Meeting called to order at 5:17
- Roll called. Minutes passed.

- Announcements
  - Sarah: No Labels is hosting Mark Mckinnon on the 28th! (Monday, 1p, JSOM auditorium)
  - Briana: No one has applied for student regent or Higher education coordinating board!
    - Please apply, or at least inquire to see if it's for you.
  - Briana: Elections are coming next semester! Next senate meeting will need to elect an election board chair. Cannot be running for senate for the next semester. Coordinated election board and comprises of a representative from each school on campus. Can change bylaws and procedures for elections.

- Reports
  - Akshitha:
    - Thanksgiving next week! No school. Next meeting is committee, in two weeks.
    - Nov 29th meeting is picture day. WEAR YOUR SHIRT FROM THIS YEAR. OR ELSE.
      - Johnathan: Jacket and shirt?
        - Just shirt is fine.
      - Christian: EC polo?
        - Optional.
  - Joey
    - CDP
      - Lots of responses from senators! Thanks to all who added into the Google Doc.
      - Another deadline: 29th. Next company due for CDP addition.
    - Therapist Assisted Online Counseling.
      - Web-based counseling platform, paired with online counseling.
      - Casey: this is a great idea if it makes it easier to open up!
      - Christian: Will this affect Title IX reporting requirement.
        - To my knowledge, Title IX does not extend to counseling centers.
      - Caitlynn: It's hard to get a spot at the counseling center, so it will be used by non-graduate students as well.
        - It's not intended purely for grad's, that's just the initial impetus.
      - Jason: are we hiring more real counseling staff?
        - Still need to have that conversation. Implementing this would not detract from current physical resources.
  - Tiffany:
    - JW VDS: Andrei spoke of expanding counseling center already occurred, apparently hiring a new counselor would cost too much.
    - Dr. Smith: Independent consultant determined ways to improve our counseling services over the summer. Currently working to implement. Will meet with Joey and others to convey this information.
  - Rec and Leisure Planning Meeting: 11/18 (12pm)
    - Want to meet with anyone interested at 12pm this Friday in SG HQ to discuss help with the 2 events next semester.
  - Tuition student feedback group (TBD)
    - Want input on how we can better inform students on how their tuition money is spent, and how to better involve students in the process of making those decisions.
  - Questions?
    - Johnathan: what's the end goal with the CDP?
We want to make life for students more affordable, and want to better incorporate UTD into the business community. Goal is to be proud of it and make it a program that runs itself with the help of future SG VPs.

- Only action item left: advertising! Students need to know this service exists and that we back it.
  - Comet discount page in the Mercury every week, for example.
- How many businesses now? Total target?
  - 120 currently. 250 last year. After next deadline, it will not be a recurring thing to ask senate to do more recruiting.
  - Casey: Talk to groups such as the Richardson Chamber of Commerce to promote the CDP to the community!

- JW
  - Homecoming went well! Tailgate was biggest ever. 900$ from cushion will be returned to the budget.
  - 450-500 turnout for the tailgate. Homefest was 1600!
  - Peter: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DON’T KNOW WHAT HOMECOMING IS ABOUT.
    - We need to do more communication about the point of homecoming.
  - About 35-40 organizations signed up, but not every org that signed up showed up, and vice versa.
  - Jason: Area in front of stage seemed empty.
    - As the popularity of the event increases, we hope this issue will solve itself.
  - Peter: Need to send out communication about homecoming org signup earlier.
    - Next year’s administration should emphasize that!

- Johnathan (Academics)
  - Freshman Handbook
    - SG input on planner: need more useful info
      - Adding and dropping classes
      - How to use elearning
      - Important locations
      - etc
  - On-campus Resources for Academic Conferences
    - Goals:
      - Conference grants for students to attend and travel (not just research)
      - Expand UTD research day, will work with admin
      - Want to generate a "Culture of research" on campus, will give grad students better access to presenting research to UTD students
  - Questions
    - Alex: talk to orientation leaders about what is useful to freshmen. They know a lot and can contribute.
      - Talk to me after!
    - Casey: will all freshmen receive this planner?
      - All students are given an "undergraduate handbook" when incoming freshman. Schools have very different standards, and some give barely anything at all. The goal is to try to standardize.
• Casey: May be inefficient to give students a planner if they will not use it, or just throw it away.
  ▪ Will try to get sponsorship from local businesses to make the planners "free".
• Uzair: If we reprint and update every year, this will be a part of student culture.
  ▪ I agree! That's definitely something we're trying to do moving forward.
• Joey: back to Casey's point, there's an environmental concern, even if all handbooks are paid for.
  ▪ Will definitely try to NOT mass distribute these.
• Pawan: what's this about tutorials?
  ▪ Will try to make some of the paper tutorials online! Saves paper and is more effective to just include a QR code.
• Pawan: if we put all of it under /freshmen online, it would be way easier to market.
  ▪ We can put it online as well, but the point of a planner is to have something physical for students to carry around and reference.

• Anu (Communications)
  ◦ Title IX
    ▪ Very long meeting.
    ▪ We're making a video about consent. The federal, Texas, and campus definitions do not line up. We are trying to prevent confusion but still set a higher standard for Comets.
    ▪ Provost mandates that all syllabi include Title IX information. Need to ensure this requirement is being followed.
      ▪ Kaplan: link included on some syllabi, but not full Title IX information.
    ▪ Shoutout to sarah for posting the Election day discounts. Traffic double! (supposedly)
    ▪ Casey: need to discuss whether the link requirement follows rules, because most people do not click on link.
    ▪ Sarah: need a more clear discussion of the which students are responsible employees for Title IX reporting.
      ▪ This is a problem we routinely have and is still an ongoing concern. We're working on it.
• Jason (Graduate/International)
  ◦ Flyer on east/west mccallum bus lines for SG promotional, info on who we are and what we do.
  ◦ Looking to start booting for general SG presence by beginning for next semester.
  ◦ Housing is a big issue for international and graduate students. Need to look in expanding resources to accommodate them, or finding new ones.
• Christian (Legislative)
  ◦ Suaab says 509 students showed up to the political party. It was an awesome event!
  ◦ Hoping to take into the student data on the "Where do you stand" boards and use it for the upcoming legislative sessions for given issues.
  ◦ SG coalition (proposed SG lobbying group for SG in texas colleges)- Songar attended.
    (Also Joey)
• Songar: thanks to everyone who surveyed! We discuss in austin what we wanted SG coalition to do, and outlined goals for the upcoming legislative sessions.

• Uttara (Residential Student Affairs)
  ○ CHAC Updates
    • Switching from comet (TEMOC) net from time warner. TEMOC net will be used for gaming. Will need to pre-register devices for security purposes. Propose speed is 30 mbps up and down PER student, not device.
    • Will provide routers, but you won't be allowed to touch or reset it without OIC there.
      ▪ Akshitha: When is this happening.
        ● Late march early spring.
      ▪ Christian: For the illiterate: is 30 fast?
        ● Faster than time warner. 4-5 in dorms, and even less in the apartments. 30 is good, but not great. Just much better.
      ▪ Peter: what’s this about not being able to touch my own router?
      ▪ Hannah: takes them over 24 hours to fix a ceiling, why would I wait that long to restart a router?
        ● They will reset your router for you remotely, immediately.
      ▪ Anu: Is this service 24 hours?
        ● Apparently no. And they don't really have a good solution for this.

• Leases
  ▪ Lease renewal/signup is changing, again. SURPRISE! Lease renewal is in January. Feb 1st-3rd signup for non-renewing student (for that given apt or dorm). Feb 9-13 is when you choose grouping. Priority housing is split even further. (Fun!) Dibs: Freshman, National Merit, Terry, McDermott. Priority ranking is AVERAGED fr groups among all students in group.
  ▪ Can now choose phase and building! Hooray!
  ▪ Yash: How are they informing students of this complicated process?
    ● A lot of emails. Website link. "Soon".
  ▪ JW: Ass.
  ▪ Building 6/7 wont have late night construction anymore, will be done by July.
  ▪ Ice machines are being put into northwest! Other dorms soon. Will upload a picture soon.
  ▪ Umbrella rental program in University Commons. Still receiving feedback.
  ▪ Still working on locations and materials for foot-washing stations.
  ▪ Questions?
    ▪ Sidewalks near res hall south?
      ● Done before MLK day.
    ▪ Christian: falling construction materials next to north.
      ● Will email Kevin.

○ Pooshan (filling in for Ravi, Tech)
  ▪ Clock finished! Check em out, they're new an updated. (See plinth)
  ▪ Computers in library
    ▪ Laptops: 24 of them, rental for three days at a time. No reservations or extensions. Only usable on campus.
  ▪ Anu: why cant we get more laptops?
• The lady just said no.
  • Casey: Why can’t we reserve it? Seems useful if you have an upcoming project?
    ▪ Will bring that up.
  • Peter: software on laptops is very updates.
    ▪ Willa ska bout that.
  • Caitlynn: Will laptop have software needed for class (stata, matlab).
    ▪ Laptops will not have that because the professors will know which labs have the requisite software. At worst, you can ask IT to install the software onto a given computer on campus.

• New Business
  ○ 6:21 Johnathan moves to open discussion on resources for academic conferences. Motion passes.
    • Joey: we need a medium for people to attend these conferences and then present what they learned.
    • Caitlynn: Did anyone here attend an academic conference while in college? Please share.
      ▪ Christian: I went while in my last college. Had no avenue to share that information like here in SG.
    • JW: Ask Nancy. She has the most experience with things like this.
    • Casey: Students need to also be made aware that there are opportunities for publishing and attendance FIRST.
  ○ 6:27 Joey moves to open discussion on "Archer’s Challenge". Motion passes.
    • Joey: Son of Bill Archer wants to increase accessibility by bringing wheelchairs to universities to encourage students to spend 20 minutes in one and see what it’s like experience the challenges of disabled students.
    • Do we want to participate something like this?
      ▪ Casey: Are we reaching out to student in wheelchairs on campus?
        ▪ Absolutely, need to include them because we don’t want to speak for a population we are not a part of.
      ▪ Tiffany: what is the end goal?
        ▪ To spread awareness.
      ▪ Adam: Accessibility office is dramatically underfunded. Why not just give the money to them, since they understand the issues important to accessibility-starved students the most.
      ▪ Anu: What is SG’s role?
        ▪ We will help sponsor event, maybe help run it a little.
      ▪ JW: we need to do something different. Us working directly with students that need the resources is far more necessary than maybe increasing awareness. Not SG’s premise: we need to help facilitate action with money, not just awareness.
      ▪ Sarah: perhaps turn it into a fundraising drive if cost is a concern? Like COMETthon.
      ▪ Alex: events like this dont raise awareness, or barely. Cost benefit is really poor.

  ○ Casey: Make sure to recycle the water bottles!
  ○ 6:37 Joey moves to open a discussion on things we can do to help Accessibility. Motion Passes.
• JW: Need ramps, signs, and fixing automatic doors. And that’s just for wheelchairs. Need to talk DIRECTLY to Accessibility, or other orgs that do work with this populations.
• Caitlynn: captions for lectures and official campus events.
• Peter: Creating SG awareness with this is good. What JW said.
  ○ Joey moves to open discussion on political climate on campus. Passes.
  ○ Joey: SG’s mandate in this trying political time is to make sure students feel safe and included.
• Kim Winkler: Many events on campus have made students feel very afraid, including on flyers and graffiti and stairs facing the plinth. Counseling center open from 1-3 tomorrow to discuss this specific.
• Adam: anti-semitic graffiti.
• JW: Public statement, if at all, should be paired with other student orgs and be on the official UTD website. As SG our job it's important to distinguish between free speech and the promotion of hate/violence. We need to also know who we go to in that instance in case something like this comes up again.
• Dr. Smith: You NEED to report incidents to my office so we can handle problem directly! Very important. If you're unsure, report it anyway. Better safe than sorry.
  ▪ JW: by what method?
  ▪ Dr. Smith: email better, but you can call or come in if that is preferred.
  ○ Joey moves to extend by two minutes. Motion passes.
  ○ Ashley: campus should be unified in making a statement, so definitely should be more than an SG issues. Need to investigate whether things are actual hate speech, and not react immediately. Remember that this is a left leaning campus and we must be tolerant of minority views.
  ○ Christian: Empathy is the best way to move forward. There's a line between being politically correct and disregarding people's feelings. It is very necessary now to start conversations. Need some sort of campaign or program to facilitate this.
  ○ Peter: Email from Nigerian Student Association that found in bathroom warning students to stay off campus. Definitely suggests violence. Need to start campaign on campus to take a stand against things like this.
  ○ Adam: Political discourse has gone to hell in the past decade. Specific acts of bigotry for specific bigots are real and they NEED TO BE CALLED OUT EXPLICITLY. Glossing over the issues or creating false equivalence will not solve the problem.
  ○ Antonio: Need a resource for students to report incidents like this. Perhaps also a discussion series.
  ○ Joey: Need to separate these changes from the idea of the election. Students need to know that the university mission and services will not be altered: police and counseling and whatnot are still there for students, and the university needs to make that clear to students.
  ○ JW (point of inquiry): are there any actual (new) policy recommendations?
  ▪ (none.)
  ○ Christian: is this a university-centric movement? If so, what does it specifically entail, what is its goal?
  ▪ Joey: to promote the idea that students are safe here.
Adam: we need to make sure that discriminatory policies are not passed on the state level. If you see something, say something. CALL OUT SPECIFIC OBJECTIONAL INSTANCES WHEN THEY HAPPEN.

Casey: Would be good if university released this information so we can all share it. Must be very accessible to all. Also, racism happens to professors as well, remember that.

HJ: Do a social media campaign as students, not SG, after University releases a statement.

Joey: Students need to release a different statement than the one by the university. Will be ore effective, and they need to know that "We are a resource for them".

Christian: Action has to start on a micro-level. I'm a non-confrontational person, but even I hear racist things as a conservative. WE NEED TO HAVE UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS, IN PUBLIC, IF THINGS ARE TO CHANGE. If we don't take accountability and really look within, nothing will happen.

- JW moves to adjourn. 7:06.