

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



- 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 theme 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