

TENTATIVE AGENDA OF THE STUDENT SENATE

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

16 FEBRUARY 2010

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 02/2/2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS

Ex-Officio Reports

ADVISOR: PATTY ATCHLEY

Officer Reports

PRESIDENT: DIANA KAO

- Representing SG
- SOF Meetings
- Reception for Former SG President
- Lone Star Colloquium
- Senator of the Month

VICE PRESIDENT: REMSEN JENNINGS

- *I Heart UT Dallas: Hearts for Haiti*
 - Fund Allocation Request
 - "Save the Date" sent to Student Organizations
 - Registration Fee: \$15 per person – ALL proceeds go to Haiti victims
 - NEXT MEETING: Wed, February 17 at 8:30AM in SG Conference Room
- *Elections*: Hang Banners and Posters Next Week
- Communications Committee Chair

TREASURER: SARA MAHMOOD

- Sustainability Committee's next meeting:

Committee Reports

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: EMILY LICHTENHELD

- Next meeting:

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

- New Student Programs Mixer
- Next meeting:

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: PRASHANT RAGHAVENDRAN

- Next meeting:

GRADUATE & INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: ABHI SINGH

- Next meeting:

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: BRYAN THOMPSON

- Res Hall Planning
- Next meeting:

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: JAI SONDHI

- Next meeting:

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: YASH GOGTE

- Next meeting:

Ad Hoc Committees

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: ANDREW PREVIC

- Meeting with the new sustainability administrator
- Energy Reduction Competition
- Invitation to all interested in serving on the committee
- Next Meeting:

TEXTBOOK TASK FORCE: DINA SHAHROKHI

Old Business:

New Business:

- Allocate up to \$5,000 for I Heart UT Dallas
- Nominations for Communications Committee Chair

Adjournment



The Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee is an ad-hoc committee of student government at the University of Texas at Dallas.

The committee works with and in certain cases reports to the Sustainability Steering Committee which is a University-wide Standing Committee appointed by the President that reports to the administration.

This cooperation defines the relationship between this committee and the university standing committee, The Sustainability Committee specializes in tasks that students can carry out without the need for direct administrative assistance. Projects and proposals that require either extensive funding by the University or that require approval from the administration for completion, fall under the University-wide Standing Committee's charge and as such, are not handled by this committee.

The committee has three main concerns: increasing environmental awareness among students, pursuing projects that promote sustainable measures on campus, and finally, researching sustainable technology and or project proposals brought forth by students or faculty to the committee.

1. **Increasing student awareness-** This task involves informing students of the sustainable measures that they can take to reduce waste and save energy on and off campus. Examples of this task include sponsoring events during Texas Recycle Day and/or Earth Day that inform students about the numerous items that can be recycled and the many ways said items may be recycled on campus.
2. **Pursuing projects that promote sustainability-** This task involves both designing as well as funding projects that lead to more sustainable measures on campus. Some of these projects will be designed to promote students taking an active role in achieving sustainable measures on campus. Students and members of this committee will be able to setup and complete these tasks without requiring administrative assistance.
3. **Researching sustainable measures-** This task involves researching possible solutions to energy and waste problems that may or may not require administrative assistance. It is the intent of this committee to provide initial research into such proposals that are deemed worthwhile

by the committee members serving at the time. If a proposal does not require administrative assistance, it may then be pursued by The Sustainability Committee as a project that promotes sustainability if the committee so decides. If a proposal requires administrative assistance then the proposal along with research performed by committee members will be transferred to the University-wide Sustainability Steering Committee.

Currently, the committee has no requirements for voting among its members. Members of this ad-hoc committee are determined by the chair with the approval of the remaining committee members based on the dedication that the interested participant shows by attending meetings and working on assigned tasks. The chair of the committee serves for one year. Elections for the position are held in the same month as executive committee elections in student government. In the event that a chair must step down, the committee may vote and appoint another member to fill the chair position.

One of the goals of this committee, in addition to its three main concerns is to attain permanent status as a standing committee of student government at the University. The committee would be comprised of four to six senators. The meetings would be open to all students including those not in student government. And while only senators would be allowed to vote on issues brought to the committee, non-senators would be able to participate in discussion and offer both ideas and support in the planning and active stages of a project. The chair of the committee would be elected by the senate annually during executive committee elections or when required following a current chair's dismissal or resignation.