussion on Legislative Affairs Nominees
- Based on Vote, Appointed: Rebecca Tjahja
  - Nomination for Graduate and International Affairs (GIA)
    - Jason Waye
      - Accepted and Appointed
  - Nomination for Academic Affairs
    - Nikita Pratipuri
      - Accepted and Appointed
  - Nomination for Treasurer: David Mendez, Reuben Rusk
    - David Mendez
      - VP of Finance of IFC, Works at Richardson Chamber of Commerce and other leadership positions
      - Transparency, Liquidity, Optimization of Assets → all goals are shown visually through Excel Sheet
      - David (in response to Alex’s question regarding budgeting): Hopes for approval on all proposed changes to budget and is focused on Senator Project Award Fund → allows for funding of senator projects
  - Reuben Rusk
    - Goal as Treasurer → hopes to have funding for at least one project for each committee
    - Wants to make sure our areas of work are clean and efficient for work
    - Works closely with Homecoming → had great direct personal experience with SG
    - 3 years as Treasurer in Youth Link Church
    - Reuben (in regards to questions): Storage Closet situation would have to be resolved with admin and EC, would hope to do little things on or off campus to store items → Environment will be clean, is willing to do anything → Learned about aspects of Treasury within committee from past Treasurer

- Discussion on Treasury Nominees
Based on Vote, Appointed: **Reuben Rusk**

- Nomination for Secretary
  - Areeb Siddiqui
  - Accepted and Appointed

- Alex: moves to begin nomination for the Judicial Board as ordered on Agenda

**Judicial Board Nominations**

- **Chairman Nominations:** Ben Darling, Christian de Lara
  - Christian de Lara
    - Director of Judicial Board for Phi Gamma Delta, Super NOVA for JSOM Ambassadors, Chairman
  - Ben Darling
    - Very responsible, accountable
  - Cares about Accountability
  - Based on Vote, Appointed: **Christian de Lara**

- **Vice Chairman Nominations:** Ben Darling, Rubina Sarwal
  - Ben Darling
  - Rubina Sarwal
    - Vice President of Public Relations of Tri Delta and works closely with event turnout, mandatory events
    - Orientation Leader Team Leader who worked closely with attendance, accountability and punctuality
  - Based on Vote, Appointed: **Rubina Sarwal**

- **Judicial Board Member Nominations:** Haris, God’swill, Will, Ramah, Dalton, Adam, Ben, Farrah
  - Based on Vote, Appointed: **Ben, Ramah, God’swill**

- **Eric:** Move to open discussion for uncontested Executive Committee Chairmen
  - Eric: Communications
    - Work on video campaigns, President Brunch was very successful → continuation
    - Hopes to further solidify Communications committee role in SG
    - Inventory of Marketing Resources on campus and efficiently use them
    - Hopes to push Communications to a more social affair for Student Body
  - Jason: GIA
    - Increase housing for Graduate Students
    - Work to make the GIA experience at UTD a lot better
  - Danni: Residential Life
    - Improving signage in housing area
    - Improving line of communication with on campus residents for help
- Nikki: Academics
  - Study Abroad \(\rightarrow\) improve discrepancy between workshop spots and class spots
  - Improve class registration in terms of competitive seats
  - Improve Foreign Language courses
- Dhiren: Technology
  - Work for a more direct line of communication with Student Body
  - Add area on website for more direct line of communication with respective committees
- Areeb: Secretary
  - Hopes to gauge multiple perspectives and work hard to improve social media

Announcement
  - Alex: Invitation should be received \(\rightarrow\) download Slack

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