

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Minutes

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary
Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
Announcements

Visitors:

Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Ex-officio reports:

Briana Lemos, SG Advisor

Officer reports:

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

- University-Wide Committees
 - Academic Calendar
 - 1 SG Representatives
 - Academic Senate Observers
 - 3 SG Representatives
- Senator of the Month – revival
- Accessibility Test Group
 - OIT looking for students for testing technology
 - 1 Student
- Bylaws Updates
 - Keep an eye out for changes you would like to make over break
 - Resolution Policy
 - Other
- Vacant Positions
 - Elections next semester (January 9th)
 - Legislative, GIA, Student Affairs, and Judicial chairs will be available
- Semester closing remarks

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

- Public Arts Initiative – update
 - Allocating this meeting for murals in JSOM
- Public Piano – update



- In the process of finding one
- Spring Retreat
 - Up to Senator to get acquainted with SG

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

- Nothing to report

Treasurer: Reuben Rusk (Reuben.Rusk@utdallas.edu)

- Budget report
 - \$26,609 available

Committee reports:

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

- Advising Survey
 - To be sent out soon
- iTunes U
 - In process of convincing Faculty Senate and getting them on board
 - Send to Dr. Musselman
- Student Accessibility Center Survey
 - Working on creating a survey

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

- Holiday Card Picture – reminder
- Video series and boothing
 - Boothing in beginning of semester to showcase committees
- Bulletin Board – progress update
 - Update bulletin board locations
- Acrylic Sign Flyers
 - Keeping acrylic signs in SSA/SSB bathrooms
- Tri-fold updates
 - Tri-fold could use some adjustment
 - Create some metric to ascertain student attitude towards SG

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Jason Waye (Jason.Waye@utdallas.edu)

- Hot Water Machines
 - Trying to get hot water machines around campus for tea/coffee
- Integration of International Students
 - Looking at QEP to determine best ways to integrate
- Professional Development for Graduate Students
 - Determine what we can do to facilitate graduate students' entry into workforce
- Bus Improvements
 - Continuing to meet with parking and transportation to improve routes
- Farewell and Thank You

Legislative Affairs Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (Rebecca.Tjahja@utdallas.edu)

- Know Your Rights
 - Design, verbiage, and translations ready
- Policy Plug
 - Look out for script next semester



- Polling Booths on Campus
- Debate
 - Pushed back to next semester
- Career in Public Service Day
- Thank You and Farewell

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

- 24 Hour Dining Update
 - CHAC is open to the idea of extended hours
 - Possible pilot program during finals week next semester
- Blue Bin Green Initiative
 - Rentable blue bins for dorms
- Carpooling Program and Uber/Lyft Collaboration
 - Mimicking UT Austin carpooling and “shore ride” program
 - Discount for students looking for a ride home during late hours
- Residence Halls/Cannon Creek Activities
 - Updating quality of res life materials
 - Looking into recreation at Canyon Creek
- Hammocking Project
 - Looking into locations near apartments
 - Use metal poles instead of wooden poles

Student Affairs Committee: Sammy Lutes (Samuel.Lutes@utdallas.edu)

- Working with Counseling Center
 - Feedback surveys and FAQ so students understand services available at counseling center
 - Phone number has been put on UTD app
- Pamphlets
 - Working with Counseling center, wellness center, and res life to place pamphlets in residence halls
- Comet Card office
 - Get expiration dates on Comet Cards
 - Conduct polling to read interest on it
- Bike Locks
 - Publicize U-locks; harder to break
 - Event sometime next semester to publicize the right kinds of locks and bike registration
- Campus Safety
- Beautification
 - President’s park on North side of campus near Admin building
 - Convert into park area for students to gather
- Farewell and Thank You

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

- Updating SG Website and Communication Form
 - Streamline communication with student body
- Amazon Lockers
 - Might procure next semester



- Tech Vending Machines
 - Location: Student Union
 - Power banks, USB's, cables

Old Business:

New Business:

- Alex moves to allocate \$4000 for JSOM mural project
 - Accounts for hardware, installation, artist wage
 - Series of acrylic geometric patterns
 - Allocation for plaque to be submitted soon
 - Alex will be meeting with administration over break
 - Designed by UTD Student Travis Fowler
- Areeb moves to open a 5 min discussion on purpose of resolutions
 - UT San Antonio has adopted new standards for perspectives of Student Government
 - Resolutions in the past have been used for contentious topics; UTD has stayed away from political issues
 - Adam: I would like a formalized process; other universities use it as a democratized process
 - C. Filsouf: There are better avenues to take action
 - Sammy: Responsive policy post-polling for issues concerning a significant sector of the student body
 - Rebecca: We represent a certain amount of constituents; this is a good way to permanently represent those students
 - Jason: Resolutions have been good because the small number of them reflect the significance of the issues we do care about
 - Put on website so students see this is what we believe
 - Eric: Agreement with Jason

Adjournment