

Student Government Minutes
February 27, 2007

Call to order

Roll Call

Present: Basheer Benhalim, Felicity Lenes, Zeeshan Abedin, Amber Ahmed, John Boyd Jr., Snir Cohen, Ben Dower, Julie Evans, Yana Gelman, Scott Hooker, Paul Ingram, Maria Islam, Mohammed Ali Jamal, Haseeb Jangda, Kyle Keller, Arie Litovsky, Shamin Masrour, Manfred Mecoy, Kevin Patel, Juliann Peterson, MiaoMiao Qu, Lori Skillestad, Jason Stephen, Alex Swaim, Ana Tavares, Bradley Wallace, Adit Wongsaroj, Yen Yoon

Absent: Eraj Akhtar, Bruce August, Clinton Brennan, Stephanie Chan, Wencong Fa, Farzan Ghodsianzadeh, George Graham, Ashley Hooker, William Kelly, Iris Kwong, Megan Malone, Shubham Manchanda, Chris Marciano, Sarha Mavrakis, Julia O'Kelly, Tiffany Ornelas, Ammar Rahim, Albert Ramirez, Steven Rosson, Abhi Singh, Chris Toolin, Chase Whitehead

** Senators absent will not receive an unexcused absence because senators were not given a two week notice regarding this meeting**

Officer reports:

President: Basheer Benhalim

- Recap from semester thus far
 - PUB's hours: students have been taking advantage of this
- Election issues
 - Campaign orientation meeting this Thursday at 5 pm
 - Operating under new rules
 - Everyone please file!
- New nominations to Judicial Board
 - Melissa Smith and Travis Carruther
- Basketball present
 - Would like to give the basketball team something from Student Government as a congratulations
 - An appreciation lunch for all athletes!
- DART passes
 - Delay problem is not with our campus, but with DART
- Rent increase
 - Dr. Daniel came to the last CHAC meeting to explain the increase
 - Rent hasn't been increased in the past 3-4 years
 - Will stay at 10%

Vice President: Felicity Lenes

- DI this weekend, so if you're signed up to work, please show up! If you didn't sign up and did not turn in you excuse notes, you get an unexcused absence.

- PUB hours: 5pm Sunday – 6pm Friday

Graduate and International Student Affairs Committee: Kevin Patel

- Has presented the results of the survey to the Graduate office

Academic Affairs Committee: Iris Kwong

- Meeting tomorrow at 10pm in Apt. 3836
- Scott Hooker met with Dean Kratz and the Arts and Humanities department will be implementing an honors program

Technology Committee: Ben Dower

- Met with Jim Gary about resnet (Residential Internet)
- Internet Inquiry Committee will be meeting this Thursday

Student Affairs Committee: Manfred Mecoy

- Meeting with Briana to come up with a presentation of the future of Greek Housing: potentially using parts of Phase 8 as a Greek area
- Waterview Rent Inquiry Committee: Would like to get apartment complexes around the area to offer student discounts

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Juliann Peterson

- Talked with CHAC about when an old resident has to pay rent during the turnover period to a new resident: it's to penalize the residents for canceling their lease
 - Should call it a fee instead of rent

Legislative Affairs: Snir Cohen

- Trip to Austin after spring break may have to be cancelled
- Governor's plan on higher education funding – still waiting on more information
- Fee bills – still waiting for the hearings
- Will be sending out e-mails about committee meetings

Report of the Treasurer: Shamin Masrouf

- Project budget: \$9,880

Old Business:

- Kevin Patel:
 - If you are on my committee, stay after this meeting
- We will be using scantron ballots for the next election

New Business:

- Motion to approve the nominations to the Judicial Board – motion passed
- Motion to allocate up to \$2000 for the sports luncheon – motion passed

Announcements:

- UTD is participating in Recyclemania, so please RECYCLE!

Motion to adjourn – passed

6:11 pm