

UT Dallas Student Government

Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Call to Order

Called to Order at 5:16 PM

Approval of the Minutes

Vignesh moves to approve the minutes

Rosalie seconds

Motion passes

Approval of the Agenda

Paulina moves to approve the agenda

Rosalie seconds

Motion passes

Visitors

Dr. Gene Fitch, Jr., Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Amanda Smith, Dean of Students, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Associate Dean for Jindal School of Management

Kim Winkler, Associate Dean of Students

Dr. J.D. Thomas, Director of Orbit

- Collaborating with Office of Student Volunteerism to increase community engagement through new application that seeks to connect students with different volunteer opportunities

Anne Hart, Program Coordinator for the Office of Student Volunteerism

- OSV is moving into a soft launch for the app, would like feedback from SG on the marketing of the app

Ex-officio reports

Briana Lemos, Director of Student Development

- Notes that the Student Organization Center sent out an email to senators regarding the virtual student organization fair and encourages senators to help increase engagement with this

Officer reports:

President: Sara Brennan (sara.brennan@utdallas.edu)

- Announces Imaan Razak Senator of the Month

Vice President: Rutendo Chando (rutendo.chando@utdallas.edu)

- Announces the date of the virtual retreat, and encourages senators to RSVP
- Notes that Executive Committee will be posting their office hours soon

Secretary: Hiba Benelbar (hiba.benelbar@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to Report

Treasurer: Mathivarshini "Mathi" Sivachidambaram (mxs171130@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to Report

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee: Ayoub Mohammed (ayoub@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to Report

Communications Committee: Paulina Hruskoci (paulina.hruskoci@utdallas.edu)

- Notes that the official SG Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook are up and running
- Encourages senators to follow and engage with the content posted to these accounts
- Notes that representatives of the communications committee will be checking in with each committee for important updates, feel free to reach out to Paulina if you want to be featured
- Notes that the communications committee will begin publically advertising EC office hours
- Notes that Intercultural Programs is currently having a food swap this week and wants SG to participate
- Reminds senators that the Green Convene this Thursday at 5PM CST

Graduate & International Affairs Committee: Sandhya Subramani (sandhya.subramani@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to Report

Legislative Affairs Committee: Angel Hemme (angel.hemme@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to Report

Residential Student Affairs Committee: Blake Lawyer (bpl170001@utdallas.edu)

- Resolved issue regarding COVID-19 test availability
- Notes that his committee took to Reddit to receive complaints regarding housing, and received several responses. He is currently working with students to resolve their concerns

Student Affairs Committee: Neha Khan (neha.khan@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to Report

Technology Committee: Vignesh Vasan (vxv170005@utdallas.edu)

- Currently working on a website for UTD students regarding information on the 2020 election
- Looking to implement a Designathon, similar to Hackathon except it will be about Graphic Design

Diversity and Equity Adhoc Committee: Thomas Gebremichael (thomas.gebremichael@utdallas.edu)

- Brief Introduction
- Encourages senators to join meetings held biweekly on Wednesday evenings

Green Initiative Adhoc Committee: Allyson Deverse (ajd170001@utdallas.edu)

- Nothing to Report

Old Business

New Business

- Appointment of Senators:
 - Smrithi Upadyayula
 - BBS junior who serves as writer for The Mercury, active member of Modeling Doctors and Model UN, intern with the MJ Hegar campaign, and spelling coach for the North South Foundation. Notes that her role as writer for the Mercury requires to be aware of important events, as well as students' opinions with respect to the university. Will use this information to be a better advocate for the student's at UTD within her role at SG.

- *Rutendo moves to confirm the appointment of Smrithi Upadyayula*
Vignesh seconds
Motion Passes

- *Rutendo moves to approve the Living Our Values Resolution*
Jaqueline seconds
Motion Passes

Closing Announcements

- Remember to contact Sara if you are interested in being appointed to a University Wide Committee

Adjourn

Paulina moves to adjourn
Vignesh seconds
Motion passes