

Student Government Minutes
October 31, 2006

Present: Basheer Benhalim, Felicity Lenes, Zeeshan Abedin, Jessica Amber Ahmed, Eraj Akhtar, Dan Bautista, Harrison John Boyd Jr., Clinton Brennan, Stephanie Chan, Jimmy Chu, Snir Cohen, Ben Dower, Wencong Fa, Yana Gelman, Farzan Ghodsianzadeh, Ashley Hooker, Scott Hooker, Karen Huang, Maria Islam, Mohammed Ali Jamal, Haseeb Jangda, William Kelly, Iris Kwong, , Megan Malone, Shubam Manchanda, Chris Marciano, Shamin Masrour, Manfred Mecoy, Nathaniel Mireles, Julia O'Kelly, Kevin Patel, Juliann Peterson, MiaoMao Qu, Jeff Poole, Ammar Rahim, Jennifer Rogas, Steven Rosson, Tim Shipper, Jason Stephen, Alex Swaim, Ana Tavares, Chris Toolin, Kerri West, Chase Whitehead, Adit Wongsaraj, Molly Wurzer, Bradley Wallace

Excused: Nicholas "Kyle" Keller, Albert Ramirez, Syed Maaz Shah, Julie Evans, Arie Litovsky

Unexcused: Paul Ingram, Benjamin Linke, Lori Skillestad

Approval of minutes: approved

Visitors:

- Dr. Marilyn Kaplan
- Dr. Darrelene Rachavong
- Dr. Jim Gary
 - 1st wireless network to Phase 8 in 2001 and last updated in 2004
- Officer Rodriguez: Officer Roger Stearns has taken a position at Vanderbilt University; Officer Rodriguez is his replacement (serg@utdallas.edu).

Special Presentation:

Anne Caldwell: Office of International Students Services

- International Education Week (Nov. 13th – 17th)
- Collaborating with Office of International Education

Matt Grief: Details of Time Warner Cable agreement

- Refer to handout
- 11 year contract
- Waterivew network will be removed once everything is working

Scott Hooker: Election Board Chair

- We have passed all the amendments that were tabled
- Controversial issue: 2.75 GPA for all senators
 - Will have students voting on it on November 13th and 14th

President: Basheer Benhalim

- Student Regent Process
 - We have selected 5 students as nominees from UT Dallas:
 - Bradley Wallace
 - Kevin Patel

- Kurt Steward
 - Paul Ingram
 - John Keese
- Resolutions
 - Study of serving alcohol in the PUB
 - Extended period for appeal of traffic violations (from 7 days to 14 days)
 - Time Warner Cable: would like to table it and form a committee to discuss it
 - Time at which course schedule be released by the submission of mid-term grades for the following semester
 - Future agreements with on-campus booksellers should include a provision to provide ISBN numbers
 - Committee reorganization: combine Student Services and Student Life committees and adding a Legislative Affairs committee

Vice President: Felicity Lenes

- Thanks to Make a Difference Day participants
- Holiday Gift Swap: November 28 (last senate meeting before the holidays)
 - Value under \$15
- Town Hall Meeting: November 8, 6pm- 7pm
 - All senators are required to attend
- QEP handouts
 - Dr. Sibert directs the QEP office for UTD
 - Please fill one out and bring it back to the next meeting
 - If you are in an organization, please take some to your organization(s)
- Course Schedule Recommendations
 - Recommendation that the course schedule be released by the submission of mid-term grades to give students more time to decide
- Senator of the Month: Julie Evans

Graduate and International Students Committee: Kevin Patel

- Alcohol in the PUB Resolution
 - We are not saying that we agree or disagree with it
 - Would like to investigate the feasibility of serving alcohol
- Ticket Appeal Resolution
 - Would like to change it from 7 days to 14 days to appeal
- Book list
 - Will not be putting up negative propoganda yet
- Meeting: this Monday (November 6) , 5:15 pm

Academic Affairs Committee: Scott Hooker reporting for Iris Kwong

- Call center: enrollment services plans to call prospective students, especially National Merit Scholars – use Student Government for volunteer work
- How to improve RHET 1101 classes

Communications Committee: Sarha Mavrakis

- Facilities Hotline presentation: <http://www.utdallas.edu/facilitieshotline/>

- Contact information of on-campus facilities
- Will be putting up signs in classes to advertise the hotline number
- Please talk to Sarha if you would like to help with advertising
- Committee Structure Changes
 - Combine Student Services and Student Life to make Student Affairs
 - Changing Waterview and Commuter Students Committee to Campus Housing
 - Create Legislative Affairs
- Naming Committee
 - Please e-mail Sarha with your schedules if you are on it
- Sound-off: November 14, 12pm – 2pm
- Waterview Flyers for Town Hall meeting
 - Every senator has been assigned a building or two, please have it done tomorrow
- Giant Chess Game: Student Government and SUAAB will act as human pieces

Technology Committee: Ben Dower

- Squeaky Chair Crusade
 - Get rid of squeaky chairs in classes
 - Please sign up to help out
- Cable Resolution
 - Postpone it

Student Life Committee: Manfred Mecoy

- Mural
 - Waiting on Greg Metz for cost to paint mural
- Greek Housing
 - Student Government will be actively helping out

Waterview and Commuter Students Committee: Juliann Peterson

- CHAC update
 - Please e-mail Juliann if you have specific problems in specific apartments
 - Setting up an online survey for Waterview residents
 - Will be adding more dumpsters in different phases
 - Waterview has met with professional pest control and discussed strategies on how to get rid of pests
 - Committee for new housing will be visiting Baylor this weekend
- Trying to get more responses from commuter students
- Trying to visit every RHET 1101 class to inform them about not only Student Government but the Waterview Committee
- Next meeting: November 7th, 7pm

Student Services: Snir Cohen

- Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to reflect the recent changes of the Regent's rules (will have to sit for 30 days)
- SBA ad in Mercury this week
- 24 hour facility: meeting tomorrow, would like to have clubhouses open 24 hours

Treasurer: Shamin Masrouf

- Total Budget: \$209,904
- Project Budget: \$21,000
- Travel Budget: \$4000

Old Business:

- Motion to close old business
 - Motion passed

New Business:

- Resolution investigating into the feasibility of serving alcohol in the PUB
 - Friendly amendment to correct grammatical and wording errors in the resolution
 - Passed
 - Motion to approve resolution
 - Resolution passed 32-12
- Resolution for an extended period for the appeal of traffic violations
 - Friendly amendment to add to the resolution about dismissing tickets given during that 14 days
 - Friendly amendment denied (Kevin will make another resolution to address that issue)
 - Motion to approve
 - Resolution passed
- Motion to table the Time Warner Cable resolution in order to create a committee to review it
 - Motion failed 5-29, but a committee will still be created
- Motion to adopt resolution as stands
 - Motion passed 30-3
- Ben Dower is elected Chair of Ad-Hoc Wireless Committee
- Snir presents/opens resolution to change constitution so that a vote by Student Association will no longer be necessary
 - Must sit for 30 days before the senate
 - Motion was tabled
- Motion by Kevin Patel to open discussion on committee structure change
 - Motion was denied - resolution to be re-written
- Motion to pass the Course Schedule Resolution
 - Motion passed
- Motion to pass the ISBN resolution
 - Motion passed
- Senate closes new business

Advisor's Report: Patty Atchley

- Thanks to those who worked on the Homecoming float
- Please come to the Town Hall meeting
- Senators, please turn in paperwork
- Thanks to Farzan for picking up the food for today's meeting
- Please turn in Talent Release Form

Motion to adjourn – passed