UT Dallas Student Government
Senate Meeting Agenda
10.05.2015

Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
Announcements
  • Oozeball
    o Date: Friday, Oct. 16 at 9 am-5 pm
    o Interested in playing
      ▪ Akshitha
      ▪ Anupam
      ▪ Charlie
      ▪ Nisha
  • Theta 5K
    o Saturday, October 10 at 6 pm

Visitors:
Mr. James Dockery, Title IX Coordinator
  • Thanks for opportunity to speak to SG!
  • Background
    o Here to talk about new policy and implementation
    o Arrived on campus in April, so he’s new to campus
    o Working in higher education for about 5 years
    o 30 years as adjunct professor in various schools
    o Bulk of career in corporate law or Air Force as judge advocate
  • What does he work on?
    o Sexual Harassment and Sexual misconduct policy
    o Designed to address issues that the Department of Education and Office of Civil Rights address in Title IX
  • Title IX: gender equity statute
    o Created in 1972
    o Gender parity for athletics
  • 2011
    o DOE and Office of Civil Rights
    o Trend: rising sexual assaults on university campuses that many institutions have not addressed appropriately
  • There are currently 137 universities being investigated by Department of Education and Office of Civil Rights
- Report from University of Virginia
- Investigations show that it created a hostile environment
  - Administration failed to do adequate job at addressing misconduct
- May 2015
  - Policy from UT System
  - Certain aspects need to be addressed
  - Responsible employees
    - University employee who has the duty to report incidents of sexual misconduct to the Title IX coordinator or other appropriate designees or an employee who has a responsible duty to report
    - Includes: all administrators, all faculty, all supervisory staff, all Residential Life directors/advisors, all teaching assistants. Exception: employees with a confidential obligation (counselor, women’s center, priests, physicians, etc.)
    - Goal: make certain that students understand policy in effect and how to best communicate the policy
      - Post on website, but not many will visit that website
      - UTD will ensure it is communicated well, because our campus administrators knows it’s important
- Model policy will arrive here
  - Includes Grant and Caitlynn
  - Work through policy to make it UTD specific
  - Certain parts are non-negotiable
- Confidentiality
  - Respect for privacy
  - Under federal law, responsible employees who receive a report must share that information with Title IX coordinator
  - Title XI coordinators may need to act to maintain campus safety and determine if further investigation is needed regardless of a request for confidentiality
- Title IX isn’t just about sexual assault on students, but also covers faculty and staff
- We want balance with concerns of person’s report and campus safety and free from people who will take advantage of others
- Caitlynn: Safe Zone distinctions
  - Will students be confused?
    - Response: We want all of campus to be a safe zone. If you trust someone enough to share information, try to understand that they will also understand how to take this information to the right resources.
- False claims are taken seriously as well and there are repercussions for these actions.
- Provides internal and external resources for all those at UT Dallas
Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor

- Thank you for the wonderful retreat!
- Briana and Dr. Kaplan will work on planning the “freshman/student handbook”

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Ex-officio reports:
Briana Lemos, SG Advisor
- Student Regent position
  - Texas Higher Education Hiring Board positions open as well
  - Talk to her if interested in either applications due soon.

Officer reports:
President: Caitlynn Fortner (cef130030@utdallas.edu)
- University Wide Committees
  - Will check in with everyone who has been assigned a committee
- Title IX
  - Movement by Charlie to move our Title IX discussion to now to be considerate of Mr. Dockery’s time (minutes above)
    - Internal discussion of Title IX recorded in New Business
- Bike Share
- Student Union
  - Will have a discussion in New Business
- Blue Books
  - Spread the word that we are not offering blue books for anymore
  - Individual schools should be offering them (Do they know this?)
  - If schools are not offering them, we will address the issue
- Viva Volunteer
  - Saturday, October 24th
  - Email Caitlynn if you can’t make it

Vice President: Grant Branam (gwb140030@utdallas.edu)
- BYOB Update
  - Too much of a liability for the school to pursue
  - Other schools allow(ed) it, but it was under the radar of administration
  - Looking at other options
  - Pushing for a bar in Comet Town/Northside
- Retreat Recap
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- Great retreat!
- Updates
  - Taking on large project – (UNIV 1010)
  - Dr. Kaplan
    - Each year, UNIV has a new definition (graded/non-graded, etc.)
    - This year, each school has 2 hours of meeting time
    - Recruiting of FYL’s was not based upon class times, so many classes could not have FYL’s as teachers
    - Now: recruit at school level with specifications of times in order to match within the schools
    - Dr. Kaplan’s suggestion: create/write a guidebook for freshman. Produce/publish it every year and use your budget to fund the guidebook as a gift for every new freshman student. Offers student to student perspective.
    - We have lots of policies, but not from student perspective
    - Working with Briana to come up with process/procedure to get started
    - Hopefully have it prepared for next August
- BHAGS from retreat
  - Discuss these goals with chairs
  - Focus on these as a way to focus on the future!
- StrengthsQuest (at retreat)
  - Reach out for yours if you haven’t gone over it yet
- Polos, Jackets, Binders
  - Bring binders to meetings
  - Keep agendas in there each week

Secretary: Casey Sublett

- Tailgate
  - November 14, 2015 from 11 am to 1 pm
  - Planned by Casey and Katie

Treasurer: Katie Truesdale

Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Raja Reddy (rxr142030@utdallas.edu)
Communications Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (rxt141430@utdallas.edu)
• Professional Email Writing
  o Address one topic per email
  o PowerPoint with detailed information- reach out if you want to see it!
  o Use pleasantries, but keep it short!
  o Proofread
  o Make sure you use the correct title (Ms./Mr./Dr.)
  o CC Briana, your chair, Caitlynn, and Grant on all emails

• Meet your Senator headshots
  o Taking pictures
  o Will continue this next week- please arrive at 5 pm
  o Short information plus picture will go onto digital signage

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Anupam Kumar (ask135630@utdallas.edu)

Legislative Affairs Committee: Jake Colling (jjc140530@utdallas.edu)
  ➢ Meeting with Amanda Rockow
  ➢ Richardson PACs
    o Work/partner with local groups
  ➢ Campus Debates
    o Debate with campus Republicans, Democrats, and other groups
    o Moving event to a later date in order to have a successfully planned event
  ➢ Letters to Politicians
    o We want to have speakers on campus, so we’ll be reaching out through letters.

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Noah Mudd (nwm140330@utdallas.edu)
  ➢ Res hall swipes update
    o Talked to someone in charge of university commons- it’s already happening!
    o System for renting equipment and reporting maintenance
  ➢ Outdoor exercise areas
    o Courtyards of residence halls
    o Pullup bars, dip bars
    o Suggestions- talk to Noah!
  ➢ Ice machines in res halls
    o Would have to take out washers or dryers in order to add ice machines
    o Looking into alternative options
  ➢ National Night Out
    o Officer Spigelmyer encourages SG to come to the event
    o We’ll head to the event after the meeting today!
  ➢ Snapchat
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- Filters in process
  - Placards in buildings
    - Joey: not updated with new president
    - Katie: they are made to represent administration at the time it was built

Student Affairs Committee: Charlie Hannigan (rxh122930@utdallas.edu)
- Smoking
  - Looking into benefits of transitioning to a smoke-free campus with “allowed zones” instead of smoking campus with “smoke-free zones”
- Rutford Road
  - Long term plan/idea: turn it into a pedestrian mall area like the current mall
- Lights behind the SU
  - Are behind the dining hall (next to ECS south) is dark
  - Maybe not dangerous, but needs more lighting
- Accessibility issues
  - Grant: serving on ADA so bring concerns to him
- Graduation regalia

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

Old Business:
New Business:
- Title IX/Confidentiality
  - Question
    - Charlie: what would be the repercussions for students who don’t want to participate in an investigation after sharing a concern?
    - Mr. Dockery: will not be forced and we do not want to hurt anyone in this process. Goal is to treat everyone with dignity and respect.
  - Question
    - Anupam: Outreach plan: students don’t know about this. What are the plans for outreach?
    - Mr. Dockery: looking to SG to help promote. Website, email, social media, and help from student groups. All freshmen take hazing training, so could be included in that. Communicate to all years.
  - Contact at TitleIXCoordinator@utdallas.edu
- Motion to extend discussion by 5 minutes: Charlie
  - Second: Adam
- Question
  - Nyemike: Speak to transfer students as well?
Dockery: if you want him to speak to a group, he’s ready to speak!

- Question
  - Christian Filsouf: statute of limitations
  - Dockery: there is not a statue of limitations, but as with most issues of sexual assault and other issues, it becomes more difficult to conduct an investigation later on. Address needs of respondent and community itself

- Investigation must occur within 60 days
  - Can be dual investigations- civil and criminal

- Extend by 5 minutes: Joey
  - Second: Katie

- Question
  - Raja: Does it include PA’s, undergraduate TA’s and undergraduate employees?
  - Dockery: Yes. When in doubt, report it.

- Question
  - Katie: Good for some people to be able to talk it out before they want to go to police. Will this change the number of people who report things?
  - Dockery: He understands the complexity in needing to report. What happens when a student has to go to class with a perpetrator? Want to respect confidentiality, but work on the civil side on Title IX to come to a resolution. At the end of the day, we want the best for the reporter/victim. We have the ability to change dorms and do things that can help students. If friends are resistant, encourage them to work with the Title IX team. Understands the challenge of confidentiality, but believes there is a bigger challenge of addressing assault.

- Caitlynn: Thank you Mr. Dockery! We will write up our concerns and recommendations.

- Recommendations for Title IX
  - Would like questions/recommendations to bring to Mr. Dockery or Neha
  - Charlie: communication side is okay, but concerned that people are less likely to report if it’s not confidential
    - Recommend: more delineated system for situations (not just “case by case basis”)
  - Anupam
    - Bathroom posters are effective for Health Center
    - Same could be implemented for Title IX
    - Direct them to the website
  - Raja
Concerned that undergraduate employees are included
- Non-negotiable component but should be made clear
  - Adam
    - Does it count if you are off the clock?
  - Grant: motion to extend discussion by 10 minutes
    - Second: Raja
    - Vote does not pass

> Student Union Improvements
  - Joey: doors coming from plinth to student union are congested
    - Adam’s suggestion: automatic doors
  - Akshitha: more outlets near booths
  - Whiteboards
    - Andrew
      - Write on the glass - more modern
    - Joey: behind comet center - could add glass walls between eating area and hallway or glass on the tables
  - Adam: more corkboards!
  - Akshitha
    - Places for studying
    - Microwave - upstairs! (Raja: have multiple microwaves downstairs)
  - Grant: paint alma mater on the wall instead of having it on a poster
    - Charlie: Sand blasted glass is an option
  - Adam
    - Expand size of the union

> Senator of the Month
  - Motion: Noah
  - Second: Raja
  - Raja: It's Ziya!
    - Passionate and motivated!
    - Alumni relations idea
    - Exemplify everything that UTD should be!
    - Ziya: honored and looking forward to achieving a lot in the future with SG

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)”