

Student Government Meeting April 25, 2006

Roll Call

Present: Basheer Benhalim, Iris Kwong, Zeeshan Abedin, Erik Clark, Snir Cohen, Ben Dower, Khalid El Rafie, George Graham, Karen Huang, Omer Jamal, Felicity Lenes, Cassiopia Lippold, Ryen Maddox, Shamin Masrour, Sarha Mavrakis, Manfred Mecoy, Pam Palagonia, Kevin Patel, Juliann Peterson, Sophie Rutenbar, Mohammed Suhail, Almas Syed, Benedict Voit, Adit Wongsaroj, Kerri West, Yen Yoon.

Unexcused: Malinda Ballard, Ben Cooke, Abdulla Majid, Megan Poulson, David Rubin, Rachael Sanderson, Lucas Shelton, Mohammed Ahmed Subhani, Bradley Wallace.

Excused: None

Election Committee Chair: George Graham

- Outcome of election: Basheer as President and Felicity as Vice-president

Approval of Minutes:

- Corrections: Khalid El Rafie was present
- Minutes approved as corrected

President: Basheer Benhalim

- Reappointments: reappoint senators whose term ends in May to allow them to continue till the fall
- Legislative Affairs Committee
 - A senate committee
 - Lobbyist/Advocate for UTD students
 - Be in charge of event when legislatures come to visit
- Executive Committee
 - Have the senate elect the executive committee for the upcoming year
- A possible alternate meeting time for next year
- May 10th and 11th, Basheer and Iris will be at the Regents Meeting as representatives of the UTSSAC and UTD: anyone is welcomed to join
- Latin honors: issue was tabled again at the meeting last Wednesday, implementation/approval is set back 2 years because the catalog has already been sent to the printer

Vice President: Iris Kwong

- Gave gifts to committee chairs; special recognition to George Graham
- Senator of the year: Kevin Patel
- Committee of the year: Technology Committee

Graduate and International Students Committee: Sophie Rutenbar

- +/- issue is still in the air; town hall meeting did not happen due to lack of time

Academic Affairs Committee: Shamin Masrou

- Thanked committee members
- Should be getting a Spanish major soon

Communications Committee: Pam Palagonia

- We have new posters up in the case

Technology Committee: Kevin Patel

- Galaxy: pushed back about 6 months
- Met with the new Bookstore manager
 - Have athletic apparel
 - Should have book list online 24 hours a day
 - Teacher evaluations will not just show statistics but comments as well
 - I-tunes: send out an e-mail to all teachers to see who is interested
 - Would not like electronic voting/not secure enough
 - Newly elected senators composite is online

Student Life Committee: Ryen Maddox

- Banner reminding students about senate meetings to be put outside the Student Union
- Gifts for those who helped with Spring Filing Fling

Waterview and Commuter Students Committee: Erik Clark

- CHAC meeting: Waterview is getting better, things will get done
 - Work order summaries
 - Talked about security issues: complete fences on Waterview

Student Services: Snir Cohen

- Election Reform
 - Election code needs to be re-written, will be worked on over the summer
- Student Business Alliance will be re-worked
- Co-op bookstore plan is moving along
- Gifts for Basheer and Iris from the senate

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Motion to reappoint senators for the summer: Manfred Mecoy, Iris Kwong, Ryen Maddox, Adit Wonsaroj, Shamin Masrou, Omer Jamal, Cassiopia Lippold
 - Senate accepted nominations
 - Motion approved
- Motion to elect committee chairs
 - Friendly amendment to suspend the 2-week period and allow voting to occur today
 - Graduate and International Students Committee
 - Nominations: Kevin Patel (accepted)
 - Motion to close nominations- approved

- Kevin Patel is the new committee chair
 - Academic Affairs Committee:
 - Nominations: Juliann Peterson, Iris Kwong, Shamin Masrour
 - Motion to close nominations- approved
 - Nominees gave a brief speech and were asked questions
 - Senate will vote by secret ballot
 - Basheer will cast a vote in the case of a tie
 - Iris was elected new committee chair
 - Communications Committee:
 - Nominations: Sarha Mavrakis, Juliann Peterson
 - Motion to close nominations- approved
 - Nominees gave a brief speech
 - Sarha was elected new committee chair
 - Technology Committee:
 - Nominations: Ben Dower, Cassiopia Lippold
 - Motion to close nominations- approved
 - Nominees gave a brief speech
 - Ben was elected new committee chair
 - Student Life Committee:
 - Nominations: Ryen Maddox, Manfred Mecoy
 - Motion to close nominations- approved
 - Nominees gave a brief speech
 - Manfred was elected new committee chair
 - Waterview and Commuter Students Committee:
 - Nominations: Juliann Peterson
 - Motion to close nominations- approved
 - Juliann is new committee chair
 - Student Services:
 - Nominations: Snir Cohen
 - Motion to close nominations- approved
 - Snir remains committee chair
 - Secretary
 - Nominations: Omer Jamal
 - Motion to close nominations- approved
 - Omer is new secretary
 - Motion to allocate \$200 for a Student Government banner
 - Motion passed
 - Motion to approve Judicial Board recommendations
 - Motion passed
- Advisor's Report: Patty Atchley
- Congratulated the senate

Motion to adjourn – passed
7 pm