

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*

- Christian – 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
- 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
- Discussion on Student Affairs Nominees
- Based on Vote, Appointed: **Sammy Lutes**
- Nomination for Technology Committee
 - **Dhiren Kisami**
 - Accepted and Appointed
- Nomination for Residential Affairs
 - **Danni Yang**
 - Accepted and Appointed
- Nomination for Communications
 - **Eric Chen**
 - Accepted and Appointed
- Nomination for Legislative: Rebecca Tjahja, Adam Richards
 - 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 → 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 → download **Slack**

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