

Student Government Senate Meeting

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary

October 3rd, 2017

Senate Minutes

Visitor Announcements:

Jessica Murphy, Dean of Undergraduate Education

- Visited SG in order to introduce herself to us
- Email Dean Murphy at jessica.c.murphy@utdallas.edu

Officer reports:

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

- University-Wide Committees
 - Parking and Transportation
 - 2 Students
 - Topics to be covered:
 - Increased pricing for covered parking
 - Residents are using commuter parking -> Next year residents may only buy residential
 - Academic Calendar
 - 1 Student
 - They will be setting precedent for a calendar a few years from now
 - Academic Senate Observers
 - Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00
 - 4 Students
 - Functions as a faculty "Student Government"
 - International Education Development
 - 1 Undergraduate Student
 - Core Curriculum
 - 1 Upper-level Graduate Student
- Mobile App
 - They appreciate our feedback; keep submitting more!
 - Email was sent out with instructions to install for iOS 11
- Project assistance
 - JW is an important resource for helping facilitate projects
- Student Government Appointments
 - We are now doing secret ballot; letting appointees know results after Senate

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

- National Night Out
 - Please attend after Senate today



- Jackets
 - Rewarded to Senators for progress on projects (Allocation form, working project proposal, etc.)
- Public Arts Initiative
 - Moving forward on a few places with Mr. Goodwin's permission
 - More updates to come from Alex
- Project Assistance
 - Contact Alex for help on projects; it is his job to assist you!

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

- Please email Areeb, Christian De Lara, and JW prior to absence in order for it to be excused

Treasurer: Reuben Rusk (Reuben.Rusk@utdallas.edu)

- HQ Cleanliness
 - Keep it clean, organize items if you see anything out of place
- Budget report
 - Budget surplus still present; submit more allocations!

Committee reports:

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

- Meeting with Dr. Kaplan
 - Technology and e-Learning meeting on October 13th to discuss allowing professors to publish on iTunes
 - Advising survey to be sent out soon

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

- Committee event calendars
 - Please submit so Communications is able to attend events for marketing purposes
- Video series updates
 - Working with Jessie Bud, more updates to come on filming soon!
- Marketing materials
 - Communications plans on being sole marketing arm for SG
 - Contact Eric in order for him to market for events

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Jason Waye (Jason.Waye@utdallas.edu)

- Consistent International Center meetings
 - Open dialogue between us and international center
 - Please inform Jason or committee members for any concerns
 - October 17th – First Meeting
- Texas Party Recap
 - Great success; incredible turnout

Legislative Affairs Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (Rebecca.Tjahja@utdallas.edu)

- Comet Clash Debate Series
 - November 2nd, Pub, 7pm
 - Inform Rebecca if you are interested in helping set up, or debating

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



- Sign up for 24 Hour Dining survey
 - In order gauge interest for a potential pilot program
- Update on the rec sports project
 - Placing exercise equipment on grassy area in res halls -> to reduce gym traffic
- Increased signage on campus regarding SG
 - Place "Brought to you by SG" around campus to increase awareness

Student Affairs Committee: Sammy Lutes (Samuel.Lutes@utdallas.edu)

- Campus Safety Projects
 - Promoting campus escort services
 - Promoting better locks on campus
- Community piano

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

- Amazon Locker Survey
 - Survey is not required at this time
- Communication Form

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Confirm the Appointment of:**
 - **Benjamin Rubanov**
 - Sophomore, Physics Major
 - Enjoyed past experiences engaging with the student body through video production
 - Believes the University does very well in marketing events to the student body, but is cognizant of room for improvement
 - Has set aside the time to commit to SG projects
 - **Alexander Quach**
 - Freshman, Biology Major
 - Inspired by the size and affect of SG on campus
 - Noticed progress on campus, wants to help continue that progress
 - Organized large scale chess club events
 - Eagle Scout taught him leadership
 - **David Terry**
 - First year residential scholar
 - Hopes to serve as an attentive ear
 - First project: incentivize sustainability
 - Is aware that UTD SG is much more involved with frequent check-ins with the Student Body than other schools
 - Manager at Euless Family Life Aquatic Park -> learned professionalism with this experience
- **Alex Moves to allocate up to \$450 allocation towards Mural projects**
 - Nikki: How much sway does SG have towards deciding which mural to choose
 - Alex: SG should provide an opinion, not delegate which one exactly



- Discussion about SG branding on murals and durability of the artwork to the elements; artwork in SU will rotate yearly, but murals will be long term
- Approved

Adjournment