Student Government Senate Meeting

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary

October 17th, 2017

Senate Minutes

Visitor Announcements:
Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President of Student Affairs
   ➢ October 19th ribbon cutting for the new apartment complexes
   ➢ Dr. Fitch has a twitter account! Follow him @vpfitchUTD
Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students
   ➢ Follow Dr. Smith on Instagram! (@utd_dean)
Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor
   ➢ Thank you to Nikki and Anders for coming to the eLearning and Technology Committee meeting and discussing publication sharing on iTunes U

Ex-officio reports:
Briana Lemos, SG Advisor
   ➢ Come see Briana to get information about positions on the UT System Board of Regents Committees

Officer reports:
President: JW Van Der Schans (john.vanderschans@utdallas.edu)
   ➢ University-Wide Committees
      o Parking and Transportation
         ▪ 1 Student
         ▪ 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
         ▪ 3 Students
         ▪ Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00
            • Functions as a faculty “Student Government”
      o International Education Development
         ▪ 1 Graduate Student
      o Core Curriculum
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- 1 Upper-level Transfer Student

- Academic Affairs Agenda Items:
  - Meeting with eLearning and Technology Committee
    - Nikki and Anders met with Dr. Kaplan
    - Discussed pitching iTunes U
      - Free publication for experienced staff and faculty at UTD to utilize as a research sharing platform
      - Committee was on the board with the idea

- Strategic Plan Open Forum – Recap
  - Sustainability and Art initiatives were brought up by the students who were in attendance

- UTSSAC Conference Call
  - JW is leading the Academic Success Group for presentation to Board of Regents
  - He will be collecting information before call in November
  - Topics: Advising, Textbooks, CAP, engagement in the classroom

- Next SG committee meeting
  - Dr. Fitch will talk about potentially changing student fees

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

- Public Arts Initiative
  - Email Alex to join Arts Initiative committee, students and faculty will be on committee

- Project Update meeting with JW/Alex
  - Starting October 30th, senators will begin scheduling times to meet with JW or Alex to catch upon progress
  - Senators will be awarded progress if JW or Alex deem sufficient progress has been made

- Student Affairs Agenda Items:
  - Campus Safety projects
    - Bike lock initiative in the works
    - Rental program looking to be implemented
  - Community Piano
    - Looking at local artists to obtain one
    - Working on nailing down a final resting place

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

- Homecoming Information
  - Thursday, November 9th, evening: float building
  - Friday, November 10th, 12:30pm: Homecoming parade
  - Saturday, November 11th, 1-5pm: Homecoming tailgate

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

- Keep sending in allocation forms
Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Nikki Prattipati (sainikitha.prattipati@utdallas.edu)
- Covered in JW's report

Communications Committee: Eric Chen (eric.chen8@utdallas.edu)
- Bulletin Board updates
  - Green Hall bulletin board location will be updated
  - We have a space in JSOM -> working on ATEC and ECS
- Video Series updates
  - Working with Jessie Bud to continue this project
  - Fill out forms that Eric will send out to sign up for a time to be recorded for the video
- Event PR
  - Eric encourages everyone to submit requests so Communications can design flyers for respective events

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Jason Waye (Jason.Waye@utdallas.edu)
- Meeting with the International Center
  - Meeting will occur once a month
  - Housing will agree for temporary housing for int’l students before school begins
  - 100 slots will be available for the pilot program
- Graduate Advisory Council Meeting
  - Department of Graduate Studies under Dean Underwood met with graduate students
  - Graduate Studies might get a space in Founders North

Legislative Affairs Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (Rebecca.Tjahja@utdallas.edu)
- Comet Clash Debate Series
  - Topic: Healthcare
  - Date: Wednesday, November 8th
  - If you want to debate, we will have an outline - > we will guide you through the process

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Danni Yang (Danni.Yang@utdallas.edu)
- Sample umbrella signage design
  - Communications did a great job marketing
  - Temporary signs for the umbrella rental program
    - Ex. If you lose an umbrella, you will be charged
- Recycling/green initiatives for Residential Life
  - Ideas in the works:
    - Recycling Bins
    - Buddy system for carpooling
- Meet the Senators breakfast
  - In order to help increase our presence on campus -> date TBD

Student Affairs Committee: Sammy Lutes (Samuel.Lutes@utdallas.edu)
- Covered in Alex's report

Technology Committee: Dhiren Kisani (Dhiren.Kisani@utdallas.edu)
- Amazon Locker Update
Yilong is continuing communications with UT reps

- Communication Form
  - Went live on the website today

- PeopleSoft
  - Akshay will meet with office this week

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- **Confirm the Appointment of:**
  - Moazzum Naqvi
    - Wants to give back to campus in a manner through which he can affect change
    - Has experience directing shows -> wants to bring that ability to work with people to student government
    - Has volunteered with political organizations and campaigns
    - Believes more programs need to be implemented for the Arts

- **SG Parade Theme Ideas**
  - Adam: Lots of cardboard will be required
    - When we won, we were up until 3 am
    - We have to be hardcore, but I think we can do it and win
  - Alex: Our thee should be “Enarc” the Crane
  - Briana: There has never been a good float in past eight years
  - Adam: Crane is a good representation of campus culture -> we build things!
  - Keishi: We could have a ball with lights around it on top; might not be the best in the daylight

**Adjournment**