



The University of Texas at Tyler

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, September 1st, 2022

I. Call to Order 5:30pm

II. Roll Call

Name	Absent
President Smith	
Vice President Bennett	
Secretary Dix	
Treasurer Luna	
Chief of Staff Peters	
Adan Govea	A (approved)
Amelia McCain	
Ashlyn Mattern	
Bee Black	
Ben Buchanan	
Brandon Scott	A (approved)
Brennan McGinnis	A (approved)
Bryce McQueary	
Christine Barrett	
Emily Helms	
Glen Beran	
JJ Rojas	
Jorian Khan	
Justin Vargas	
Kaylin Sheppard	
Kyna Holman	
Lisa Tran	
Macie Kirkby	
Maggie Manning	
McKenna Waller	P (left early/approved)
Tanner King	A (approved)
Valerie McNamara	
Chief Justice: Chloe Burleson	

III. Open Forum

a. None

IV. Speaker's Podium

a. Assistant Vice President and Director of Student Engagement Joshua Neaves.



Advisor Neaves: All right, thank you Landry. I don't always get a clap so that makes me happy. Shout out to all of my virtual attendees. The E-Board has asked me to come and speak to you all, so I was going to take the opportunity to wear multiple hats. So, as Landry introduced me, I am one of the Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Success, and my other hat is also the Director of Student Engagement. Before I jump into what I am going to talk about, I'm going to put on another hat, and that is my hat as SGA Advisor. I do serve as your advisor to this organization. I will often, in most cases, attend these meetings. These meetings are super important, because this is where all of the business gets taken care of, and then the other fifty percent of your job is to go to your committee meetings. The SGAC, one of my most important committees, you've got to get rocking and rolling on those meetings because we already have student groups that are requesting money and we have got to make sure you are doing your job in representing the students. When you are at these meetings, my expectation is for you to represent the college or your group that you are representing, you know. Make sure that you are taking the time and going out and asking questions. What's going on, the good, the bad. You need to be representing what's happening. Try to refrain from representing individual issues. We really want to focus on big issues at hand. So, if it is a problem that every student is having, yeah, we need to talk about it. Sometimes your individual problems or challenges might be a lead to figure out "okay, does everyone have this problem, or is it just me?" Typically, if we start hearing that it's more individual, you know, that's a conversation outside of that. Other than that, I look forward to the semester. I think you've got a good group of leaders. Every year is a different year and we never know what kind of topics that we are going to encounter in a new academic year, but it is shaping up to be a really good semester, so far. Hopefully your classes are going well. So that's my two sense as your advisor. So now I'm going to put my main hat back on, so real quick, by a show of hands, and then for those on zoom, use the clap emoji or raise your hand, if you went to any of the events that occurred last week, or this week, because nursing started this week and I know Houston Campus had an event this week, as well. I see some, yeah, yeah. What was you all's opinion? Good? Bad? Not enough, too much? I see some thumbs up. Okay, it was fun, that's good to hear. We want to make sure it's fun. T-shirts were a big hit. One of the updates is in the team So, in the Department of Student Engagement we've had some changes, and so our Campus Activities Coordinator is no longer with us. We are actively searching for a new Campus Activities Coordinator. So, the department came together to make sure all of the activities that occurred last week as well as the activities on the distance campuses. We wanted to make sure that still happened. With this, we want to make sure that you'll have the best start to your fall semester, and so I wanted to make sure that that was meeting the students' expectations. So, I got two more things that I want to make sure everybody is aware, because I always do this. Where do you go to find out what's happening on campus? Yes, Patriot's Engage, and so I said that for the official minutes. The easiest way to get to Patriot's Engage is uttyler.edu/engage. That will take you straight to Engage. Really encourage your students to be checking that out. They'll like it. If they see an event they want to attend, make sure they RSVP, they'll get those auto reminders. Student groups, I see a lot of leaders of student organizations, make sure your student organization is fully registered. That process is also facilitated through Patriot's Engage. That also goes for distance



campuses, as well. Everything is housed in Engage, so make sure to do that. One of the topics I wanted to address, I want to make sure that students are properly informed. One of the fee changes that the Board of Regents passed this past spring was an increase in the New Student Program. A new Student Program's fee is a one-time fee that is applied to new students. So, the fee passed in which we increase it, and we change the language to where it will apply to **not** just Freshman. It is now going to apply to all new students, first year and transfer students. That is phase one of our intended plan. Phase two now, is to get final approval to make transfer orientation mandatory. Right now, orientation is only mandatory for Freshman. We believe, to help with our engagement efforts and retention efforts, that transfer orientation needs to be mandatory. In doing so, we will be in line with our other UT schools and you might already be thinking of it, it is different from Freshman orientation; it is not the same experience, and so we will offer different tracks. We will offer our traditional track, which is, one day we plan on offering a half day track, express track, and of course, the online track. We are looking at using that fee change to be able to fund those activities, to also look at potentially hiring another professional. That way, we can provide ongoing transfer programs to our new transfer students, as well as maybe a transfer organization and additional transfer programs. It's not just for orientation, the fee also helps Freshman to ensure that Swoop Camp remains free. That was a big change that was implemented last year. I believe it was last year where students no longer had to pay one hundred and fifty dollars, and so that way we can try to get every Freshman to come to Swoop Camp. By show of hands, who has gone through Swoop Camp? About half. We want to see more, and so Swoop Camp is everything that orientation is not. Orientation is all the official stuff that we have to comply with laws, and we officially told students about, you know, Title IX, Public Safety. Swoop Camp is nothing but fun, and so we want to make sure that every student has the opportunity to attend those programs, and we felt that transfers also need that. So I wanted to inform all of Student Government that that change is currently on the horizon. The fee is already passed, now the next phase is to make the orientation. Are there any questions about the fee or transfer orientation program becoming mandatory?

Senator Vargas: So, for the transfer orientation, is that going to be like all transfers? Or is there going to be where there's still that like credit stipulation?

Advisor Neaves: Nope, all transfers. Well, the credit stipulation will essentially disappear. The credit stipulation will decide which program you need. So, if you are over thirty hours, you're going to be on the transfer track. However, we still have transfer students that request to join the Freshman track, and we will still allow that to happen, as well. If we get enough requests, we will create a track that is similar to the Freshman experience, just for transfer students.

Senator Vargas: Follow up question of that really quick, so, with the fee increase and making it mandatory, will that also change, like the structure of transfer orientation instead of just being a one-day thing?



Advisor Neaves: Correct. So, we would potentially start a transfer orientation as early as April. I think that in UT Arlington starts theirs in April. (inaudible question from Senator) Well, that's a good question. So, we want to design different tracks. The question was, will the program be similar to how it is now where they just sit in a room and get all of the information? That option will still be available to students; however, we will still have different options available based on what the students would like to do. So, because some students who, let's say you're a Senior transferring in, and you already have ninety hours. You probably just want to do the mandatory of wanting to know how to sign up for classes, pay my bill, and probably get the mandatory information. We'll try to create an express track, or maybe they want the online train, and so now we have enough resources to make sure that we can hire more leaders, because I don't think we are hiring enough OL's and camp leaders, as well as paying them well. So that we can adjust that, and we can also invest in a more robust online system other than just Canvas. There are only some limitations to that, as far as doing an online orientation to make sure that it's something that is engaging a lot, especially if we are going to require some of our transfer students who are strictly in an online program only. We need to make sure that the online program given a similar experience to the in-person program.

Senator Holman (zoom attendee): How much is that fee going to be now?

Advisor Neaves: The new fee is now two hundred and twenty-five dollars. There is an increase of one hundred dollars. It is still one of the lowest New Student Programs Fee in the UT System. So, when we looked at doing the increase, we wanted to see how much we needed to execute these programs. We wanted to see what our sister institutions were doing to make sure that we stay on the same level compared to those schools. Any other questions? Do you feel that other students are going to be in favor of this?

Senator Vargas: I mean honestly, I feel like other students would be pretty like receptive to it for the most part, just because I mean it contributes to them having a more positive and engaging experience for the most part because it means you guys can also have bigger and more lavish events, I guess. So, I guess it gives you guys more space for programming for the most part which I think would be a lot better.

Advisor Neaves: When we looked at the fee, we wanted to match what we are doing for Freshman. We want to make sure there is a consistent experience across the board for all new students. So, when we looked at how much it was, we tried to match both sides. So that's why, eventually, if we have enough funds, we are going to try to hire another person so that way it's an equal service to all students whether you're a Freshman or a transfer.

Senator Khan (zoom attendee): Will in person transfer options be available for remote campuses?

Advisor Neaves: Yeah, that's a good question. Yes, so right now the Houston campus used to mandatory, and so that is something that now by making this a



university level requirement mandatory, it will be required for all of the students on all of our distance campuses to go through. So, Houston, Longview, Palestine, online. The Health Science Center right now is already mandatory, so they already went through their orientation the week before school starts. So, we're in line across the board, so, I'm personally excited about some of the distance campuses, because right now it has historically been up in the air, and now it's for sure going to happen, and we will definitely do and in-person on those campuses. We will still offer it online to make sure that if students are not able to attend in-person, they can still do it online and still get the same experience, or as close to the experience as possible.

Senator Khan (zoom attendee): Wonderful. Thank you so much.

Senator Mattern: Okay, so the Seniors that transfer in, they got hit with this fee and the new graduation fee?

Advisor Neaves: That is correct. Yeah, so it's kind of one of those things. You know, what comes first the chicken or the egg? We're not able to implement the program without funding for that. Yes, students were hit with the fee this fall semester, however, students, especially those who already are this semester that were charged the fee, were able to still utilize transfer orientation. We did see a slight increase in some of our transfer orientations already, not by much, because it's an optional program, but we still plan on doing some programming this fall and this spring, including virtual events for those populations. It's only strictly new students, and so if you have been here and the only fee that you mentioned would be the new graduation fee. Unless you are a first-year student, you have already paid your new suit, and we are not going to go back and charge the difference. You've already utilized orientation, you already used Swoop Camp, and that is a big bulk of what that fee covers. You are still eligible to participate, whether you're a first-year student or not, in the programming that we provide for students.

Senator Buchanan: So, I was curious. I've probably had a dozen different conversations these past couple of weeks with transfer students who are looking for a building, looking for where to go on campus, and they're like, "yeah, this is my first time on campus, and I didn't really have a tour of campus, I really don't know where anything is." Is that going to be something that's included in the orientation? I know over the summer the OL were doing all of the tours.

Advisor Neaves: Another reason for why orientation needs to be mandatory, that because that is part of what we already provide is part of the orientation program, and it's not just a tour of campus. It's you know, "where is the best place to park?" I bet I might hear a parking comment later in the meeting, but usually during the first two weeks of school parking is pretty rough until things start to settle down and students figure out their schedules. We have plenty of parking. It's just not convenient, I get that. We can address some of those challenges that students face. "Where is a good place to study," you know instead of trying to wait a couple of weeks to figure that out on your own, the OL's can help knock that out at orientation. We do things differently from other schools. The processes or the services are different, and so by



making sure students get that information at orientations, we're at least helping students have the ability to start off on the right foot and that's what we want. Good question, any other questions? My one request is for you all to go out and tell students, especially if they are transfer students. They might be curious on why in the world they were charged this fee. That's what the fee is for. They're able to utilize the service right now and moving forward, I'm hoping to see even more programs and services as we tackle this, and so I see several former OL's, camp leaders, that means we can hopefully, we can start changing some of the perks for being an OL as well as the structure and hopefully attract more OL's. We're going to need a lot more OL's, because right now we offer seven freshman sessions and three transfer orientations, two in the summer and one in January. That means we're going to have to do a lot more orientations, so we want to make sure we have the strongest team; the largest team possible to make sure that we provide the best experience possible. That's why I wanted to come talk, hopefully I didn't go over my time limit, so I apologize. If you ever have any questions, whether it's Student Engagement, the Division of Student Success, or even SGA, you are always welcome to come chat with me (jneaves@uttyler.edu). I have an open-door policy, if I'm there, my door's open, fair game. New swag is coming in, I just got mouse pads in yesterday, and so if you're interested in getting a mouse pad come chat, it has the new athletic mark. So, more swag is on the way, socks, lanyards, notepads, and especially for those on our zoom, our distance campuses. Once we get everything in, we are going to also distribute that to our distance campuses so that everyone has an opportunity to get the swag.

Senator Holman (zoom attendee): As a transfer student that did not attend orientation, I see the need for it. My first time on campus was extremely confusing and I was not aware of how to check our required textbooks, where to go for my classes, or how to get a parking pass until after my classes had started. I am in favor of orientation for transfer students to avoid this confusion for them.

Advisor Neaves: Thank you for the comment. That's a lot of the reasons why we believe it needs to be mandatory. Believe it or not, we started this process in, I believe, the Spring of 2020. Faculty Senate is the one who started this conversation, and it's just taking us some time to get the fee to change, and now we're going to hopefully wrap up this whole process in the next couple of weeks and get ready for the next orientation site. It's great to hear comments. If you have concerns, we do want to hear the concerns, as well. We know it's not going to be a popular decision with everybody, and so we want to try to help address as many concerns as possible. As a reminder this is a New Student Programs fee. It's not an orientation fee. It covers orientation and transfer programs (new student programs). Just for the record, this does not apply to Graduate Students at this time. Okay, thank you!

V.

VI. **Officer Reports**

a. **President Smith**

This past week, much of the work that I have been doing was for helping get Fall Election going. Some of you are in the Fall Election, so that's exciting to see people on the ballot. It's exciting to see the amount of interest. I do not have numbers on who has all attended a candidacy meeting,



but as of last night I think we had twenty-two submissions for the Fall Election, as far as applying to be a Senator, so that's exciting, and can't wait to have them come in once September twelve comes along, that when the election is. So that's some of the things I've been working on. I got to meet with the Director of Facilities this past week, and we discussed some accessibility changes that could be made to the campus, especially located at the met door, so hopefully we'll get rolling on that. Other than that, the week's been kind of a blur for me, so those are the big things that stand out.

b. Vice-President Bennett

So pretty much what I've been working on is getting our events ready for the year. One of the things that I have been doing; I've been tag teaming with Treasurer Luna on is for finals bags we have pretty much are going around to different departments around campus and just getting any of the Flag T stuff that they're wanting to throw away, and so we'll be putting it in the finals bags for the students whenever it comes around to it. Another thing that we're going to be doing is that we're going to kind of have college-specific finals bags, too, so like I got some College of Business water bottles, Justin's checking with the College of Education and Psychology to see if there's anything else. Then, I'll be talking with Valerie and Event's Committee next week to see about Nursing, and then Macie do you all have anything over there? No, okay. But, we'll just kind of be looking around to see what we can do.

c. Secretary Dix

I have just been working on keeping our social media updated with all of the back-to-school events that are going on and sharing any opportunities for the free food like the Taco trucks and the t-shirts. I've been trying to attend as many of those events as I can to also post videos that I have taken, being at the events. I've been updating the website, all of the new Senators, you guys are all on there underneath your college, so that's exciting. I updated the committees page and I'm working to familiarize myself more with the website. Another thing that I did is I'm working on posts. Well, I have posted some of them. That sign up is open for new Senators and what colleges are open, and I have also made one for when elections begin so make sure you guys share those on your social media. I do see them, so it really helps if you share them, thank you!

d. Treasurer Luna

Hello everybody so right now I am working on an idea of what we're going to do with the budget, and hopefully we get to show you guys so we know what we're working with, especially for SGAC. Last week and a couple of days before I've been working on having new, like excels for all the SGAC stuff, and like everything we need for all stuff. So, hopefully, it's going to be a lot easier to read, a lot better. I want to show you guys everything, and I want to be as transparent as I can so everyone knows what's going on. I'm very excited. If you guys are interested, SGAC will be meeting on Wednesday's, four to five PM and I'm going to send out the zoom link out soon.

e. Chief of Staff Peters

So, recently I've just been working on updating the Constitution to reflect the changes that were voted on last spring by the Senate. So, that's an update to the list of colleges, and then I changed the E-Board voting status. Also working on getting the rules committee up and running like a time.

President Smith: Awesome, and just an FYI, as of right now the Executive Board can vote until it is approved by the Vice President of Student Success.



Committee Reports

a. Events

So, we talked about multiple things, kind of just went through the expectations of Events Committee, and then the different ideas of events that was developed over the summer. So, we talked about Constitution Day, and we talked about Midnight Breakfast, the big one in the fall. We'll be looking at different ideas. We got lots of ideas, and we were thinking about changing things up like getting rid of the Donut Bar, it was kind of a unanimous decision. We'll be looking at a Midterms Election watch party, Finals bags like I said we are going around and getting stuff from different departments. I'm done, so that's all for the fall and for the spring we're getting there. So, stay tuned. Midnight breakfast is the Wednesday before Halloween, so the twenty sixth, I believe.

b. Communications

Did not meet this week.

c. SGAC

Did not meet this week.

d. Rules

Did not meet this week.

e. ESC

Did not meet this week. (Needs a new chair)

f. GSA

Did not meet this week.

VII.

VIII. Student Voice Reports

a. College of Engineering

Nothing to report.

Senator Khan (Houston Campus Senator): I just wanted to say that Houston finally did have its welcome back event this week. We lag behind you guys a little, but everything was great. We had a great turnout, and we were happy to get some events started here in Houston, as well. So everything went great there.

b. College of Arts and Sciences

Senator Helms: So, there used to be statues and like art around campus. I know it was part of a national exhibition, and I noticed that that is no longer on campus. I believe the exhibition has ended, but I'm wondering what we're doing to get that back on campus, if that exhibition is like a yearly thing or it's going to be continual.

President Smith: So, I will be completely honest, I have not heard anything about that right now, but I'm sure there might be some advisor comments potentially at the end of the meeting about that. So, we will weigh in on those comments afterwards. Does that sound good?

Senator Helms: That sounds good, thank you.

c. School of Nursing

Senator McNamara: So, our class has just started this week so we're just doing, you know, first week of nursing school. I ran into Dean Chilton in the hallway, and she caught me, and we're having a bunch of events. During the summer, we talked about having more fun in the nursing



school, because every time you walk in there it's a lot of stress, and it's not fun. So, we just talked about implementing more fun things, so we had ice cream floats yesterday and popcorn today. We're having a coffee truck next week, and then I'm just working with her and planning more events. Definitely going to have a volleyball tournament again, that was super fun. We had that during the summer. Maybe something like including the professors, someone suggested a full party. I was like, I don't know if I want to see my professors in that capacity. So, maybe not that, but maybe like karaoke, or something. I don't know, just something to make it more fun because nursing is stressful, and that's not fun. So, just all of that, and then we are working on strategies to reduce stress, so we'll be meeting about that and that's really all I have.

d. Liberty Landing

Nothing new to add. (Senator Govea not in attendance)

Old Business

Nothing to add.

New Business

a. Judicial Board Appointments

Let the records show that Chloe Burleson and Kat Chamberlain were sworn into the Judicial Board.

b. Advising Discussion

President Smith: I entertain a motion to discuss advising.

Senator Vargas: Carry said motion.

Senator McNamara: Seconded.

President Smith: So, I was approached by Ashley Bill, and she was wondering if we would like to start another working group to discuss advising and any issues related to it. I know after speaking with multiple of you who were involved in the Ad Hoc Committee last year in a working group, that you only met once. So, I kind of wanted to ask you all, what if were to create another Ad Hoc advising group, what would it look like, and what would you kind of want to see from that working group? I know, personally, if I'm going to try to create another Ad Hoc Committee, I would like you to meet, probably at least once a month, not once a year. So, is there any suggestions?

Secretary Dix: I think the meeting was good. I think the only people that are in here that were on it was me and Justin, and that first meeting was primarily just our experiences with advising which I think is productive. I think that those conversations need to be had. The things that I would probably like to see, by means of initiatives would be... I'm trying to think of how to words this... like small groups of people within the committees that have specific jobs whether it's checking in with students and then reporting back, so then during those monthly meetings, we have things to talk about. In regards to the advising, just communicating with the advisors, what they need, and if they need us if they are too busy, maybe there's something that we can do,



maybe they can be in the committee if that's possible. So, those are just some things that come to mind.

Senator Vargas: I think it'd also be great to have a representation from every class, because your experience with advising is significantly different as a Freshman than compared to a Graduate Student, which that's a whole different ball game altogether. So, I think that would be really great to see. The biggest thing would probably be to have consistent meetings. Number two, would probably be to have like those follow up conversations, maybe just because we had that initial meeting where we did talk about our experiences, but then, you know, we talked about us going out to talk to students and stuff, you know, finding out what they would be interested in for, you know, advising solutions or changes they would like to see.

President Smith: Any other comments? Alright, seeing none. I entertain a motion to close discussion on advising.

Senator Vargas: Carried said motion.

Senator Black: Seconded.

Advisor Comments

Advisor Neaves: So, on the artwork. So, over the years we have had some confusion and questions on how the artwork is dispersed across campus. There's been some years when it wasn't clearly communicated, and it was just popped up overnight. You know, there's typically a process for that. I went back, while the meeting was going and I went back and looked through the policies within every policy, and also looked at what we're working on. There is a pending policy that we really outline the process for academic departments to have long term exhibits, because that's what it is, it's an outdoor exhibit artwork that's on display right now. Historically, departments and student groups are able to have displays across campus up to fourteen days. That process is facilitated through me, and so all you do is contact me, we'll schedule a meeting, and we'll identify where we place the artwork. Then, it's only good for fourteen days, so if it's going to be longer than fourteen days, that goes outside my authority, and we had to loop in and work. So physical plan marketing more than lots of the Space Committee, because the Space Committee determines how space is used on as Service Committee versions. We don't have enough until we build new buildings and so Space Committee determines where things go in the meantime. It's a good question. I'm a fan of the artwork that has shown up over the years, I think it gives a kind of different feel to campus. It feels like you're on a college campus. You see it on a lot of other campuses, but when it becomes that for a very long period of time, there's a lot of people that has to decide on that impact. How that's going to impact all the different departments that use space on this campus. So, if it's something within fourteen days. All the good news contacts me, and as long as they're a registered student organization or an academic unit, we can make that happen. Any questions on the artwork?

Treasurer Luna: My question is not necessarily on the artwork, but on how you said to contact you if we were going to do anything for like 14 days. Is that also like for when we are donating things, and they leave something there to like leave stuff there.

Advisor Neaves: Ah donation bins! So, donation, that's a tricky one, and so historically



for donation bins, it is up to the office that oversees that space. The artwork, the exhibit, according to the policy speaks to more outdoor space. That's a good question. Otherwise, if it is a very short-term space like, I need to reserve a classroom, or I need to reserve an info table, all that is through Astra, and then my team will look at that as well as the scheduling services.

Vice President Bennett: So, is there like a map or a graphic that shows like which spaces belong to which?

Advisor Neaves: No, there is not. Everything typically defaults to our office, Astra has all the spaces listed, and then when there is a space that's not listed, all they have to do is outreach to us and if it's something that becomes a common request, we'll add it to Astra so that way other people can process it, but just about anything on campus you can make a request.

Vice President Bennett: Okay, because I know, like in front of the Fine Arts Center, over by Patriot Village that's kind of where all the artwork went, and so I was trying to figure out where this ends and that begins.

Justice Chamberlain: Will there be any space allocated for recycling efforts, especially for the resident facilities?

Advisor Neaves: I have Bonnie Davis, who is over in Facilities. She's part of the facilities team, she does a great job spearheading a lot of our recycling efforts. Last year SGA had an Environmental Sustainability Committee. It is a standing committee, so that is a good project for the committee to follow up and work on. To my knowledge I have not heard any updates if there are going to be other bins where students can take their items. So, I think that is a good project. It could be a funding issue, which could then be a good senator project and help allocate for more bins, and potentially even more marketing to help get students more aware of where all the bins are. So, I think that's a good project for the committee to look into and provide an update on where we are with those efforts. Any other questions?

Senator Buchanan: This is kind of a random question. It kind of has to do with artwork, but also just like student engagement. I know, like, I think it was last year we had like the big Connect Four set, and like the Checkers set out on the Plaza. Do we still have them?

Advisor Neaves: We still have them; they are in storage.

Senator Buchanan: Okay, I didn't know if that was something like it was a fourteen-day thing.

Advisor Neaves: I think they got put up because you know we were heading into summer time, and also usage, you know, if we see since we are not utilizing different things, we're going to put them away because we want to preserve them. I was in long term storage not too long ago and saw the Connect Four, so I know Connect Four is there. I know I have seen a lot more of the Cornhole Boards, and so we do still have some of the outdoor activities that we can quickly roll out. I think the University Center staff will be a good team to reach out for any time in you reserve the plaza, you need access to that equipment. Just touch base in advance and they can help you about it.



Senator Holman (zoom attendee): In both the Ratliff buildings, there have been several times trash cans in the classrooms have been overfilled to the point there is trash on the ground all around them, and the glass disposal containers have also been overfilled in some of the labs. I know for the labs, they have been filled for the past two weeks.

Advisor Neaves: That's a good comment, and so I think facilities is the best point of contact. They need to know which classrooms are not being cleaned properly, and so that way if you have an eight am class, you want to walk into a clean room. It never needs to be dirty from the night before. There's either two reasons for that. Either it didn't get cleaned, or a group used the facility the night before and it wasn't on the books, and so that means we are going to start locking rooms more, if student groups or study groups are not preserving the space properly. Because, that might not be on the cleaning company, that might be on the group who generated all the trash. So, typically facilities are cleaned based on the last activity that is officially in action. If it becomes a consistent thing, I would definitely let facilities know. You can reach out to me directly, and I can give you the point of contact so we can get that addressed, or I can send it out for you as well. It's good feedback. So, two weeks, I think we need to report that so, definitely if it happens again just take a picture of it and send it to me, and I'll be happy to forward that over so that way we can make sure it is cleaned up. It's a safety concern to me as well, I mean a lot of reasons, especially in labs, that worries me. Any other questions? You can ask me anything. Typically, my advisor comments are short and sweet, and I give my two sense. Great first meeting. Usually the first meeting is not this long. That's a good thing, so kudos for having a good meeting. I am looking forward to seeing this entire room full after Fall Elections and continue to rock and roll if you are on SGAC, let's get going.

(Inaudible question regarding the multiple Starbucks on campus and when they will be reopened.)

Senator Black: So, actually, I work for Sodexo. So, he asked about the Starbucks in the Business Building. To clarify, there are three Starbucks on campus. There is one in this building, right down the hallway. There is one in the CAS building, and there is one in the Pharmacy building. Currently, I'm a nursing student and so we are trying to work my schedule around when they have it open. We only have like four baristas currently hired and ready to come back, so they are working on it. We're trying to get that back open. There's just a lot of scheduling conflicts that are, ordering backlogs. It's a mess and we're getting it.

Advisor Neaves: Yeah, so hopefully it's up and running soon. If you know students who are looking for an on-campus job, Sodexo is hiring a lot of positions in all facilities, and so it's definitely a good opportunity. So, I definitely encourage, because we want to keep these amenities open, but that can only happen if we have enough employees to do that.

(Inaudible Senator comment.)

Advisor Neaves: So, the comment was that the ops and the welcome desk are also both hiring. HPC is hiring intramural refs, as well.

Senator Mattern: Is the nineteen and a half hour rule a Federal Law?



Advisor Neaves: It is associated with the Affordable Healthcare Act. So, anybody that goes over the nineteen and half hours then becomes eligible for insurance to be provided by the employer, but it would be very costly if we had to start paying for that. I think it's based on a year, so I think HR has determined. The question was, "why are students allowed to work more than nineteen and a half hours over the summer?" It's based on a twelve-week period in the summer, and so they make an exception for some time. So, that's what I have been informed. A good follow up, you sound like you contacted system, system should know the answer to that as well as our HR team. So, we could bring an HR member as a guest speaker to address why students are not allowed to work more than nineteen and a half hours, and to see if there's any other solutions besides that, whatever it takes to make that happen. The rule does not apply to Sodexo. Alright, keep up your good work. You can always contact me about anything.

Announcements

President Smith: Just a few announcements before we go. We are having nominations eventually for the Environmental Sustainability Committee Chair. Since it is a standing committee and we don't technically have an officer on the Executive Board assigned to that committee, it is a Special Election within the Senate. We will likely have nomination for a whole session where we nominate people within the next few weeks. Probably, I would like to include Freshman in on that conversation, and all of our incoming Senators. In addition to that, make sure that you are assigned to a committee. If you are not yet assigned to a committee yet, I will be contacting you probably tomorrow or over the weekend and asking you which committee you will be on, and then I will be reaching out to you individually about University Committees, because there are spots that need to be filled on those committees. If you don't know what those are, those are just committees that not necessarily operate as an oversight, but in some cases they do. But for stuff like, The Student Engagement Office or Student Success or Academic Affairs, there's various committees that we send SGA representatives to. Of course, as we've kind of already discussed, Fall Elections are coming up. Tell people if you know they want to run, tell them to go sign up. The email should be in their email. We're always looking to expand. The last day to sign up is September the 9th at 12pm. In addition to that, you have to make sure that you have a candidacy meeting, so, realistically the last day to sign up is probably Wednesday, that Wednesday, September 9th is a Friday, but you have to make sure that you have enough time in order for Josh (Advisor Neaves) to be able to meet with you and conduct a candidacy meeting. So, make sure that people are aware.

Next Week

Nothing to add.

Adjournment

President Smith: I entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Senator Vargas: Carried said motion.

Senator McNamara: Seconded.

Let the record show that the Senate unanimously voted in approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:26pm.

