

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

Call to Order

- **Called to Order at 5:15 pm**

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- **Ben Moves to Approve the Minutes**
 - **Anu Seconds**
 - **Motion Carries**

Approval of the Agenda

- **Adam Moves to Approve the Minutes**
 - **Stephanie Seconds**
 - **Motion Carries**

Announcements

Visitors:

JD Thomas, Director of Orbit

- Discussion on Orbit
 - 2-year long process in developing the Quality Enhancement Plan, or Orbit Initiative
 - Overall goal is to take a holistic view at the makings of a successful UTD student
 - Role is to be a facilitator or project manager
 - Freely moving between groups to get projects done
 - At this point, Orbit is looking to improve the community aspect that all students feel

Rick Dempsey, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management

- Campus Master Plan Update
 - A 10-year or more future strategic view that can be changed as UTD moves forward
 - Will likely not be stagnant
 - The themes are more concrete than the specifics of their execution
 - Includes the strategic plan which is Dr. Benson's 5-year vision
 - Strategic Plan
 - Themes
 - Attract Talent
 - Enrich the Student Experience
 - Engage Globally
 - Enrich the Arts
 - Advance Research
 - Become an Economic Engine for the Region
 - Develop Financial and Administrative Systems that Sustain Excellence
 - Create a Culture of Philanthropy
 - Ensure a Sustainable, Rewarding Campus Environment
 - Targets



- Growth of the student body: undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral graduates
 - To 23,000, 12,000, and 300 respectively
- Growth of academic space
 - From 1,781,065 to 2,300,000 square feet
- Growth of tenure-system faculty
 - From 580 to 710
- Improve graduation rates
 - 4-year to 60% and 6-year to 75%
- Purpose
 - The Master plan articulates the vision/mission for the campus and supports the Strategic plan
 - Address the several deficits that UTD has in several areas, such as academic space
- Strategies to the Master Plan
 - Create a sense of place
 - Like the feel of the library plinth area, but more widespread
 - Increase accessibility and efficiency
 - More modal accessibility
 - Make Loop Road more of a loop
 - Provide more access off Floyd
 - Create a more developed learning environment
- Repurposing land and building use
 - Looking to get more out of the space we already have
 - Keeping green areas sectioned off to ensure a sustainable campus
- New building projects to support expansions in arts, events, academics, and student living
 - More locations that remove inefficient buildings and placements with new buildings surrounding quads, walkways, and other open areas
 - Joint project at UT Southwestern to expand there
- Adam: What does the demolishing of Berkner mean for the skywalk network?
 - Dempsey: That project won't happen for a while; we like the skywalk, but one of the problems with Berkner is that it is not meant for research, but we're forced to use it as such
- Jonathan: Can you expand on those proposed improvements to the creeks?
 - Dempsey: A good example would be restructuring to control runoff on the west side.
- Ashleigh: Where would the classes displaced from Hoblitzelle Hall go?
 - Dempsey: They would likely be placed in the new Student Success Center, but I couldn't say for sure this early on. We wouldn't demolish without having a place for them, though
 - Dr. Smith: They calculate these displacements and other factors when they put together this plan. It is well made, so there's no need for concern about demolitions
- Snipta: What is the first step in achieving the goals?
 - Dempsey: Get the ball rolling through more buildings and leapfrog into greater growth
- Tiancheng: What is the priority in construction and demolitions?

- Dempsey: Changes often, but probably a parking garage by SOM first and the student success and student union complex second

Amy Jassar, President of PERIOD Dallas

- Functions
 - Product drives and fundraising
 - Raising awareness
 - Tampons and pads are considered a luxury item even though they are a necessity
 - Pushing to change this to improve women's health
 - A part of a similar functioning national movement
- Past Involvement
 - Not affiliated with UTD, so went through Gender Center and Preliminary meetings first
 - Project to put menstrual products on campus went into Facilities management
 - They are often lacking the manpower to refill the dispensers
- Current Needs
 - Help gathering student support with meetings with Facilities management, general meetings, and donation drives

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students

- SG has been a part of the QEP/Orbit since the beginning, so please help JD if he asks for SG assistance
 - Crucial for new students coming to campus
 - Adheres to all levels of students

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Ex-officio reports:

Briana Lemos, SG Advisor - Absent

Officer reports:

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

- HOP Committee Meeting
 - Faculty Workload Reporting
 - UT System had a list of minimum faculty requirements for teaching and completing other tasks
 - Responsibility handed down to individual institutions and their provost offices
 - Student Scholarships
 - Office of Enrollment Management takes on undergraduate scholarships
 - Office of Graduate Studies takes on graduate scholarships
 - Institutional Conflict of Interests
 - A committee overseeing more broad conflicts of interest
- Academic Council Meeting
 - SACSCOC
 - Accreditation Agency that deals with universities in the south (including UTD)
 - THECB continuing to move forward with current fields of study



- Ignored SACSCOC representative outreach
- Testing Center
 - Moved across Synergy to SPN
 - Only university in the region that operates a testing center of that scale
 - 91,000 exams administered last year
 - Jonathan: How permanent is this move?
 - Eric: I don't know the answer to this question
 - Jonathan: I know some students are upset about how far it is
 - Eric: There are 2 comet cabs now dedicated to taking students there, one of which is wheelchair accessible
- CEP Recommendations
 - Committee on Educational Policy
 - Policy change highlights
 - Updates to Spring 2019 catalog
 - Updates to FY 2020 degree plans and some catalogs
- Title IX
 - Policy changes presented by Brandy Davis going through faculty senate right now
 - Came through the model policy set forth by UT System
 - Will eventually be approved or not through Handbook of Operating Procedures Committee
- Energy Drink Removal Rumor
 - Previously, Joey mentioned that there were some talks on whether to create a movement for banning energy drinks on campus
 - Given that this was not substantiated, this should not have been spread by Senators speaking on behalf or on the part of SG
 - Be consistently cognizant of your position

Vice President: Carla Ramazan (carla.ramazan@utdallas.edu)

- Constitutional Amendment Updates
 - Amendments passed
 - Most significant update is removal of requirement to be in SG for a semester to run for President or Vice President

Secretary: Kyle Tupper (kyle.tupper@utdallas.edu)

- Attendance report

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

- Budget report
 - \$27,274 left in the projects budget

Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Schueler (jonathan.schueler@utdallas.edu)

- Course Transfer information online
 - Portal that shows where your courses from other schools would go in terms of UTD credit
 - Issue is that it is very clunky and confusing



- Talking to UT Systems department that runs it about improvements
- Core Curriculum Report
 - UTD has drastically less courses in CORE requirements in several areas compared to other UT Systems schools
 - Looking to push for a greater variety of courses to get offered in these areas
- Military Training Course transfer issues
 - Veteran's Advisory Council convened a subcommittee on this issue
 - Policy on Training Course transfer credit does not get used as a result
 - Also looking into getting transfers more in line with other similar universities

Communications Committee: Alex Holcomb (alexander.holcomb@utdallas.edu)

- Social Media - Update
 - Outpacing our engagement from last semester
 - Photos get a lot better engagement than links or bodies of text
 - Adam: Does Facebook have the ability for alt-text to be added for screen readers?
 - Alex: Let me get back to you
- President's Brunch
 - Due to setbacks, this will be pushed back to late February
 - Hope to get on more people's calendars
- AMA Buttons
 - Still in contact with Cornerstone about designs
- Arts Initiative
 - Great support from students and alumni, so plenty of quality art to fulfill our goals and projects

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Adam Richards (adam.richards@utdallas.edu)

- Global Voice - update
 - Posting sign-ups for volunteering for airport pick-up over winter break and the welcome party at the start of 2019

Legislative Affairs Committee: Ben Darling (benjamin.darling@utdallas.edu)

- Election Day Bussing Project - recap
 - Didn't get the utilization we wanted, but people who did ride the bus were appreciative
 - Looking into ways for improving the utilization for the future
 - Want to make this a regular, automatic initiative of Legislative Affairs each election cycle

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Zehra Rizvi (zehra.rizvi@utdallas.edu)

- Condom dispensers in Residence Halls
 - Located in the laundry rooms
 - Heard concerns about the dispensers not working
- Rain garden update
 - UV and Residence Life are aware of these issues
 - SG is trying to contribute these gardens with extremely water-absorbent plants
- Extended dining hours update

- December 10th-13th are the dates for this semester for the extended dining hours
 - Please utilize the areas during the times specified at a later date

Student Affairs Committee: Anu Emmandi (anuhya.emmandi@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to report

Technology Committee: Tanuj Tiwari (tanuj.tiwari@utdallas.edu)

- VR Update
 - Dan Goodwin and SA are looking for a space for the VR backpacks and a free area
- Power Banks
 - In contact with the Technology store and Residence Halls about moving forward with this

Green Initiative Adhoc Committee: Joey Campain (joseph.campain@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to report

University Wide Committee Reports:

Sustainability Committee

- Joey: Tree Campus USA is certifying our campus as a protector of trees
 - Our Monarch Waystation is also getting a certification from Bee Campus

Educational Policy Committee

- Nikitha: Lot of new classes added in Spring 2019 and next year
- No more physical forms; all online
- New BS in Data Science

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Jonathan Moves to refer collaboration with PERIOD Dallas to Student Affairs**
 - **Anu Seconds**
 - **Motion Passes**
- **Allocate \$30 to the Residential Student Affairs Committee's Bandages in Res Halls project**
 - **Adam Moves**
 - **Tanuj Seconds**
 - **Motion Carries**
- **Open nominations for Election Board Chair**
 - **Adam Moves**
 - **Carla Seconds**
 - **Motion Carries**
 - Eric: This board is a group of students, the chair of which is appointed by this body
 - Chair is a member of student government not affiliated with any candidate
 - Responsible for promotion of elections and maintaining rules
 - **Alex: Nominates Joey Campain**
 - **Joey Accepts**
 - **Jonathan: Nominates Jason Waye**



- **__Jason Accepts**
- **Julie: Nominates Nikitha Vicas**
 - **__Nikitha Accepts**
- **Tiancheng: Nominates Jonathan Schueler**
 - **__Jonathan Declines**
- **Joey: Nominates Anu Emmandi**
 - **__Anu Declines**
- **Jason: Nominates Alex Holcomb**
 - **__Alex Accepts**
- **Voting on the Nominees Tabled until next meeting**
- **__Anu Moves to Adjourn**
- **__Ashleigh Seconds**
- **__Adjournment at 6:40 pm**

AMENDING A MOTION:

"I move to amend the main motion and..." □ If a proposed constitutional/bylaws/standing rules change ought to be altered, you would amend the amendment so that the correct/change is made before voting on it for approval

OPENING/CLOSING DISCUSSION ON AN

ALLOCATION/ISSUE/TOPIC:

"I move to

open a __ minute discussion on/about/for..."

"I move to close the discussion"

EXTEND DISCUSSION EXPIRING OR EXPIRED:

"I move to extend the discussion by __ minutes" □ Do not overuse for short extensions

VOTING:

"I move to previous question", "I call to question" □ This closes the discussion upon a second and upon approval by 2/3rds of Senate; if you see a lot of people have something to say, you do not have to approve of moving to voting on the item

APPROVING AN ALLOCATION:

"I move to allocate __ for __" □ Needs a second, and then we discuss; when discussion is over, or someone calls to question (see previous motion examples), we vote

DISCUSSION COMMENTS DEVIATE FROM DISCUSSION:

"Point of Order, *gets recognized*, discussion is not germane" □ Doesn't need a second, doesn't need discussion, and is up to the speaker to determine if the comment/current discussion is related to the topic at hand

TABLE DISCUSSION:

"I move to table the discussion/item for next meeting/indefinitely" □ Depending on what the item is, this will most likely move the item to Old Business for the next meeting

