

Student Government Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2006

Call to Order: 10:00 PM

Roll Call: Basheer Benhalim, Felicity Lenes, Jessica Ahmed, Zeeshan Abedin, Dan Bautista, David Cameron, Stephanie Chan, Jimmy Chu, Snir Cohen, Ben Dower, Julie Evans, George Graham, Scott Hooker, Omer Jamal, William Kelly, Iris Kwong, Shamin Masrouf, Sarha Mavrakis, Manfred Mecoy, Julia O'Kelley, Kevin Patel, Albert Ramirez, Lori Skillestad, Juliann Peterson, Jason Stephen, , Bradley Wallace, Kerri West, Adit Wongsaroj, Yen Yoon

Absent: Mohammed Suhail, Abdulla Majid, Karen Huang, Ben Cooke

Approval of Minutes

Announcements:

Visitors:

SUABB Representatives: Traditions Chair Tineil Lewis & Holidays Chair Yormynnely Grajales

- Discuss upcoming SUABB events throughout the next two weeks

UTD Police Liaison: Sergeant Roger Stearns

SOF: (Absent)

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Basheer Benhalim

- Treasurer
 - A. Treasurer will be compensated each semester
 - B. Will serve as a voting member of Executive Committee
 - C. Oversee the budget of SG Senate at each meeting
 - D. Submit spending reports to EC each month
 - E. Attend all Senate and EC meetings
- Athletic Fee
 - A. Athletics Operations Budget Referendum
 1. remove athletic program funding to be removed from student services fee
 2. fee will provide funding for athletic programs and operations
 3. Proposed Cost:
 - a) Full time student \$45 per student per semester
 - b) 6 week summer session \$22.50
 - c) 8 week summer session \$30.00
 - d) 12 week summer session \$45.00
 4. Fee may be increased from one academic year to the next
 - B. Referendum will be voted on during the FALL 2006 SG Elections
 - C. Athletic training/Practice Facility Referendum
 1. Fee supports the construction, equipping, operation, and maintenance of an athletic training/practice facility
 2. Proposed Cost:
 - a) Fulltime student \$102

- b) 6 week summer session \$51
 - c) 8 week summer session \$68
 - d) 12 week summer session \$102
 - 3. Fee may be increased from one academic year to the next
 - D. Referendum will be voted on during the FALL 2006 SG Elections
- DART Fee
 - A. Supports the implementation of a transportation system to finance a DART pass/shuttle service
 - B. Fee will be \$18 per student/semester and \$9 for summer session
 - C. Fee may be increased from one academic year to the next
 - D. Referendum will be voted on during the FALL 2006 SG Elections
- Approval of Election Board
 - A. Two additional members have been added to the election board, Dustin Bowen and Steven Hughes
- New Meeting Time
 - A. SG meetings will return to their previous time at 5:00 PM at every other Tuesday, dinner will be provided

Vice – President: Felicity Lenes

- Homecoming Budget Reallocation
 - A. An additional \$8,000.00 needs to be allocated towards Homecoming due to increasing costs
- Mural Project
 - A. Student Life Committee will be in charge of the mural project
 - B. Mural Design will go through a Jury Selection Process
 - 1. Jury will be made up of Art faculty, art students, and non art students
- Secretary
 - A. Because Omer is leaving the Senate, a new secretary will need to be elected
 - B. Nominations will be made in new business
- Senators of the Month for August and September
 - A. Scott Hooker and George Graham
- Election Help: all senators not running need to serve at least one hour over the course of the next three days

Graduate & International Students Committee: Kevin Patel

- Exchange email accounts
 - A. Students supposedly loose access to their Exchange UTD accounts over the summer
 - B. Dial 972.883.2911 to get help to fix this problem
- ISBN numbers from Barnes and Nobles
 - A. Kevin is currently submitting proposals to add ISBN numbers to all books on Barnes & Nobles Website to their administration
- Alcohol in The Pub
 - A. Kevin is trying to get alcohol in The Pub
 - B. UT Board of Regents must approve it

Academic Affairs: Iris Kwong

- Teacher Evaluations
 - A. Teacherevaluations.com is receiving a lot of outsider interest
- Academic Affairs Committee will help coordinate the Online Book Exchange with the Technology Committee

- Currently working on a new major in the School of Social Sciences
- Iris is trying to implement a program where distinguished professors come to UTD to teach economics
- Student Advising is also being worked on

Communications Committee: Sarha Mavrakis

- Rock the Vote Event September 26 at 12:00 PM
 - A. The Senate has decided to hold Rock the Vote, concurrently with the Fall SG elections, instead of in October
 - B. Sarha requests that all senators help out during the even from 11:15 AM to 2:30 PM
 - C. Sarha suggests that in New Business up to \$600 be allocated for food, drinks, and etc.
- Maintenance & Repair Facilities Hotline Homepage: www.utdallas.edu/facilitieshotline/
 - A. Good resource for students to who have maintenance issues across campus
- McDermott Library Banner – need permission from administration to hang banner

Technology Committee: Ben Dower

- Online Book Exchange (OBE)
 - A. The old OBE will be brought back
- Issue of the Week
 - A. Will help advertisement SG projects
 - B. The current “Issue of the Week” is the DART pass/shuttle and Athletics Fee
 - C. Ben wants to place an announcement on UTD Galaxy’s homepage

Student Life Committee: Manfred Mecoy

- Mural Project
 - A. Mural will be created on the wall opposite to the Pub in the Student Union patio
 - B. Jury will consist of 3 faculty members, 1 art experienced student, and 1 non-art experienced student
- Rock
 - A. Manfred is wanting to bring the Rock project back
- Parking Ticket Violations
 - A. There have been several complaints about the parking meters malfunctioning

Waterview & Commuter Students Committee: Juliann Peterson

- Commuter Student Mixer – September 26 from 5 PM to 7 PM
 - A. Juliann requests that senators help, 4:30 PM to 7: 30 PM
- Campus Housing Advising Committee (CHAC) update
 - A. Flyers concerning pest control tips will be distributed to Waterview residents
 - B. A newsletter will also be distributed to Waterview residents about SG projects
 - C. A new replacement policy has been implemented at Waterview
 1. A \$100 fee must be submitted if an occupant is moving out before their contract expires, and is finding a replacement
 - D. Next Committee meeting is this Thursday
 - E. New bike racks have been installed

Student Services Committee: Snir Cohen

- Student Business Alliance (SBA)
 - A. SBA list will be prepared for the UTD Mercury within two weeks
 - B. The design for the SBA advertisement is also being worked on
- Committee meetings will either be held on Tue, Wed, Thur, or during the weekend

- Snir also request input from the entire senate on project proposals
- Snir is also working on getting better lockers with functional locks for the UTD Bookstore

Old Business:

- Athletic Operations Budget Referendum
 - motion passed
- Athletic Training/Practice Facility Referendum
 - motion passed
- DART Transportation Referendum
 - motion passed
- Election Code
 - motion passed
 - The proposed new code/bylaws were accepted, while the requirement that all senators maintain 2.50 GPA still holds
- Constitutional Amendments
 - Revisions to Student Government's Constitution must sit for 30 days within the Senate before discussion convene

New Business:

- Treasurer
 - A. Grammar mistakes corrected
 - B. Motion to approve Treasurer Position
 - Motion passed
 - C. Nominations for Treasurer
 - Adit Wongsaroj
 - Shamin Masrou
 - D. Nominations will open up in two weeks for voting
- Secretary
 - A. Nominations for Secretary: Yen Yoon
 - Yen Yoon has been elected as SG Secretary
- Homecoming Budget Allocation
 - A. Motion to allocated up to \$8,000 to Homecoming
 - Motion passed
- Approval Election Board
 - A. Motion to approve Election Board
 - Motion passed
- Rock the Vote
 - A. Motion to allocate up to \$600 for Rock the Vote
 - Motion passed

Advisor's report: Patty Atchley

- Family Day- September 30
 - SG Senators should participate
- Sounds of Class – September 23
 - SG Senators should participate
- Copy Center has extended its hours
- Sign up to work election booth

Motion to Adjourn

11:50 PM