Call to Order

   Called to order at 5:15 pm

Approval of Minutes

   Mathi motions to approve the minutes
   Rutendo seconds
   Motion passes

Approval of the Agenda

   Rutendo moves to approve the agenda by general consent
   Willie seconds
   Motion passes

Announcements

   • Ayoub: Filing is open, the number of forms and people I’ve seen in meeting is somewhat. Campaign orientation meeting are soon, I will be holding another meeting on Tuesday for campaign orientation meetings. Please get to a campaign orientation meeting!
     o Angel: Where is the information to access the meetings
   • Ayoub: at very bottom of part of SG website there is links for the meetings for election orientation meetings

Visitors:

Dr. Gene Fitch, Jr., Vice President for Student Affairs
   - I have some ReadyEDU updates- some changeover in the integration team on ReadyEDU’s side occurred, and that may impact our rollout of ReadyEDU, but for now everything is going according to plan

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
   - Regarding organization and student gatherings- we are starting to approve gatherings for students (no more than 10 ppl per gathering, along with faculty/staff member) you will go through SOC office to request this gathering. Fraternities and sororities will start holding in person events as well. Not allowing food or drink, as you need to wear your mask at all times.

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Associate Dean for Jindal School of Management
   - As you all already know, faculty and staff will be pushing back classes/tests students time to recover from last week’s storm

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Ex-officio Reports:

Briana Lemos, Director of Student Development

Officer Reports:

President: Sara Brennan (Sara.Brennan@utdallas.edu)
   - University Wide Committees
     - I will go through senators who are on UW committees for updates and how those are going during this senate meeting, and I will be reaching out to you all as some committee spots are open for SG for undergraduate advisor award committee along with some others
   - Bad Review System for not voting
• Please vote no, yes, or abstain during our voting measure during senate meetings; EC has agreed that bad reviews will add up and you will be sent J-Board

Vice President: Rutendo Chando (Rutendo.Chando@utdallas.edu)
  • March 6th Social (12:30pm-2pm)

Secretary: Josh Babu (Josh.Babu@utdallas.edu)
  • Undergraduate Research
    • I recently had a meeting with Drs. Maguire and Dussor regarding undergraduate research opportunities, and they informed me of a platform/website in the making that will hopefully be launched by this summer for students. This platform will allow student interested in undergraduate research to submit their resume, let PIs know about their interests, and apply to labs through this website.
    • Dr. Maguire informed me of research positions available at UT Southwestern, and there is not a mode of communication that UTSW can use to contact undergraduate students who would be interested in joining their lab, so we will work on that as well.
    • There are also internship opportunities with startups that have offices at a UTD office space rental building, and that is something they hope to add into the platform in the future

Treasurer: Mathi Siva (mxs171130@utdallas.edu)
  • Homecoming Debrief
    • The Homecoming virtual event was a success! We had over 90 people come to just the SG virtual Teams room for the event, and more attended other events. We will be announcing the prizes for the students who won the draws soon!

Committee Reports:
Academic Affairs Committee: Ayoub Mohammed (ayoub@utdallas.edu)
  • Committee Updates
    • We have finished some resolution that we will be presenting later on in this meeting
    • Please reach out to me if you have any ideas related to Academic Affairs

Communications Committee: Imaan Razak Macchiwalla (imaan.razakmacchiwalla@utdallas.edu)
  • Homecoming Social Media Debrief
    • The social media aspects of homecoming had a lot of traction this year
  • SG Survey
    • We will be announcing prizes for the giveaways soon for the SG feedback poll

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Bhavi Gullapalli (bxg170007@utdallas.edu)
  • Nothing to Report

Legislative Affairs Committee: Angel Hemme (amh180015@utdallas.edu)
  • Nothing to Report

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Blake Lawyer (bpl170001@utdallas.edu)
  • Housing Statistics Project
    • We have looked into some specifics and logistics for the project, and it is progressing well; we will be reaching out to more groups that will be involved with it, and we will be starting it soon

Student Affairs Committee: Neha Khan (neha.khan@utdallas.edu)
  • OSA Blood Drive
    • We are teaming up with the graduate student assembly for a blood drive with Carter blood drive and students will sign up for ten minute time slots, once I have the link to sign up for it I will send it out

Technology Committee: Vignesh Vasan (vxv170005@utdallas.edu)
• HackUTD Updates
  • HackUTD: I had a meeting with Green Initiative, and we will have two prompts (SG and GI prompts)
- HackAI
  - Hackathon on March 27th and 28th, please let me know if there are any ideas for it

Diversity and Equity Ad Hoc Committee: River Bluhm (River.Bluhm@utdallas.edu)
- Nothing to Report

Green Initiative Ad Hoc Committee: Allyson DeVerse (ajd170001@utdallas.edu)
- Campus Race to Zero Waste
  - Single use plastic ban legislation is being worked up; thank you to Paulina for being a major part of this we also talked about sustainability office programs which I have discussed, and they are doing earth week which is a virtual event to see sustainability goals from the UN
- Watershed Warriors
- Compost Training

University Wide Committee Reports
- Sustainability Committee: Allyson DeVerse
  - Single use plastic ban, legislation is being worked up, and Paulina is a major part of this, we also talked about sustainability office programs which I have discussed, and they are doing earth week which is a virtual event to see sustainability goals from the UN
- Auxiliary Service Committee: Marshall
  - Updated on us on dining, etc., but his only applicable to ppl on campus, and obviously parking is easier this semester
  - Sara: The Pub and Panda Express is open this year in SU
- Library Service Committee: Kruthi
  - Library is not going to open anytime soon, but I will keep you updated
- Parking & Transportation Committee: Mustafa
  - Talked about improvements that have been made such as four more electric parking spots added in the parking garages on campus
- Police Oversight Committee: Justin
  - Committee has been formed among students, faculty, and police to bring more transparency to on-campus policing

Unfinished Business:
- Bylaws Amendments
  - Josh moves to amend the amendments to include his proposed amendments
    - Willie seconds
  - Paulina moves to suspend the bylaws portion regarding elections
    - Rutendo seconds
    - Discussion:
      - Ryan objects to Paulina’s motion
      - Viggy seconds
      - Discussion:
        - Ryan: I feel that there is a reason for part of the bylaws saying that we should not have changes during elections, so we should not suspend the bylaws
        - Viggy: I agree, and since campaign orientation meetings have started, we perhaps should not suspend the bylaws
        - Josh: What does Ayoub think?
• Ayoub: I am impartial, as I feel these changes will not affect elections greatly
• Jared: I think these changes would bring a positive impact to elections
• Kruthi: In regard to the ticket size, the actual ticket size would be around 18 senators
  • Viggy calls to question the motion to suspend the bylaws
  • Rutendo seconds
  • Motion passes
• Josh calls to question the motion to amend the bylaws
  • Rutendo seconds
  • Discussion:
    • Josh: The amendments being proposed are suggested in order to make our elections fairer for all. Separating President and Vice President from Senators when running would allow for all senators to be on equal footing when running against each other, as no senator would be running with a P/VP ticket. Expanding tickets sizes substantially but not to the point where two tickets could have the majority vote in SG would allow for tickets sizes to expand but keep SG’s voting integrity during term. Finally, the rule that names shall not indicate tickets are running together ensure that senators will have to actively campaign for their ticket rather than tagging along with another ticket
    • Katie: Will tickets be able to collaborate?
      • Josh: Yes, but the ticket naming rule ensures that tickets will not be able to tag along with another ticket and not campaign, but campaign for name recognition for their ticket
  • Motion passes
• Constitutional Amendments
  • Viggy moves to table the amendment to the next meeting
    • Camila seconds
    • Motion passes by unanimous consent

New Business:
• ElectHer Allocation
  • Camila moves to allocation for ElectHer
    • Margaret seconds
    • Discussion:
      • Camila: The allocation is to occur women to run for office and for SG
  • Motion passes by unanimous consent
• Honorlock Resolution
  • Kruthi moves to open discussion regarding the Honorlock Resolution
    • Kruthi: advocates for a better alternative to Honorlock, and advocates to discontinue Honorlock as a UTD proctoring service
    • Alexander: I don’t like Honorlock, but what is this resolution going to achieve
      • Kruthi: We hope that it shows solidarity with students, and encourage faculty and profs to look at alternatives, and NYU students successfully advocated for an alternative to something similar to Honorlock
      • Alex: Without extra options, I think it might not be realistic, but it does show solidarity with students
      • Jared: cracking down on academic dishonesty shouldn’t be at the expense of students
• Sara moves to approve the resolution
  o Approved by unanimous consent
• Continuity of Asynchronous Learning Resolution
  • Ayoub moves to pass asynchronous learning resolution
  • Discussion:
    • Ayoub: Right now, we have asynchronous learning, and this resolution is calling
      for continuing to offer asynchronous learning as it is a valid form of learning during
      the pandemic and can be a valid form of learning for busy students after the
      pandemic
    • Justin: on a case-by-case basis how will this be handled
    • Ayoub: it will be handled between students and professors
    • Kaplan: I would move to delete the case by case basis part
    • Sara: maybe we can move to amend to say at least we consider this as a case-
      by-case basis
    • Ayoub: I am open to that
  • Friendly amendment for at least case by case basis
    • Kaplan: I would add some things to this, such as a lot of students have taken
      extra work hours, extra jobs, and the economy will not turn around by August, so
      this would allow students to prioritize economic needs of students
  • Another friendly amendment
    • Sara: Is there anyone opposed to passing the resolution with proposed
      amendments
      o Passed by unanimous consent
  • Rutendo moves to make amendments regarding economic issues facing students
    o Ayoub: that is a friendly amendment
  • Ayoub also moves to make the amendment to remove case by case basis
    o Jared seconds
  • Sara: is there anyone opposed to passing the resolution with proposed amendments
    o Passed by unanimous consent
• Access Codes Resolution
  • Willie moves to pass the access code resolution
  • Discussion:
    • Ayoub: some classes require access codes that require money to McGraw Hill or
      Pearson, etc. and that access code locks the entire course, and so access codes
      should be removed, since your tuition doesn’t go towards the course, just eh
      access code money
    • Dr. Kaplan: it seems to be directed towards a single course, so list multiple
      courses and fees associated, and then the resolution would be good
    • Ayoub: we can do that
    • Willie: This is a friendly amendment
  • Passes by unanimous consent
• Shopping Cart Waitlist Resolution
  • Camila moves to approve the resolution
  • Jared seconds
  • Rose: resolution to add a waitlist section on the frontpage of coursebook
  • Motion passes by unanimous consent
HackUTD Allocations
  • Viggy: I move to approve the two HackUTD allocations
    • Josh seconds
    • Discussion:
      • Viggy: It’s this Saturday, and we are allocating about 1800 each for the SG challenge and the GI challenge Vishvak: This is a great event and the resolution should be passed, it has my full support
      • Mathi: I am concerned about the allocation size as we have not been very involved with the HackAThon, so what is the assurance that students will participate in our HackAThon?
      • Viggy: we feel that the size of the prizes will encourage students
  • Motion passes by unanimous consent

Adjourn

  - Willie moves to adjourn
    o Viggy seconds
  - Meeting adjourned

AMENDING A MOTION:
“I move to amend the main motion and…” □ If a proposed constitutional/bylaws/standing rules change ought to be altered, you would amend the amendment so that the correct/change is made before voting on it for approval

OPENING/CLOSING DISCUSSION ON AN ALLOCATION/ISSUE/TOPIC:
“I move to open a______minute discussion on/about/for…”
“I move to close the discussion”

EXTEND DISCUSSION EXPIRING OR EXPIRED:
“I move to extend the discussion by______minutes” □ Do not overuse for short extensions

VOTING:
“I move to previous question”, “I call to question” □This closes the discussion upon a second and upon approval by 2/3rds of Senate; if you see a lot of people have something to say, you do not have to approve of moving to voting on the item

APPROVING AN ALLOCATION:
“I move to allocate______for______” □ Needs a second, and then we discuss; when discussion is over, or someone calls to question (see previous motion examples), we vote

DISCUSSION COMMENTS DEVIATE FROM DISCUSSION:
“Point of Order, *gets recognized*, discussion is not germane” □ Doesn’t need a second, doesn’t need discussion, and is up to the speaker to determine if the comment/current discussion is related to the topic at hand

TABLE DISCUSSION:
“I move to table the discussion/item for next meeting/indefinitely” □ Depending on what the item is, this will most likely move the item to Unfinished Business for the next meeting