

**Student Government Association
Minutes for January 10, 2006**

Visitors: Sergeant Roger Stearns from the UTD Police Department, and Michael-President of SAE fraternity.

Roll Call-

Present: Basheer Benhalim, Iris Kwong, Zeeshan Abedin, Dustin Allen, Malinda Ballard, Erik Clark, Snir Cohen, Ben Cooke, Ben Dower, Thomas Elliott, George Graham, Allison Groves, Karen Huang, Steven Hughes, Felecity Lenes, Cassiopia Lippold, Ryen Maddox, Shamin Masrouf, Manfred Mecoy, Justin Nealy, SeTara Cherryell Ozan, Pamela Palagonia, Kevin Patel, Juliann Peterson, Megan Poulson, Sophie Rutenbar, Rachael Sanderson, Lucas Shelton, Jason Stephen, Benedict Voit, Ian Williams, Adit Wongsaroj, Kerri West, Yen Yoon

Excused Absence: Dalton Barnett, Ryan Barnett, Omer Jamal, Abdulla Majid, Mohammed Ahmed Subhani, Mohammed Suhail, Almas Syed

Unexcused Absence: Vidya Ayyr, Jennifer Carter, Christopher Manes, Paul Tran, Elizabeth Udeh, Chase Whitehead

Guest Speaker: Sergeant Roger Stearns from the UTD Police Department

- SGA liaison with the UTD Police Department
- Will try to make every SGA general meeting
- Heads the Student Patrol Program
 - Training will be going on this week and next week
 - Additional information is available on their website
- Talked about the Student Explorer program
- Offered ride-alongs for his evening shift

President: Basheer Benhalim

- Senator of the month
 - November: Allison Groves
 - December: Kevin Patel
- Bradley Wallace to join senate
- School-wide Strategic Plan
 - Greek housing, Division II Athletics move
- Greek housing planning going forward significantly
- Committee reassignments
- Chapel on campus
- Basketball game at Austin College
 - Thursday , February 9th 2006
 - Bus will be provided
- Home basketball game raffle
 - \$5000 scholarship, distributed through Dean Coleman's office

Vice President: Iris Kwong

- Spring Elections
 - Reminder to think about positions to run for
 - Election committee
- Latin Honors Committee
 - Dean Coleman will be at the meeting on Friday, 2 pm
- Service Learning Committee
 - Received funding during Student Fees committee meeting
- SACS meeting
 - Iris and Felecity have been attending meetings
- Student Film Festival
 - Deadline for films is February 15th
 - George will edit films for \$50
 - Budget for each organization is \$100

Graduate and International Students Committee: Chris Manes

- Absent

Academic Affairs Committee: Shamin Masrou

- Meet with committee members after meeting

Communications Committee: Pam Palagonia

- Organization Fair- Thursday, January 12th, 12:30-2:30 pm- need senators to sign-up
- SGA Sound Off (last Tuesday of every month)
 - Changed name from Time of the Month
 - Questions and feedback from students- January 31st, 11 am-1 pm
 - SGA “This Week at UTD” update- need some writers

Technology Committee: Kevin Patel

- New Website Tutorial- internet was not working
- Luminous News Feed- students will be able to see SGA updates online; rough draft is ready
- WebCT vs. Blackboard- iPod casting module for WebCT; possibly a deluxe version of WebCT

Student Life Committee: Ryen Maddox

- Committee meeting soon
- More information on kick-off before filing to be announced later

Waterview and Commuter Students Committee: Erik Clark

- Issue- should parking fee be part of rent?

Student Services: Snir Cohen

- Student Business Alliance
 - Cleaning through list

- Making contacts and finding more discounts
- Advertising in the Mercury in 2 weeks
- Committee members need to contact Snir with their schedule to find time for a committee meeting

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Motion to instate Bradley Wallace to Senate
 - Motion passed
- Motion to allocate \$500 for basketball game raffle
 - Motion passed
- Motion to change \$300 for web service and let money be used at Kevin Patel's (Technology Chair) discretion to make the website better
 - Motion passed
- Motion to have SGA support Greek Housing committee
 - Michael, SAE fraternity president and member of the Greek Housing committee, talked about the 10-year plan for Greek housing
 - Plan to have proposal in by March 17th 2006
 - In 3 years, plan to have a Greek facility
 - In 5 years, plan to have the 1st house (20-30 acres total for all houses)
 - In 7-10 years, plan to open a Greek row
 - Motion passed

Announcements:

- Basheer thanked all of those who joined him in meeting Raymond Perez,
Coordinating Board
- Manfred gave an update on the CRUSH organization
- Basheer reminded senate to think about new traditions

Advisor's Report: Patty Atchley

- Reiterated Iris' point about the SACS committee
- First basketball game of the semester on Thursday
- Cheerleading squad is opening practices to students who would like to try-out
- Martin Luther King breakfast on the January 19th (Thursday)
- Leadership Consortium- conference on February 3rd 2006
- Update on SUAAB activities

Motion to adjourn