Meeting called to order at 5:17.
Minutes passed.

Akshitha
  - UTSSAC
    - Joey and Akshitha are going next week! Contact us if you have concerns to bring to austin.
  - Constitutional Updates
    - 3/4ths attendance required to pass changes. Please don’t have scheduling conflicts! Will be brought up into weeks.
    - Will have draft posted soon, please review so you can have an informed vote.
    - Let us know ASAP if you have questions or concerns!
    - Elections: march 22-25. WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE SAME TIME AS NEW SENATORS.
  - Run for elections!
    - Very soon. Form your tickets now, ask me or briana if you have questions.

Joey
  - Expectations of Senate
    - Current bylaws read: attend all meetings, notify president of absences, required to do 3 hours of work for senate each week, need to be involved in four senate-related projects per semester
    - Changes to accountability and productivity measures are coming with governing document changes!
  - SSA Tours
    - Signup list is going around.
    - Help lead tours of new building after the ribbon cutting!
    - Feb 2nd, 10:30-12:30
    - The new building is beautiful.
  - Interviews for VP of Information Technology
    - New candidate for position, but Akshitha and Joey can't go.
    - One of the most important things you can do as a Senator: help choose one of UTD’s VPs.
    - Can give them a tour of campus on the golf cart!
    - Samuel: how do I get golf cart training?
      - Ask Delia.

JW Van Der Schans
  - Thanks to the audience! Biggest crowd we've had all year.
  - Budget update: over 19,000 dollars in unallocated.
    - (See archives for budget details.)
    - Will be showing this informally at every meeting from now on.
  - Thanks to those that are actually sending the allocation forms?

Johnathan
  - Distinguished Faculty Lectures
    - Will inform students about groundbreaking research being done by on-campus professors.
    - Creates a new platform and opportunity to disseminate knowledge!
  - Course Section shortages
    - Investigate how to prevent the massive shortage of core classes for multiple majors every semester.

Anu
  - "Presidents Brunch"
    - Lack of communication between organizations on campus.
    - Will invite the heads of all organizations and try to group them by purpose, trying to open channels of communication cross campus and between orgs and SG.

Jason
  - SG Boothing
    - To better represent the voice of the student body and increase SG outreach/presence, we will be boothing regularly across campus.
    - Will be surveying students and fielding concerns!
• Wednesday and Thursday weekly from 12-2.
• Devon: Where will boothing take place?
  o Right now, just the upper and lower levels of SU. In the future, in all major buildings, like Library ECSS Res Hall South.

o Communication and Networking Programs
  • Geared towards GIA population, will increase net

• Christian
  o Legislator Communication: Committee Starts Calling this week
    • Each person on Legislative is assigned six legislators.
    • Legislators are required by law to respond to questions from their constituents regarding legislative stances and votes.
      ▪ SB6: Will speak about this later in the meeting.
      ▪ SB233: Tuition freeze on all universities. Fees would increase past the rate of inflation only with a majority vote of student body.
      ▪ A lot of the bills monitored are only in its infant stages. Will see actual votes later in the semester.
  o Polling Booths on Campus
    • Samuel is working on finding out how to get election day booths at UTD.
  o Placing all of UTD under Collin County
    • Songar is working on fixing the problem of UTD being split between multiple counties.
  o Bathroom Bill: Update on where it currently stands
    • Will be moving to various subcommittees for review in the state legislature. Will be voted on the floor in the near future (March).
    • Two new amendments: prevents turning such facilities into gender-neutral facilities.
    • "Detrimental to Texas’s reputation of a safe place for businesses."
    • Still contacting local legislators to get their opinion on the bill.
  o Questions?
    • Samuel: can you clarify the amendment regarding banning gender-neutral bathrooms?
      ▪ Will clarify later in new business later. Will be opening a discussion about whether or not we want to create a resolution and create a stance on the bill.
    • Anu: What about family restrooms?
      ▪ Will show full amendment later.
    • Casey: What’s the process for making the county switch?
      ▪ It’s a lengthy process, but we’re going through the hard work of getting Dallas to go through the effort.
    • Kaplan: why do we want to make the county switch?
      ▪ Adam: there’s a lot of miscommunication and complication caused by campus being split between two counties.
      ▪ Kaplan: please make sure you look into the financial implications of making the switch. (Car insurance, for example, is substantially cheaper in Collin County.)

• Tiffany
  o Still putting new Internet (likely before spring break) into UV. Dorms will get the new internet during the summer.
  o Still putting out bids to see which TV service will provide the best service at the cheapest price.
  o UV is replacing all roofs because of recent hail damage.
  o Gender Inclusive Housing
    • Created to serve non-binary and transgender students, not people who want to live with their boyfriend/girlfriend.
    • You will only live with people who have selected the Gender Inclusive housing option as well.
    • Not standard knowledge if you are not newly signing up for UV housing (vs just renewing a lease) or a Residential Life employee.
    • Will become available in the dorms next year.
    • Peter: if you are the only one that signs up, does this mean UV will not accommodate you?
When you sign up for UV housing, you actually get to choose your roommates. Some people choose no roommate preference, which means they will get slotted in any empty room.

- Devon: Do you get to select which others to live with? Or random assignment of gender inclusive option residents?
  - Same as normal signup. You will get paired if you choose to be paired, otherwise it's random assignment.
- Dhiren: Does selecting this process guarantee your roommate?
  - Priority system in UV is based on which person in your group has the earliest signup: they become group leader, and it's up to them to be organized enough.
  - Standardizes Google Maps
    - Addresses are easier and building names on campus for residents under the new system. Currently talking to google.

Nancy
- OSA Services and Limitations
  - Office of Student Accessibility is being reviewed by Mimi. She's also looking around campus to look for resources and room for improvement.
- Earth Day Booth
  - Casey will be leading the Earth Day representation, let her know if you have questions or want to help.
- Any general issues on campus I'm happy to help with! Please contact me.

Rahul
- Marketing for Petition Website
  - Useful way for students to voice their concerns.
  - Let me know if you have ideas for how to promote this service!
- Promote personalized email address
  - Firstname.lastname@utdallas.edu is an email available to all students, but many don't know this.
  - Good as a professional email vs. standard NetID email.
  - Peter: What do you mean, promote this?
    - Antonio: Info resources suggested to use firstname.lastname because otherwise you give out your NetID.
  - You have to login to change your email "From:" address from NetID to firstname.lastname, it's not automatic.
  - Uzair: I thought you don't get to use your UTD email after you graduate?
    - Kaplan: you keep it for one year.
  - Peter: 1 year or six months?
    - Akshitha: we'll clarify this later.

Joey moves to confirm the appointment of: Ana Morales, David Mendez, Alan, Pansy, and Benny.
- Motion is split, passes.
- Ana passes.
- David passes.
- Alan passes.
- Pansy passes.
- Benjamin passes.

Anu moves to allocate 350$ for 300 Pocket Phone Stickers
- Will stick to the back of your phone and hold various ID cards. Has SG logo and marketing. Will give them out at boothing and at orientations.
- Devon: best to order 300 now and gauge popularity.
- Alex: White background will likely turn blue by going out of denim jeans.
  - Will likely invert the colors on the final design, will be orange background.
- Passes.

Adam moves to task Senate with creating a resolution regarding SB 6.
Nancy moves to suspend the standing rules to allow visitors to speak. Passes.
Nancy: Important for SG to create a resolution because the reasoning of the Texas legislature is faulty. This poses a safety concern to transgender students.

Christian: This is how we would proceed moving forward-- voting on our stance today does not mean we will have a resolution by the next meeting. We would have to collect student data and carefully craft the wording of the resolution before bringing it to senate. The language in the bill has to be legally professional.

Joey: I am for creating a resolution. Transgender issues on campus are a great concern to us and this bill would interfere with their rights and the past progress of the university.

Adam: The supposed reason behind this bill was transgender people supposedly harassing people in bathrooms. In fact, this never happens, and transgender people are generally the ones *being* harassed. "Where am I gonna pee today?" should not be a concern of citizens.

JW: Audience, if you have opinions, it's especially important you speak now before senators make this an echo chamber.

Samantha (audience): protecting women and students is a noble goal. "Protecting" me by preventing me from using the bathroom of my choice is ridiculous. Transgender people are victims, this is discrimination under the guise of safety.

Sydney (audience): 68% of transgender people have been harassed, 9% have been assaulted. This is a real issue for the transgender population and ought to be take seriously as a life or death v privacy issue.

Alec (audience): Having single occupancy bathrooms is a massive form of relief for people like me, who often feel intense anxiety going into gendered bathrooms.

Zachary (audience): this bill forces trans people to be incredibly uncomfortable in situations where they must take care of bodily functions.

Adam moves to extend by three minutes. Passes.

Alex (Audience): will directly hurt my friends and family, and goes directly against the values of the student body. The dignity and right to be free from discrimination should be self-evident, and the fact that this bill is even being considered is a disgrace.

JW moves to previous question. Passes.

Passes by secret ballot. Count: 28 - 7

Casey: Will there be a committee tasked with figuring out the wording>

Talk to Christian>

Adam: Will this be open to the public?

Yes.

Danni: What do we do if this bill passes anyway?

JW: This resolution is a statement that shows we do not support it. If it passes, at least we showed solidarity? Miscommunication causes some people to think that SG helps state bills pass or fail, but that's a communication issue. We can show them resources to mitigate the effects of bad bills or voice opinions, but we can't directly legislate.

Joey: the admin is legally required to enact this bill to get funding. It's our job to be civil against the administration and direct concerns towards the legislature.

Christian: WE wouldn't want to put anyone's positions here at the university in jeopardy. It's also our job to create a game plan as to how campus should handle the implementation of this bill moving forward.

Vishal: What would we do with the resolution once its drafted and passed?

Joey: This is a statement, not an action item. It's our job to communicate this to the students, either by social media or boothing or flyers.

Christian: If you want to help with any of this, please contact us, visit our booths, take our surveys. Student input is crucial.
- JW: Next meeting is committee meetings, if you want to give persona input to the committees instead of emails.
  - Nancy: if you voted yes today you should also take the two minutes it takes to call your legislator and tell them you are against this senate bill.
- Casey moves to open an Election Marketing Committee.
  - Joey: Are there qualifications?
    - Casey: this committee works on marketing the election, not on actual election board things. Anyone can join.
    - Passes.
- Nancy moves to adjourn. Passes.