Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
  • Correction from Grant
Announcements

Visitors:
Dr. Piquero, Campus Carry Liaison
  ➢ Appointed by Dr. Wildenthal
  ➢ Laws go into effect in 2016
  ➢ Remarks
    o Where we are now
    o What will be happening
    o What do we want you to do
    o Each campus will work with the system
    o Strict timeline
      ▪ Plan in place by beginning of November
      ▪ Board of Regents approval
      ▪ Approval takes place next summer
    o Campus working group
      ▪ Represent undergraduates
      ▪ Academic senate
    o Raise questions and concerns to Caitlynn and she will take that to the working group
    o Piquero will discuss UTD's policy concerns on a weekly basis
    o Universities will be able to ask for exclusion zones
    o 9 states have some type of campus carry
      ▪ Universities vary in their ability to exclude certain parts of campus
      ▪ Colorado, no exclusions except sporting events
      ▪ Our legislators allowed a request for exclusions
      ▪ UT System will want to standardize as much as possible, but will allow exceptions
    o Goal over next couple weeks
      ▪ Figure out what do we want to request
    o Second issue: lock boxes
    o Third issue: signage
      ▪ No signage because we don’t know enough yet
      ▪ Will know more next week
    o Public meeting
      ▪ Sometime this month
      ▪ Ample notice
      ▪ We have Caitlynn to act on our behalf
    o A lot of work to do in 3 months when we have to submit our plan
    o Board of regents, system, and individual schools
    o Know: goal of working group, president, provost is to protect safety of campus
      ▪ Chief Zacharias is a primary member of the group
    o Now: bring your concerns to Caitlynn
    o Meetings are confidential
Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor

- Introduction
  - This is her 10th year with us!
  - She'll be at retreat
  - Undergraduate dean in JSOM
  - A member of the core curriculum committee

Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President for Student Affairs

- Location is in the library, so feel free to stop by!
- Sixth year working with SG!

Dr. Amanda Smith

The Mercury and UTD TV

- Will visit our meetings and report on issues!

Ex-officio reports:

Briana Lemos, SG Advisor

- Time of year for applications for Student Regent and Appointment for the Higher Education Board
  - Charlie spoke on process
    - 13 page application
    - Criminal background check
    - After application is assembled, SG selects five applications from UTD
    - President selects applications to send on
    - Board of Regents narrows it down to 3-5 candidates
    - Governor’s office has a process with interviews to pick one student regent
  - Applications are due on November 18

Officer reports:

President: Caitlynn Fortner (cef130030@utdallas.edu)

- Appointments
  - 8 potential new senators
  - Process
    - Submitted application
    - Interview with Grant/Caitlynn
    - Vetted by Executive Committee (EC)
    - During new business, appointees will stand and share name, year, major, and why they are interested in being a senator

- Dine with the Deans
  - Today was the first!
  - For the future: more senators in attendance to ask questions!

- Polo shirts
  - Remember to wear polos at events and meetings
Vice President: Grant Branam (gwb140030@utdallas.edu)

- Comet Cabs
  - Handicap accessible comet cab on campus soon
- Bike Share
  - Bikes are now on campus
  - One rack by library and one in Phase 2
- New housing on campus
  - Looking for upper classmen and graduate students to see what we are interested in for housing
  - Meeting: Friday, September 18 at 8:30 am- 10:30 am
- Retreat
  - Let Grant know if you have dietary restrictions

Secretary: Casey Sublett

Treasurer: Katie Truesdale

Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Raja Reddy (rxr142030@utdallas.edu)

Communications Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (rxt141430@utdallas.edu)

- Anonymous TipLine
  - Solidify a way for students to communicate with us
  - Qualtrics survey
  - EC and Briana will have access
  - Publicize through social media
  - All confidential
  - Follow-up possible if they leave their name
  - Gives us an idea of what students are currently dealing with
- Boothing
  - Confirmed for coming semester
  - 2 booths a month
  - Great way to reach out to student body and talk to students in a casual way
  - Get Senator's Club stamps
  - 2 people per hour
- Senator's Club Prizes
  - Shirts on the way
  - Sunglasses
  - Water bottles

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: (vacant)

- Description of committee work and what the position requires (Grant)
  - Do not have to be an international student or graduate student
  - Past projects
- Brought ISBN online (library?)
- Comet cruiser bus routes to Walmart of Friday afternoons
- Safety in McCallum
- Transcripts more regulated
- Working on updating programs in ECS

Legislative Affairs Committee: Jake Colling (jjc140530@utdallas.edu)

- Update on Equal Rights Ordinance
  - Committee meeting had a ton of visitors!
  - Will be scheduling additional meetings outside schedule Tuesday committee meetings
  - Notify Jake if you would like to get involved

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

- Comet Fridays
  - Wear green or orange on Friday and get half off your meal (if you don’t have a meal plan)
  - For faculty, staff, and students
  - Takes place at the dining hall
    - Bookstore pop up shop will be there

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

- Bugs
  - Clouds of gnats around campus
  - The dragonflies are handling the issue
- Stanchions
  - The out-the-door line becomes a problem in The Pub (amorphous line)
  - Move the Starbuck’s stuff
  - The line will stay organized next to the bar
  - Looking into cost of stanchions
  - Adam Richards
    - Both cashiers open, but the line only forms behind one register
    - Charlie
      - Possible solution: divide drinks/food
      - Stanchion may fix this problem as well so the line goes quickly to both registers

- Comet Creed in SSB
  - Put up nicely in SSB
  - Looking into cost

- Margaritas in the Pub
  - Limit on drinks in The Pub
  - We have wine and beer, but looking into more options
  - Pre-mixed margaritas
  - Serving liquor rather than beer or wine, could get complicated
  - Could be okay as long as margaritas are pre-made
Pre-made with a serving of alcohol, so it can follow the current alcohol policy

- Chopsticks in grab and go
  - Form into spears when you break them
  - Looking into better options

- Library Study Rooms
  - Poorly painted after years of wear and tear
  - Can we paint them with new colors?

Technology Committee: Ben Eschler (bde140030@utdallas.edu)

Old Business:

New Business:

- Confirm Appointments:
  - Motion: Ben Eschler
  - Second: Grant Branam
  - Appointees
    - Ivan Torres
    - Harris Chawdhary
    - Neel Reddy
    - Joseph (Joey) Campain
    - Hannah Hubbard
    - Raviteja (Ravi) Lingineni
    - Praharshitha (Prashi) Veeramraju
    - Yitong (Tony) Gao
  - All pass!

- Nominations for Graduate and International Affairs Chair
  - Motion: Noah Mudd
  - Seconded: Katie Truesdale
  - Requirements
    - Be in SG for at least a semester
    - Do not need to be an international student or graduate student
  - Nominations
    - Ziya Cologlu
  - Tabled until next meeting since only one nomination

- SG Business Cards
  - Had trouble finding a price
  - Idea: get generic business cards
    - Email sg@utdallas.edu
    - When you talk to people, they can get in contact with us
  - Dr. Kaplan
    - Working on student leader business cards
    - Model (going through Communications)
    - Graduate students can be approved, looking for approval for all students
Senate Minutes (09.08.15)

- Would go through campus printing shop
- Name, organization, and official logo
- Almost complete!

➤ Tailgate: Saturday, November 14 (morning)
  o Katie
    - What is this tailgate thing we’re talking about: grill food, get pepped up for a game. We don’t have a football game, so we tailgate for the basketball game. Students and organizations can reserve spots. Encourage to bring food- in the past, beer was provided for those over 21, so food was required. Awesome way to get pumped up!
    - Chili cook-off/burger cook-off in past years, suggestions for this year?
      - Dr. Kaplan: nachos (vegetarian or gluten free)
      - Student Organization Center reimbursed for things last year
  o Charlie
    - Shut down circle drive and have a tailgate on the hill
    - Have energy drinks as well as alcohol (Adam: not best to have alcohol with energy drinks; Katie: there is a drink limit, so it should be okay)
    - Have a raffle
    - Have the basketball players come out before the game, so they get energized too
    - Get UT Tyler's mascot to (fake) battle Temoc
    - Sponsored grill materials, so students are encouraged to participate and more people could try the dishes
  o Rebecca
    - Last year: DJ was on the further edge of the drive
    - Wasn’t anyone there- move the DJ closer to center
  o Anupam
    - Food options aren’t always compatible for students with dietary restrictions
  o Pooshan
    - Inflatable basketball game (like at an arcade)
  o Brett
    - Sustainability club- Make sure that recycling is coordinated well at the tailgate!
  o Raja
    - Hot drinks would be appreciated as well
    - Any warm things because last year was cold
    - The event was very Greek heavy- try to encourage other groups to come too
    - Bring out the cheerleaders and Power Dancers
  o Noah
    - Only judges got to taste during chili competition. Ideal: people can try too.
  o Ben Eschler
    - Simpler: “best grilled food” to keep it more vague
    - We did a booth with a TV last year- people would come visit and watch games
  o Dr. Kaplan
    - LLC did their version of “Chopped”
    - Grant: is this legal? Briana: we will check.
  o Noah Mudd
- Give spaces to groups of friends and organizations
  - Sukaina Syed
  - If it is too early, people may not want to stand in the cold

Adjournment

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)”