Meeting called to order at 5:16. Roll call.

Minutes approved.

Announcements

- Casey: Elections info
  - Can start signing up for election tickets on the 20th.
  - Thinking of revamping the marketing materials.
    - Share the message of why SG is useful and why it's important to be on SG.
  - Akshitha: Elections are the week after spring break. That seems like far away, but it's really not! Do your work now.

- Ashley: Orientation Leader applications opened today! You work during the summer, get to be the first point of contact with the University, and it's a lot of fun. Ask me for questions.

Visitors

- Kaplan: No announcements! Happy New Year!
- Briana: I want to get to know those of you that I don't! I have a close relationship with a few of you, but that's not enough. Stop by the office this semester and just talk!

Akshitha

- Happy New Year! I want to get to know all of you on a personal level, so please stop by! Talk, questions, concerns, please feel free to stop by my or Joey's office.
- We're halfway done! Keep working on your goals and hang in there.
- I want all of EC to set up a meeting with me during my office hours! See: email.
- Appointments at the end of the meeting today. (RSA and Tech). You can nominate yourself!

Joey

- Updates on meetings before Winter Break:
  - This is a crucial time, need to get projects completed! Only 4 out of the 12 months left, not a lot of time left.
  - TAO: Therapist Assisted Online Counseling
    - Ball is in their court. Admin is meeting with company to get price estimates and discussion logistics.
  - CDP: Comet Discount Program
    - Advertisement team from each of the Student media orgs gave "ideals" behind CDP advertising. Separate issue (print booklet in Mercury publications) for the CDP, will cost Senate nothing. Will be a huge selling point to companies that want to be featured.
    - Not gonna require too much work on our end!

"JW Van Der Schans"

- Budget Update
  - $19,483.85 remaining.
- Allocation Forms
  - Make sure you send the forms to Me or Akshitha before you attempt an allocation. This is so ideas are properly discussed before Senate.
- Office hours have changed! Will Post Later.

Jason (GIA)

- Planning on communicating more with the career center for networking opportunities with and for GIA students and alumni.

Christian (Legislative)

- Texas Legislature reconvenes this semester. Will be monitoring bills relevant to campus issues.
  - Spotlight: Bill that mandates that all state funded institutions force people to use restrooms identified with their birth gender.
  - Will probably be passed and take effect. Will meet with campus officials to see what that transition will look like and see what student input is.
- Smoke free campus initiative: will work closely with this.
- Written or verbal feedback from legislators on all levels on issues that affect campus.

Nancy (Student Affairs)
- Title IX: video featuring students on an explanation of consent. If you have feedback, reply to the email and let me know within a couple of days.
  - Shooting with start soon, and be finished in 2-3 months.

- Business
  - 5:33 Joey moves to confirm the appointments of: (split motion)
    - Samuel Lutes (passes)
    - Mimi Newman (passes)
    - Dhiren Kisani (passes)
    - Cleo Medina (passes)
    - (Motion is split. Candidates field questions on their qualifications and views.)
  - 5:56 Joey moves to open nominations for Residential Student Affairs chair. Passes.
    - Casey: Requirements?
      - Must be available 5-8 on Tuesdays, and have served at least on semester.
    - Tiffany Chu, Songar Ideus, and Neel Reddy are nominated.
    - 6:16 JW moves to extend discussion by 3 minutes. Passes.
    - Tiffany wins the election.
  - 6:24 Casey moves to open a 5 minute discussion on potential new marketing for SG Elections. Passes.
    - Casey: things to mention about SG's importance/election comments in general.
      - Christian: Voter registration.
      - Alex: Comet Discount Program.
      - Jason: Gia community outreach included things lie buses, scheduling, advising. Telling them about all the things that affect the and that SG tackles helps people understand the value of being the change you want to see on campus.
      - Adam: anti-LGBT bills and the outpour of support and involvement in its wake.
      - JW: Targeting freshmen. Lots are hardworking but aren't reached by SG's marketing, they are a crucial population given their potential.
      - Vishal: Green Initiative.
      - Joey: underfunded programs, like office of accessibility.
      - Nancy: have a specific meeting (make a FB event) to talk to the populace about senate and what it does.
  - 6:31 Jake moves to open nominations on the Tech Committee Chair. Passes.
    - Rahul, Songar, and Megha are nominated.
    - Adam moves to extend by two minutes. Passes.
    - Nancy moves to extend by two minutes. Passes.
    - Rahul is elected.
  - 7:00 Casey moves to open a 3 minute discussion on ways SG can reach out to the student body this semester.
    - Adam: generally, getting word out earlier for things.
    - Ashley: TV adverts are useful. Getting a once-a-month SG info section on who we are on what we do could increase our presence.
    - Nancy have food staff make cool desserts for a "meet the senators" table in the dining hall once a month.
    - Jason: more bothing.
    - Samuel: reaching out to organizations individually.
    - Johnathan: formalized channel of communication between student orgs.
    - Casey: in classes, introducing ourselves as senators could help.
    - Songar: emphasizing a voting culture for elections could increase turnout at this school.
  - 7:03 JW moves to adjourn. Passes.