Meeting Called to order 5:15

Announcements
  o Jason: New comet cruiser that goes to the medical district
    • Better connection to downtown and pre-med program! If we use it a lot, maybe they'll give us more routes!
  o Austin, here from Student Wellness Center to talk about tobacco free campus initiate
    o Working with office of administration to finalize the policy soon
    o Here to field questions and concerns that will come back to them
    o Will there be any select spots?
      • None.
    o Anu: Resources for students affected by withdrawal?
      • I will come back with info on that. The wellness center will be offering resources as they always have, such as one-on-one and group meetings
    o Samuel: international students with a culture of smoking, will there be an awareness campaign to promote this new policy?
      • We will find out what we can do to promote awareness prior to attending. They will have the university's
      • Fitch: Yes, informing them through cultural based groups and international center.
    o David: I am an international student and a smoker. I heard UTD will help provide certain treatments to help people quit smoking. IS this policy being implemented too quickly, given that it's incredibly difficult to quit cold turkey.
      • Policy will be in effect until June 1st. It does not mandate quitting, merely prohibits smoking on campus. Will find out more about medical students.
    o David: hard for INT students w/out SS to find housing off campus, by law. Can I get more specifics about resources?
      • Wellness center only does preventative campaigns. I will take those concerns to the office of admin about actual medical treatments.
    o Adam: Enforcement mechanisms for this policy?
      • Don't know.
    o David: are you working with SG to make this policy more convenient for everyone?
      • I'm here to have a conversation, and we're here to talk about that as well.
      • David: are we working directly with you?
      • Joey: Policy itself cannot really be changed, as it comes from the UT system. We can help with the methods of cessation, but not the implementation and enforcement of the law.
    o Reuben: Would the wellness center be willing to give out resources directly to help with rehab?
      • Wellness center only does health education, but we cannot directly administer medicine.
    o Reuben: Tobacco free or smoke free?
      • Covers cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, hookah, pretty much any form you can receive nicotine.
    o Mimi: Aggression and aggravation increases when you're quitting. Is there anything in place to make campus safer for the rest of students?
      • We'll be discussing that with the relevant organizations on campus.
    o Jason: More information regarding punishment and enforcement? We currently have no info, and that would be great.
• We're still working out the details on that, but we'll get back to you. If you have any input, please pass that along to joey or me.
  o If you go to utdallas.edu/tobacco free, if you want to see certain info there that we don’t have, please let us know.

• Akshitha
  o SAC Update
    • Diversity and Inclusion, Advising
      ▪ Pushing "interactive degree audit" for every school
      ▪ "Student Success Quantum Leap"
      ▪ Pushing for paying advisers a little more and giving them a bigger role (15 million dollars more for advising for the system)
      ▪ Working on hiring a Chief Diversity Officer (other schools have one, and it's an important role)
    • Chairs will present final decisions in may

• Joey
  o UTSSAC
    • Finished recommendations, will upload to Facebook once the wording is finalized.
    • Fees, and Graduate Education.
      ▪ 2 year plan for tuition plans submission.
      ▪ Wrote to them about the importance of fees and the changes we want to fees. Ant changes to be made more freely, with student vote.
      ▪ Want more transparently on fees, across all school websites. Currently very vague as to what each student is paying for.
      ▪ Maternity/Paternity policy for graduate students.
      ▪ Mental healthcare: online services that counseling services should provide across the entire students, especially outreach to graduate students.
      ▪ Any recommendations? (crickets)
  o CDP
    • Mercury hasn’t had much success to talking to CDP businesses, not buying in to the idea of Mercury ad.
      ▪ Casey: so the discounts still remain, but they don’t want a mercury ad?
        • Yes.
      ▪ Casey: SG could allocate money to boost the program?
        • Absolutely. WE still need to do more work building the relationships with the companies first before we attempt another round of getting them to buy in.
      ▪ Jason: share the CDP facebook page! Easy publicity and it gets a lot of likes.
      ▪ WE need help from all of senate to boost the marketing of this: talk about it, share posts, talk about instances when you receive a discount, etc.
      ▪ Peter: businesses contact me about a medium for advertising their business.
        • Talk to me in my office later.
  o Green initiative
    • Meetings will likely be on Friday. Two projects that still need to be completed. Would very much like someone from communications on this meeting!
    • Johnathan: do they have to be in SG?
      • Yes.

• Jake
  o Constitutional update
    • Changes are in, and will go on Facebook soon. Will be voted on in Senate march 7th, so let us know what your comments are.
    • Working on bylaws now! Let me know if you're interested in coming to those meeting.

• JW
  o Budget update.
- Right over 19,000. May be less based on allocations that have not fully cleared.
  - Allocation forms:
    - Talk to your EC member before any allocation is made! Also, me!
  - Office hours: 4-5 Mon, Fri 3-5. Temporarily 1-2 Mon Wed
- Johnathan
  - Expanding Study Abroad
    - Getting more partnering universities
    - Concerns about funding for students, expanding online resources to scholarships
      - UTD list is shorter and less comprehensive compared to other schools
    - Samuel: is the committee open to comments from people outside of the committee?
      - Absolutely. Anything from anyone, from applying to the experience itself.
- Anu
  - Campus mural
    - New project. Been reaching out to different campus leaders about a potential location
  - Video Series/Timelines
    - Covers different aspects of UTD, like buildings, founders, demographics, courses, etc.
    - Shows evolution of all these over time, talks about future
    - Any interest or ideas, please let us know!
  - Will be making allocation later for president's brunch
- Jason
  - Boooting
    - Thanks to everyone who came out! Had great engagement with students regarding the problems they're facing
    - We're strongly pushing to make this a weekly thing, keep this ball rolling.
    - Johnathan: plans to rotate booth locations?
      - Yes, Library, ECSS elevator lobby, etc.
    - Joey: compiling info received from students?
      - We're working on entry of data from feedbacks.
  - Housing
    - New rules being implemented that will be making it more difficult for students to get on-campus housing.
    - Exchange students living on campus, still trying to ensure they have their place reserved in residence hall north.
  - Communication and networking
    - Recommendations to career center and international center for international and graduate students for applying to jobs, research grants, etc.
- Rahul
  - Petition website
    - Way to communicate ideas to the student government
      - Petition sits on the websites
    - Trying to promote it at the SG booths!
    - Utdallas.edu/sg/petitions
    - Adam: specific boooting? Live now.
      - Yes, live now. Will be at every booth. If constituents have a problem, you can tell them to make a petition!
    - Songar: fully functioning?
      - Yes.
  - New NetID system, march 11.
    - You know how the passwords expire after six months? Now one year.
      - (applause)
    - When you change your password, it takes effect immediately.
    - Better tech support by phone, 24/7.
- Christian
  o Legislators are beginning to send us their official positions on bills and issues.
    o Adam continues to monitor for new pieces of legislation out of Texas Leg.
  o SB 6 remains in state senate the committee. 3 senators are new cosponsors on the bill. Ratios for/against are 60/40. A good majority of legislators have not issued an opinion.
    o Senators have done research on the effects of such a bill, will hope to have that info compiled for the statement by the next meeting.
  o Jason: Are we addressing the hiring freeze?
    - Christian: We can if you think it's necessary. I would be wary of issuing a resolution on every piece of legislation remotely related to students.
    - Ashley: doesn't really affect student workers, so it doesn't affect the student body as much.
    - Joey: positions currently open on campus can't be filled, because departments may be undermanned. This does affect students.
      - WE can discuss after the meeting or make a motion in the future.
    - Anu: after we get their opinions, will legislative affairs be hosting an event so students can lobby?
      - Christian: students should be doing that on their own time.
    - Adam: SB 4, sanctuary on campus bill.
- Tiffany
  o Still working on getting umbrellas into dorms. Over 10000$ for one vendor box, thinking about issuing umbrellas at desk.
  o Laundry issues
    - Leaving laundry in dryers for long periods of time, no way to notify owners. Still working on fix.
  o Dorm amenities- looking at ideas
  o Clubhouses on phases are not really used, will try to do outreach that these spaces exist
- Nancy
  o Consent video has been filmed. Being edited currently. About defining sexual assault on campus
  o Cleo working on documenting problem areas on campus (seating, lighting, etc)
  o Mimi working on scavenger hunt to promote awareness of office of accessibility, where you can't use stairs or non-automatic doors.
  o Statue and bench proposals have been finished.
  o Casey working on initiative to label dumpsters in housing areas as more green, and labeled with what you can and cannot put in them
- Business
  o Joey moves to confirm the appointments of Zarin Akhter and Areeb Siddiqi.
    - Zarin passes.
    - Areeb passes.
  o Anu moves to allocate 400$ for the president's brunch.
    - 400$ goes towards food costs. Estimating 60 in attendance, at 6.25 a person (Chartwell's estimate).
    - Antonio: Any tax associated with 6.25.
      - No, we're tax-free.
    - Songar: is this SG's event only?
      - Yes.
    - Songar: how did we select organizations to attend?
      - Every organization registered with SOC.
    - Danni: Estimated only for food, RSVP number less important.
      - Important to hear voices of orgs regardless of size. This is a formal invitation extended only to officers.
      - Joey: Even if we selected for orgs with only 100 members, over 250 orgs.
    - Nidhish: how many orgs in SOC?
      - 317.
  o Motion passes.
  o Danni moves to open 2 minute discussion on umbrella rentals. Passes.
• Options: Bookstore (expensive), bulk (4$ each, plus tax, no shipping), or bulk with logo (5-6$ each).
• Res life would take care of maintenance and care. IF they want to purchase vending options, companies bid for the lowest price.
• Nikita: has there been a need for umbrellas on campus?
  ▪ Danni: happened after many students got trapped in a downpour.
• Casey: start small and see if it's useful.
• Joey: would res life be helping with the cost of machines?
  ▪ It hasn't been discussed.
• JW: I don't think boxes are a viable option. Res life wouldn't want to shell out that kind of money. Easier to have it passed out at desk and let them deal with implementation, far cheaper.
• Joey moves to extend by two minutes. Passes.
• Johnathan: I like this idea. Dallas weather changes rapidly. Loose umbrellas are far more efficient.
• Dhiren: expand it to the library and the SU? They also check out Equipment.
• JW: not expensive enough to warrant a survey. Logos ought not be SG's because we're not handling implementation.
• Joey moves to open a 7 minute discussion on the constitution. Passes.
  o Requires 2/3rds vote of entire senate.
  o Need everyone here March 7th.
• Jake moves to adjourn. Aye. Nay.