

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Minutes

Areeb Siddiqui, Secretary
Tuesday, November 14th, 2017

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes
Announcements

Visitors:

Dr. Gene Fitch, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Faculty Advisor

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Ms. Colleen Dutton, Human Resources

- Food drive for Comet Cupboard
 - Goal: 1200 items, at around 400 currently
- Consensual Relationships Training

Ex-officio reports:

Briana Lemos, SG Advisor

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
- President's Lunch – allocation
 - Hear perspectives from different campus group presidents
- UTSSAC – upcoming meeting
 - JW is heading Academic Student Success
 - Next semester -> more input from Senators
- Resolution policy – next semester
 - Formalizing resolution creating policy
- Legislative Affairs Report
 - Debate – change
 - Moving into creating a video series



- Know Your Rights cards – update
 - Voting Locations On Campus – update
 - Synergy Park North and Callier Center
 - Green Initiative Budget
 - SG allocates certain amount towards green initiatives
 - \$8000 is set aside from Student Government money for this
 - **First meeting back from Winter Break will be a Senate Meeting**
- Vice President: Alex Holcomb (alexander.holcomb@utdallas.edu)
- Public Arts Initiative
 - Getting started in the next two weeks
 - Currently accepting student submissions
 - Allocations next Senate Meeting
 - Project Update meetings with JW/Alex
- Secretary: Areeb Siddiqui (Areeb.Siddiqui@utdallas.edu)
- Homecoming – re-cap
 - Great success! Thank you!
- Treasurer: Reuben Rusk (Reuben.Rusk@utdallas.edu)
- Budget report

Committee reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Nikki Prattipati (sainikitha.prattipati@utdallas.edu)

- Meeting with Dr. Murphy
 - Testing Center – Density Metric
 - Advising
 - Qualtrics survey creation in progress

Communications Committee: Eric Chen (eric.chen8@utdallas.edu)

- Committee Spotlights – update
 - Should be finished soon
- Sustainability
 - Ask Eric for Sustainability Forum minutes if interested

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Jason Waye (Jason.Waye@utdallas.edu)

- Bus Route Improvements
 - Meeting with Elena Morton
 - Extra buses during peak hours
 - Want to move buses into Lot J -> Create a transport hub next semester
 - Harpreet drafting survey to gauge interest in Patel Brothers bus route

Legislative Affairs Committee: Rebecca Tjahja (Rebecca.Tjahja@utdallas.edu)

- *Given by JW*

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Danni Yang (Danni.Yang@utdallas.edu)

- Meet the Senator's breakfast – re-cap
- 24-hour Dining – survey results
 - 1000+ responses
 - Greatest interest in having DHW or iHop 24 open hours
 - Pilot program in finals week



- Outdoor Rec Sports and Hammock Project – update
 - Jungle gyms and pull up bars
- Green Initiatives

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

- Comet Card Expiration
 - Comet Card office is willing to do it!
- Student Feedback

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

- Amazon Locker locations
- Tech Store outreach
 - More updates to come

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Confirm the appointment of:**
 - **Cameron Carter**
 - First year Biochem Major
 - Citizens Climate Lobby at UTD
 - Worked for Federal Reserve
 - Wants to earn a degree in environmental policy
 - Excited to work on green initiatives (Solar farms)
 - Would work to invite people to come and speak to UTD
 - Wants UTD to not be seen as a channel to UT
 - **Kyle Tupper**
 - First year Math/Econ Major
 - Math team, Internship with Insurance company TransAmerica
 - Completed and reviewed over five 1,000 page binders
 - Currently reads and reviews insurance contracts
 - Biggest goal to improve consolidation of professor resources
 - Change internet reliability
 - Enjoys study of money
- **President's Lunch Allocation of \$270.00 for ordering pizza**
 - **Approved**

Adjournment

