

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Minutes

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary
Tuesday, October 31rd, 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
 - Beginning next Fall for new students only
- Variable rate plan for new students (an additional option on top of guaranteed tuition)
 - Tuition and fees may vary year by year
 - Provide university with more flexibility
 - 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
 - Expenses of university are rising with inflation
 - Augment salaries of faculty
 - Special research funding has been cut to UTD by the state
 - Want to hire more Teaching Assistants and Faculty
 - Similar in line to increases by other UT System institutions
- 4 Comprehensive Meetings for Outreach
 - SG Senate
 - SG Leaders
 - 2 Town hall meetings on campus with students, faculty, and staff
 - Furthermore, each dean will hold a town hall meeting in their schools
 - Leadership interview with Mercury and UTD TV
- Sharing this proposal externally through VP Rockow
 - Business leaders and local legislators in November



- 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
 - 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
 - Emails will go out to all UTD students
 - Invitation from School’s deans for town halls
 - Social Media
- Why 3%?
 - 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
 - Please apply; we need a Regent from UTD

Officer reports:

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

- University-Wide Committees
 - Academic Calendar
 - 1 Student
 - Academic Senate Observers
 - 3 Students
 - International Education Development
 - 1 Graduate Student
 - Core Curriculum
 - 1 Upper-level Transfer Student
- President’s Lunch
 - Inviting student leaders from different realms of campus
- State of the University – recap
 - Dr. Benson spoke about tuition increase
- SG Appointments
 - New process has been working
- Resolution Policy
 - Student Government has to see resolutions in one meeting before voting on it
 - 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



- 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

