

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Minutes

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary

Tuesday, March 6th, 2018

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Announcements

Ashley Levy – Election Information

- Keep spreading the word about the election
- Filing closes March 23rd
- Come to election info sessions, posted on Facebook

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

- April 2th, 7pm Rec West
 - Cheerleader, Temoc Competition Practice
 - First 100 attendees get free Temoc Bobble head
- April 3rd, 10 am
 - Student Memorial

Officer reports:

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

- TA Awards
 - 1 SG Senator
- Orbit – UTD Quality Enhancement Plan
 - Accreditation group has come to campus
 - Alex and JW will have lunch with 10 other individuals
- Constitution and bylaw changes
 - Bylaw changes do not take much time to be approved
 - Constitution changes, however, require us to vote after 28 days, after which we bring it to the Student Body (Will require a special election)
- Election broadcasting
 - Underscoring the importance Ashley's announcements
- Student Government Improvement – discussion
- Sick Plate Initiative
 - Approved
 - Dining hall will provide sick students a biodegradable to go box



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

- Mosaic - completion date
 - End of Spring Break!
- Art Committee Faculty chosen
- Faculty/Staff Mural submissions
- SG Game Night
 - Thursday, April 12th, 7-10pm, SSA 14.244

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

- Nothing to report

Treasurer: Joey Campain (joseph.campain@utdallas.edu)

- Budget report
- Green Initiative
 - Considering a lot of projects at the moment; topics include a sustainability strategic plan and a communication partnership with housing

Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Nikki Prattipati (sainikitha.prattipati@utdallas.edu)

- Meeting with Dr. Murphy
 - iTunes U
- Take One Leave One
 - Free exchange library on a micro scale
 - Location search
 - Let Nikki know if you have any good ideas for a bookshelf location
 - Dr. Kaplan: Get faculty to make donations
- Resume Templates
 - Working with Career Center to create resume templates for all schools

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

- Social Media Update
 - We will research the impact of the investment we have made in promoting social media posts
 - Perhaps an increase output on other social media outlets
- JSOM Bulletin Board
 - Working out sharing space with another organization
- Newsletter update:
 - Eric: Editor, Communications
 - Benny: Academic Affairs, GIA
 - Will: Legislative, Residential
 - Rubina: Student Affairs, Technology

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

- Bus Survey update
 - Over 1,000 responses! Great job spreading the word
 - Meeting with Elena over spring break



- Boothing updates
 - Friday at ECS from 2-4 pm
- International Center meeting update
 - They would like a short SG video at international orientation
 - Seeking to get us involved in airport pickup
- Passport to the World booth
- Hot Water project
 - Alex: Food Advisory Committee said water lines do not exist
- Graduate Student Panel and Graduate Organization Fair meetings
 - Trying to set a meeting date

Legislative Affairs Committee: Ashley Levy (ashley.levy@utdallas.edu)

- Voter Education event
 - April 16th, 6:30-8:00 pm
 - Mandatory event
- Know Your Rights Cards
 - Sam's Club for printing
 - Working with Will to redesign

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Danni Yang (Danni.Yang@utdallas.edu)

- Extended Dining Proposal
 - Submitted to Auxiliary Services
- Updating Umbrellas
 - Hopefully will procure stronger umbrellas that can hold up against wind
 - Expand into Canyon Creek

Student Affairs Committee: Haris Pepermintwala (hsp140230@utdallas.edu)

- Water Fountains
 - Updating Tennis Court fountain from just water bottle refill
- ResLife Printers
- UT Dallas PD
- Recycling in UV
- Lavender Graduation

Technology Committee: Dhiren Kisani (Dhiren.Kisani@utdallas.edu)

- Amazon Lockers
 - Amazon and UTD negotiating final details
- Tech Vending Machines
 - Survey to be sent out soon
- OIT Intel Guide
- OIT Electronic Art competition

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Confirm the appointment of:**
 - **Rajkumar Dhananjayan**
 - Graduate Student, from India
 - We didn't have anything like SG back in India; admin made all the decisions



- I would like to contribute ideas to campus
 - We need to have more Graduate students in Student Government
 - Pace of Student Government needs to be accelerated
 - Mass marketing should occur, especially with elections
 - Having SG be the face of the Amazon Locker initiative will help
 - I worked in an NGO I helped found back in India
 - Started with Seven students, now there are 100 working in it
- **Constitution change – discussion**
 - Monthly Summer Meeting: Take away because we have moved to remove it every year
 - Requires participation of President and VP in all transition processes, or else stipend will not be dispersed
 - Increase Constitution GPA to 3.0 to match Bylaws
 - Written semester report for EC member to submit, in order to underscore continuity of SG administrations
 - Potential Appointees must attend two Senate and two Committee meetings
 - President-elect and VP-elect must have three one hour information sessions with President, VP and Advisor (with verification)
 - If fail to do so, Senate elects new leaders
 - Adding an additional month of time to file for running in elections -> allows candidates more time to learn about Student Government
 - Increasing campaign information sessions to a minimum of Five
 - VP can be nominated and voted in in the same meeting if VP-elect is disqualified
 - Dhiren: Still are references to summer in Article 1, Section 3
- **Haris – Move to Create a Constitution and Bylaws Ad-Hoc Committee**
 - Danni: Please attend meetings so we don't have complaints in Senate

Adjournment