UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Minutes
Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary
Tuesday, October 31st, 2017

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
Announcements

Visitors:
Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President of Student Affairs
- Thursday, Nov 2nd, First Women’s Volleyball Game
- Find Dr. Fitch at the game for a potential gift!
- @VPFitchUTD – Dr. Fitch’s Twitter Handle

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students
Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor
Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Dr. Inga Musselman, Interim Provost
- Proposal: 3% increase in tuition
  o Beginning next Fall for new students only
- Variable rate plan for new students (an additional option on top of guaranteed tuition)
  o Tuition and fees may vary year by year
  o Provide university with more flexibility
  o Guaranteed tuition has a higher initial cost, but is a fixed rate over four years
    - Students may choose depending on rate of inflation
- The need for increase
  o Expenses of university are rising with inflation
  o Augment salaries of faculty
  o Special research funding has been cut to UTD by the state
  o Want to hire more Teaching Assistants and Faculty
  o Similar in line to increases by other UT System institutions
- 4 Comprehensive Meetings for Outreach
  o SG Senate
  o SG Leaders
  o 2 Town hall meetings on campus with students, faculty, and staff
  o Furthermore, each dean will hold a town hall meeting in their schools
  o Leadership interview with Mercury and UTD TV
- Sharing this proposal externally through VP Rockow
  o Business leaders and local legislators in November

Term: 42
Meeting: 7
• Dallas and Plano Chambers of Commerce
• Richardson and Plano ISD
  • They are advocates for us; help us raise money

➢ History of small increases in tuition effect on enrollment
  o Precedent shows that small tuition increases do not deter enrollment
➢ Statutory tuition is set by state legislature, we cannot change
➢ Designated tuition – requested by Board of Regents
➢ Outreach
  o Emails will go out to all UTD students
  o Invitation from School’s deans for town halls
  o Social Media
➢ Why 3%?
  o Initially thinking 3-5%
    ▶ Conversations with peers led to 3%
➢ Education and Transparency will be given to new students about Variable Rate Plan

Ex-officio reports:
Briana Lemos, SG Advisor
➢ Nov 15th deadline for UT System Regents application
  o Please apply; we need a Regent from UTD

Officer reports:
President: JW Van Der Schans (john.vanderschans@utdallas.edu)
➢ University-Wide Committees
  o Academic Calendar
    ▶ 1 Student
  o Academic Senate Observers
    ▶ 3 Students
  o International Education Development
    ▶ 1 Graduate Student
  o Core Curriculum
    ▶ 1 Upper-level Transfer Student
➢ President’s Lunch
  o Inviting student leaders from different realms of campus
➢ State of the University – recap
  o Dr. Benson spoke about tuition increase
➢ SG Appointments
  o New process has been working
➢ Resolution Policy
  o Student Government has to see resolutions in one meeting before voting on it
  o JW and Alex can release earlier if necessary (ex. reaction to incident on campus)

Vice President: Alex Holcomb (alexander.holcomb@utdallas.edu)
➢ Public Arts Initiative
Need to set up committee that will curate the art

- Project Update meetings with JW/Alex
  - This is how you earn jackets!

**Secretary: Areeb Siddiqui (Areeb.Siddiqui@utdallas.edu)**
- Sign up to attend either (Mandatory):
  1. Float Building: Thursday, Nov 9th 8:30pm-11:00pm (Lot T Overflow)
  2. Homecoming Tailgate: Saturday, Nov 11th 1:00pm-5:00pm (Lot J)
    - Also Recommended:
      - Homecoming Parade: Friday, Nov 10th 12:30pm (Rutford Avenue)
- Float Theme: ENARC the Crane

**Treasurer: Reuben Rusk (Reuben.Rusk@utdallas.edu)**
- Budget report

### Committee reports:

- **Academic Affairs Committee: Nikki Prattipati (sainikitha.prattipati@utdallas.edu)**
  - Nothing to report
- **Communications Committee: Eric Chen (eric.chen8@utdallas.edu)**
  - SG Introduction Video
    - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tG6xrW5w8BA&feature=youtu.be
  - Committee spotlight filming
- **Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Jason Waye (Jason.Waye@utdallas.edu)**
  - Graduate Student Advisory Committee
    - Creating Pseudo Department Student Organization
    - Utilizing new space in Founders Annex building
  - Meeting with the Dept. of Graduate Studies
- **Legislative Affairs Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (Rebecca.Tjahja@utdallas.edu)**
  - Comet Clash Debate Series
    - Tuesday, November 14th, 7:30pm
    - HH 2.402 (Huge Lecture Hall in Hoblitzelle)
    - Canes Catering
- **Residential Student Affairs Committee: Danni Yang (Danni.Yang@utdallas.edu)**
  - Meet the Senators breakfast allocation
    - Nov 10th, 8-10:30am
    - Free donuts
  - Update from CHAC
    - Phases 1-4 will be switching to Spectrum
    - Application fee for housing to $100
    - Running trail through Waterview
    - Creating video on Gender neutral housing
  - Clothing donations box
  - Vacuum rental program
- **Student Affairs Committee: Sammy Lutes (Samuel.Lutes@utdallas.edu)**
  - Comet Card changes over the next few years
    - Better security measures
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Expiration date
Phone numbers for resources

Technology Committee: Dhiren Kisani (Dhiren.Kisani@utdallas.edu)
- Amazon locker Meeting
  - Narrowing down two or three locations
- PeopleSoft Meeting
  - Increase integration of digital schedules and in person advising

Old Business:

New Business:
- **Confirm the appointment of:**
  - **Ashleigh Horton**
    - Junior, Transfer Student
    - Involved in SG in Brookhaven College, Regional President
    - Statewide vice president for community colleges
      - Planned 4 day convention
    - Loves SG -> led her to major in Political Science
    - Student disability services need to be improved
    - Adding Presidential Volunteer Service Award to SG
    - Saw an SG campaign flyer, became interested
  - **Luke Murphey**
    - Junior, Transfer Student
    - Hendrix College didn’t have SG -> wanted to join one
    - Part of dorm college
    - Appreciates that SG here is much promoted
    - Dominant presence among transfer students, needs attention
    - Heard about SG through Senators in Fraternity

- **Debate Series allocation: $670**
  - Cardstock Flyers
  - Polling Application
  - Catering for 150 people -> $550
  - Decorations: Table cloths, centerpieces

- **Meet the Senators Breakfast Allocation: $200**
  - Granola Bars
  - Donuts

- Both Pass

Adjournment