Call to Order

- Called to Order at 5:15 pm

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- **Eric** Moves to Approve the Minutes
  - Anna Seconds
  - Motion Carries

Approval of the Agenda

- **Danni** Moves to Approve the Agenda
  - Anna Seconds
  - Motion Carries

Announcements

Visitors

Dr. Diego Garcia, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Ombudsman

- Has worked in higher education for 20 years, student affairs for 16 years
- Student Ombuds Office (SSA 4th floor) is a resource for students to raise questions or complaints about any aspect of the college experience
  - Confidentiality
    - ex. Title IX incident- the identity of the student is protected
  - Informality
    - no adjudication or administrative process
  - Neutrality
- He reports to the President of Student Affairs
- You can reach the office by email, appointment, or walk-in (your name will never appear publicly, and no personally identifiable information will be needed)
- Questions?
  - Eric: Who is in the front office?
    - Dr. Garcia: Staff members that will help you sign in, then direct you to me or refer/recommend you to another department
  - Visitor: Are other resources available?
    - Dr. Garcia: Ombuds will also direct you to other resources on campus
  - Jacob: What would a sample procedure be like if there was an incident that needed to be taken to Title IX, since no personal information is collected?
    - Dr. Garcia: Once you’re in Dr. Garcia’s office, he will collect personally identifiable information. When a case is closed, any related documents will be shredded.
  - Visitor: So are you essentially an arbitrator?
    - Dr. Garcia: Yes, that is sort of the main role, but no mediation

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Associate Dean
Dr. J.D. Thomas
Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students
Dr. Fitch, VP of Student Affairs

- Welcome back!
- Updates
  - Division Classification
■ We will not be going to Division 2, and will remain in D3 for the time being while adding more sports
○ Senate Bill 18
■ New legislation signed by the governor that will impact us
■ SB18 allows for expressive activities on campus. Non-affiliated individuals can now come to campus now
■ We’re already being approached by groups that want to come to campus
■ There is a letter being written by administration that will address this
● Dr. Amanda Smith: Students have complained about controversial groups, so as a senator remember that if a student’s complaining to you, pass the information along to Hope and Ayoub, and respond appropriately.
● Ayoub: This isn't a UTD or administration decision, it’s the state’s
● Dr. Fitch: Questions?
○ Danni: if the student feels harassment or that they're in danger from the group, is the university responsible to address this?
■ Dr. Fitch: yes, there are parameters that can be crossed that will allow us to address it, but it may take some time to respond
○ Farial: Is this extended to student housing?
■ Dr. Fitch: No, this specifically prevents solicitation, no one should be coming to your residence
○ Visitor: is there a process to come onto campus?
■ Dr. Fitch: Currently there's no approval process, so anyone could show up. We are working to try and address that for the safety of students and visitors
○ Visitor (Ian): If the university can specify a place and a time for groups, couldn't we monitor outside groups using cameras? And shouldn't we know if groups are coming since we’re specifying a time and place?
■ Dr. Fitch: There should be staff to watch over things. We don’t know which groups are here until they show up or give us advance notice

Ex-officio reports:
Briana Lemos, SG Advisor
● Welcome back!

Officer reports:
President: Ayoub Mohammed (ayoub@utdallas.edu)
● Introduction
● Updates from Summer
  ○ VIP Meetings
  ○ Student Government Rebranding and Marketing
    ■ new plastic cups (5,750 purchased) with the goal of giving each on-campus residence one
  ○ Student Government Changes
    ■ The 751 students:2 senator ratio in article 1, section 1 of the Constitution is being implemented, so more senators can now be part of Senate
    ■ Hoping to fill more graduate and international seats for proportionate representation
  ○ Expectations:
    ■ Show up
  ○ Overview of proceedings:
    ■ Robert’s Rules of Order
Committee Structure
EC Requirements

Questions:

Eric: are we considering the appointment of all 15 of these candidates today?
We will not be suspending the bylaws, the target date is next senate, september 3rd. I hope to appoint a lot of international students, sophomore, grad students, etc. I hope the process will be fair as EC will be consulted.

Kara: Will we be sent out an information packet about each appointee?
Yes, we will send their applications plus notes from interviews

University-Wide Committees
If you have received an email from a committee, please reply as soon as possible. The UTD administration really wants to work with us

Vice President: Hope Cory (Hope.Cory@utdallas.edu)

Introduction
Updates From Summer
Student Discount program: for local businesses, but also extended to web (ex. Subaru discount code); link is found on UTD’s website

Student Government Retreat
Friday, September 13th at 9 am - Saturday, September 14th at 3 pm
If you cannot attend, email ASAP
An agenda and travel forms will be passed out next meeting

Questions:
If you have class later in the day, can you join later?
We will work it out and try to get you there.

Will appointees be coming?
We can’t exceed the max limit of people, so it’s really important to let us know if you can’t come

Weeks of Welcome
Thank you to those who came to Meet Your Senators;
84 people signed up to receive more info about SG

Materials
SG Review
Slip of paper for name plate
Shirt size for short-sleeved polo
LET’S TALK buttons
Plastic cup
Weeks of Welcome schedule (we have a table at Cometville, sheet passed around for volunteers

Secretary: Stephanie Royer (stephanie.royer@utdallas.edu)

Introduction
Point System
Dress code
Questions:
Thomas: we shouldn’t put too much emphasis on dress code, it might be hard for commuters or students.
Eric: judicial board will be reasonable with dress code violations
Ayoub: We’re here to serve students first and foremost

Ayoub: please represent your schools in SG, build relationships with professors and administrators, the Deans they met with over the summer feel that they’re not receiving enough feedback
Term: 2019-2020
Meeting: 2

Treasurer: Eric Chen (eric.chen8@utdallas.edu)

- Introduction
- Budget report
  - FY19 is close to completion, the new budget starts at the beginning of September
  - Projects budget is about $35,000-$36,000
  - Many organizations spend most of their budget at the beginning, but ours is meant for allocation for projects as they arise
  - Your committee chairs will walk you through filling out a budget allocation form that you email to Eric, Hope, Ayoub, & Briana. This is your formal request for funds

  ➢ Ayoub: let’s focus on spending money focused on student’s voice. Hands-off approach on committees

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee: Anna Straughan (ams170008@utdallas.edu)

- Introduction
- Transfer Equivalency Tool
  - Focus is on improving this, working with OIT and studying how other universities do it

Communications Committee: Kyle Tupper (kyle.tupper@utdallas.edu)

- Introduction
- Summer Updates
  - Focus is on communicating SG goals and objectives to the student body
  - Currently in the process of getting approved for political advertising on facebook to help Legislative Affairs Committee
  - Personal focus is on improving the mobile app & implementing a SG feature for the app
- Chair of Governing Documents Update
  - Upcoming meeting to finalize changes made at the end of last term, specifically bylaw changes

  ➢ Ayoub: Giving out secondary phone number to students (501-218-5619) for increased access

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Tiancheng Hu (tiancheng.hu@utdallas.edu)

- Introduction
  - Focus is on building more international & graduate connections by being in contact with constituents
  - CPT authorization fee
    - Currently, every college except JSOM requires students to pay one credit-hour fee
    - Potential solutions: offering 0.5 credits for cheaper fees

  ➢ Ayoub: go out of your way to engage with international community

Legislative Affairs Committee: Thomas Hobohm (tsh180000@utdallas.edu)

- Introduction
  - Focus is on reaching out to student orgs, collaborating with administration, making SG more accessible to students
- Summer Updates
  - Increasing VDR
  - Potential town hall with Colin Alred
  - Dialogue with Kamala Harris campaign

  ➢ Ayoub: We can also help international students participate in overseas elections

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Mathi Siva (mathi.siva@utdallas.edu)

- Introduction
- Dog Park and Rain Garden Update
  - Both long-term projects housing has temporarily put them on hold
- SG plastic cups
  - working on getting them to reach residence
● Researching new names to residence halls
  ○ Will be sent to the president's cabinet, then the UT system

● Question:
  ○ Justin: is there a university-wide committee for naming residence hall?
    ■ Ayoub: there was in 2014, but the names were eccentric, so housing & alumni relations and development would like for us to keep this in-house. We’re aiming to name them around influential & notable people at UTD
    ■ Mathi: if you have any ideas, email me
    ■ Ayoub: text me

Student Affairs Committee: Neha Khan (neha.khan@utdallas.edu)
  ● Introduction
  ● Summer Updates
    ○ Accessibility Survey
      ■ Culture, rather than a physical barriers on campus, Survey
      ■ Seeing if students know about the resources available
  ● Staying engaged as a senator at events like Meet Your Senators
    ➢ Ayoub: please show interest and engagement in SG

Technology Committee: Yilong Peng (yilong.peng@utdallas.edu)
  ● Introduction
    ○ Focus is on app development, university-wide OIT informational security meetings, collaborative approach to projects

Green Initiative Adhoc Committee: Genna Campain (genna.campain@utdallas.edu)
  ● Introduction
    ○ The goal is to implement a green fee
    ○ Implementing on student-initiated projects
    ○ Current projects: composting, recycling
    ○ Looking for senators to join
      ■ You can simultaneously be on Green and another committee
    ➢ Yilong: student pharmacy vending machine project has reached completion (2 CBS machines), thank you to Alex Quach for his hard work

Old Business
New Business
  ● Student Judicial Board Appointment
    ○ Eric moves to open nominations
      Genna seconds
      Motion carries
    ○ Five Senators
      ■ Hope nominates Danni
        Danni accepts
      ■ Mahir nominates Abdullah
        Abdullah accepts
      ■ Jacob nominates Lance
        Lance accepts
      ■ Thomas nominates Darreyl
        Darreyl accepts
      ■ Alex nominates Justin
        Justin accepts
      ■ Hope nominates Jacob
Jacob accepts
- Stephanie nominates Nikki
  Nikki declines
- Abdullah nominates Lucas
  Lucas declines

- Speeches:
  - Danni: wants to use experience in SG for judicial board, can evaluate impartially, is comfortable having the hard conversations
  - Abdullah: a lot of experience with management as VP of an organization, making difficult decisions removing irresponsible people.
    - Questions?
      - Muhir: an example of an experience?
      - Abdullah: some officers at TedXUTD were removed because they didn’t completely their responsibilities
  - Justin: building a culture of credibility and enthusiasm from senators
  - Darreyl: wants to become more integrated into SG, is motivated to change campus culture, empathizes with people who have a lot on their plate
    - Questions?
      - Muhir: are you working 40 hours this semester too?
      - Darreyl: No
      - Kyle: Do you think that you could acquire a decent enough understanding of governing documents?
        - Darreyl: Yes, I will try my best
  - Lance: is heavily involved on campus, would like to empathize impartiality and accountability
    - Questions?
      - Kyle: Do you think that you could acquire a decent enough understanding of governing documents?
        - Lance: Yes, I am capable of and willing to understand how things work
  - Jacob: is extremely responsible, would like to hold others to the same standard but also empathetic to extenuating circumstances

- Danni, Darreyl, Jacob, Abdullah, and Lance are appointed

Adjourn
- Muhir moves to adjourn
  Kara seconds
  Motion carries