

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Minutes

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Announcements

Visitors:

Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Ex-officio reports:

Briana Lemos, SG Advisor

- Talk to Briana if you are concerned about GPA requirements

Officer reports:

President: JW Van Der Schans (john.vanderschans@utdallas.edu)

- Welcome Back!
- University-Wide Committees
 - Academic Calendar
 - 1 SG Representatives
 - Academic Senate Observers
 - 3 SG Representatives
 - Sustainability
 - 1 SG Representative
 - Core Curriculum
 - 1 Student
- University Communication Project
 - Love jack on backburner
 - Social media, emails, website effectiveness
- Elections
 - Appointment of Election Board Chairman
- Mobile App Additions and Improvements
- Office Hours
 - EC will post in the next few weeks

Vice President: Alex Holcomb (alexander.holcomb@utdallas.edu)

- Public Arts Initiative – update



- Faculty have submitted their points of view
- Public Piano – update
- Mosaic - update
- Spring Retreat – date set
 - February 17th

Secretary: Areeb Siddiqui (Areeb.Siddiqui@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to report

Committee reports:

Communications Committee: Eric Chen (eric.chen8@utdallas.edu)

- Social Media
 - Submit photos for our weekly social media posts
- Spring Organization Fair
 - January 17th, 12pm-2pm in the Visitor Center Atrium
- Student Organization Night Basketball game (Also a SOC Office Event)
 - January 18th, Women's – 5:30pm, Men's – 7:30pm
 - Come out and represent Student Government

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Confirm the appointment of:**
 - **Ashley Levy**
 - Senior, Healthcare Management
 - Has been Involved in SG, Student Ambassadors, Orientation Leader
 - Loves UTD
 - Wants to get involved with SG in her last semester
 - If on Legislative: work on registering and educating students for the primary elections in March
 - **Joey Campain**
 - Junior
 - Previously involved as VP of SG
 - Hopes to continue maintaining connections with faculty and staff on campus
 - Working with the Counseling Center
- **Executive Committee Nominations**
 - **Legislative Affairs**
 - Joey
 - Executive Committee runs SG in their own time
 - Being an EC member will allow me to guide new Senators using my experience as VP
 - Want to go into policy for health -> we can only do that through making people want to vote and educating them about the laws
 - Communication is integral to Legislative



- Ashley
 - Committee with most experience
 - Could do a lot more work in preparation for the midterms
 - Deputize Legislative Affairs Senators
 - Communication and Accountability was not there, if I were to serve I would make that a goal of mine
- Moazzum
 - Continue Becca's efforts
 - Invite the mayor or national figures
 - Start a debate, bring back the healthcare debate
 - For the debate: will be flexible on political positions but focus on having both sides of the political spectrum
- Ashley Elected
- **Graduate and International Affairs**
 - Adam -> Elected
- **Treasurer**
 - Priya
 - Joined SG my first semester at UTD and have loved being part of a group that can effect change on campus
 - Treasurer allows you to see more projects versus being confined to a committee
 - Joey
 - Being Treasurer means convincing people to spend money, especially chairs
 - Make sure there is not much funds left at the end of the year because we lose that money
 - Joey elected
- **Student Affairs**
 - Haris
 - Student Affairs Senator since last Spring
 - Expand upon green initiatives
 - Plan on keeping up with new Senators
 - Carla
 - Joined SG first semester at UTD
 - Worked with Comet Card office and Counseling Center
 - Sustainability competition between dining halls
 - Snack bar instead of 24 hour dining
 - Haris elected
- **Judicial Board Nominations**
 - **Chairman**
 - Kiyanoush
 - Biggest goals are to go to law school and intern at the Supreme Court
 - Hope to interpret the SG constitution to help me grow this skill

- Priya
 - Chairman requires levelheaded temperament, which my experience on Student Government has provided me
- Dalton
 - Interested in rules and regulations, psci minor, interest in law school
 - Have had to remove members in an org for member evaluation
-> familiar with the process
- Priya elected
- **Election Board Nominations**
 - Ashley
- **Spring 2018 goal setting discussion**
 - Briana: Better to be done in committees
 - Tabled to next Senate meeting
- **\$1000 Allocation for Piano**
 - Piano will have to be tuned around four times a year and SG will cover it in future
 - Piano will last about three or four years
 - Approved

Adjournment