

Student Government Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2006

Roll Call

**Present:** Basheer Benhalim, Felicity Lenes, Zeeshan Abedin, Jessica Amber Ahmed, Eraj Akhtar, Dan Bautista, Harrison John Boyd. Jr., Clinton Brennan, Stephanie Chan, Snir Cohen, Ben Dower, Wencong Fa, Yana Gelman, Farzan Ghodsianzadeh, Ashley Hooker, Scott Hooker, Paul Ingram, Maria Islam, Haseeb Jangda, Nicholas 'Kyle' Keller, Iris Kwong, Benjamin Linke, Arie Litovsky, Megan Malone, Shubham Manchanda, Chris Marciano, Shamin Masrour, Sarha Mavrakis, Manfred Mecoy, Nathaniel Mireles, Julia O'Kelly, Kevin Patel, Juliann Peterson, MiaoMiao Qu, Ammar Rahim, Jennifer Rogas, Steven Rosson, Syed Maaz Shah, Tim Shipper, Abhimanyu 'Abhi' Singh, Jason Stephen, Alex Swaim, Ana Tavares, Stephanie Taylor, Chris Toolin, Bradley Wallace, Kerri West, Chase Whitehead, Adit Wongsaroj, Molly Wurzer, Yen Yoon, William Kelly, Lori Skillestad.

**Excused:** Jimmy Chu

**Unexcused:** Julie Evans, Karen Huang, Mohammed Ali Jamal, Albert Ramirez,

Announcements

- Fast-a-thon by the Muslim Student Association: October 12th
- ZBT Charity Poker Tournament benefiting Children's Miracle Network: October 5<sup>th</sup>

SUAAB Representative: Kendra Sikes

- Hosted Family Day last weekend
- Coming up: Latin Comedy Club, October Fest, Battle of the Bands

SOF Representative: Patty Atchley

- Meetings are on Thursday

Service Learning Representative: Terry Hockenbrough

- Congratulations to all senators
- Purpose of Service Learning: connecting students to service opportunities; learn through service and serve through learning
- Website has been updated
- October 25<sup>th</sup>: National "Make A Difference" Day

President: Basheer Benhalim

- Welcome to all new senators
- Good conduct is expected of the Senate
- Election results:

- Highest turnout for a fall election
- Last fall election before moving to a yearly format
- Homecoming Float
  - Manfred is in charge
- Beautification project
  - \$10 million project
  - landscape architecture firm is starting to make plans
- UTSSAC
  - Beginning to form proposals to present in May
- UT Serve
  - Please start thinking of possible service events
- Student Regent
  - Applications are available
  - The current student regent will be visiting UTD next Wednesday

Vice-President: Felicity Lenes

- Constitutional Amendments
  - Scott Hooker: Chair of Election Board
  - Board will be going through the constitution again, so the issue is tabled till the next meeting
- Committee Assignments
  - New senators, please choose top 3 committees you would like to be on and e-mail your choices to Felicity
- National “Make A Difference” Day
  - Coincides with Homecoming Dance
  - Will advertise students to bring canned food to events
- Fight Song
  - Our fight song is to the melody of “Texas, Our Texas”
- Homecoming President’s Dinner
  - October 27<sup>th</sup>, for presidents of all organizations on campus

Graduate and International Students Committee: Kevin Patel

- Next committee meeting: October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Would like to work on a referendum for beer in the PUB
- Bookstore: Barnes and Noble will send the bookstore their updated book list

Academic Affairs Committee: Iris Kwong

- Committee meetings are on Wednesdays at 8:30 pm; next meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>
- If you would like to receive minutes from the committee meetings, give your name and e-mail address to Iris

Communications Committee: Sarha Mavrakis

- SG sound off will be held every month
- Please support the Fast-a-thon and Poker Charity Tournament
- Student Government hoodies: \$900 for 60; please sign up for size
- Would like to purchase a Student Government tent: \$1600 at the most

- Student Government sign (40 ft x 10 ft) for the library could cost up to \$1600

#### Technology Committee: Ben Dower

- Student Government website has been updated
- Working on iPod Casting
- Committee will meet every other week
- Issue of the week on the Student Government website
  - Trying to get Galaxy and CV website involved
- Online book exchange: will not be headed by Student Government because there is already a free website for online book exchange for UT Dallas

#### Student Life Committee: Manfred Mecoy

- The Rock issue has been tabled
- Mural: will be meeting with faculty members this week to determine the jury who will determine the mural
- Those who want to help with the homecoming float, please contact Manfred
- Will be fixing malfunctioning parking meters

#### Waterview and Commuter Students Committee: Juliann Peterson

- Had a mixer for commuter students
- Online Waterview survey is in the near future
- CHAC report
  - Lease replacement policy
  - Co-operating with Wells Fargo to help with international students paying rent
- New housing starting Fall 2008
- Phase 1-4: finishing wiring fire alarms to automatically alert the emergency authorities

#### Student Services: Snir Cohen

- Committee meeting next Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the SG conference room
- Will be working on the logistics of Campus Shuttle
- Student Business Alliance will go out in 2 weeks
- Working on student liaison with the City of Richardson City Council
- Would like to look into getting a 24-hour facility on campus
- Scantrons: have received complaints that SG gives free stuff, but not enough of it
- Would like to work on improving the Art Barn

#### Old Business

- Treasurer elections:
  - Nominations were re-opened
  - No new nominations
  - Current nominations: Shamin Masrouj and Adit Wongsaroj
  - Shamin wins the election (25-24 votes)
- Motion to table Constitutional Amendments
  - Motion passed

### New Business

- Motion to allocate \$900 for Student Government hoodies
  - Motion passed
- Motion to allocate \$1600 for Student Government sign
  - Motion passed
- Motion to allocate up to \$1600 for Student Government tent
  - Motion passed
- Motion to approve proposed changes to the standing rules
  - Article 1, Section 3. Absentee Policy
    - A. Any senator who does not attend at least ninety minutes or till conclusion of business of a senate meeting, or is more than fifteen minutes late will be considered absent. Their absence can be excused by the President, or in the absence of the President, the Vice President only.
  - Motion passed

Meeting adjourned – 7:00 PM