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
  o 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
  o Academic Calendar
    ▪ 1 Student
    ▪ They will be setting precedent for a calendar a few years from now
  o Academic Senate Observers
    ▪ Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00
    ▪ 4 Students
    ▪ Functions as a faculty “Student Government”
  o International Education Development
    ▪ 1 Undergraduate Student
  o Core Curriculum
    ▪ 1 Upper-level Graduate Student

➢ Mobile App
  o They appreciate our feedback; keep submitting more!
  o Email was sent out with instructions to install for iOS 11

➢ Project assistance
  o JW is an important resource for helping facilitate projects

➢ Student Government Appointments
  o We are now doing secret ballot; letting appointees know results after Senate

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

➢ National Night Out
  o Please attend after Senate today
Jackets
  o Rewarded to Senators for progress on projects (Allocation form, working project proposal, etc.)

Public Arts Initiative
  o Moving forward on a few places with Mr. Goodwin’s permission
  o More updates to come from Alex

Project Assistance
  o 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
    o Keep it clean, organize items if you see anything out of place
  ➢ Budget report
    o Budget surplus still present; submit more allocations!

Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Nikki Prattipati (sainikitha.prattipati@utdallas.edu)
  ➢ Meeting with Dr. Kaplan
    o Technology and e-Learning meeting on October 13th to discuss allowing professors to publish on iTunes
    o Advising survey to be sent out soon

Communications Committee: Eric Chen (eric.chen8@utdallas.edu)
  ➢ Committee event calendars
    o Please submit so Communications is able to attend events for marketing purposes
  ➢ Video series updates
    o Working with Jessie Bud, more updates to come on filming soon!
  ➢ Marketing materials
    o Communications plans on being sole marketing arm for SG
    o Contact Eric in order for him to market for events

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Jason Waye (Jason.Waye@utdallas.edu)
  ➢ Consistent International Center meetings
    o Open dialogue between us and international center
    o Please inform Jason or committee members for any concerns
    o October 17th – First Meeting
  ➢ Texas Party Recap
    o Great success; incredible turnout

Legislative Affairs Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (Rebecca.Tjahja@utdallas.edu)
  ➢ Comet Clash Debate Series
    o November 2nd, Pub, 7pm
    o 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
  o In order gauge interest for a potential pilot program
Update on the rec sports project
  o Placing exercise equipment on grassy area in res halls -> to reduce gym traffic
Increased signage on campus regarding SG
  o Place “Brought to you by SG” around campus to increase awareness

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

Campus Safety Projects
  o Promoting campus escort services
  o Promoting better locks on campus

Community piano

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

Amazon Locker Survey
  o Survey is not required at this time

Communication Form

Old Business:

New Business:

Confirm the Appointment of:
  o 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
  o 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
  o 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
  o Nikki: How much sway does SG have towards deciding which mural to choose
  o Alex: SG should provide an opinion, not delegate which one exactly
o 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
o Approved

Adjournment