

Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

Minutes:

August 29th, 2023

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
- IV. **Open Forum**
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- V. **Speaker's Podium**

Assistant Vice President for Student Success & Director of Student Engagement Josh Neaves: He provided information regarding his many roles with the school. He inquired about events that took place the first week of school and how they were received by the Student Body.
- VI. **Officer Reports**
 - a. President Dix: She has been attending many meetings with Faculty, Staff, and Administration and gearing up for the year. She had the opportunity to speak at Convocation on August 18th and introduced Dr. Calhoun.
 - b. Vice-President Luna: She has been working on getting everything ready for Constitution Day. The Open House in conjunction Career Success and the Center for Unity took place last week.
 - c. Treasurer Carnes: He worked on getting SGAC up and running and introduced himself to various organizations for them to know he is the primary contact for requesting funds. He has worked on getting the word out for events.
 - d. Chief of Staff Peters: He worked on setting up Judicial Board and Rules Committee. The time for Rules Committee has been set for Monday's at 1:00pm.
- VII. **Committee Reports**

n/a
- VIII. **Student Voice Reports**
 - a. Honors College:
 - i. Senator Rolling: Provided information on what Honors College is. A 3.5 GPA is needed to join and a 3.25 is required to be maintained. Honors College promotes group work and community through small class sizes and events.
 - ii. Senator Chandler: She provided Honors College updates in terms of the fact that Logos had their first meeting which she is the President of. Honors plans to take part in Arbor Day. The Honors LLC contains 25 students which is double the size it was previously. She informed that there is a new point system within honors.
 - iii. Senator Schwartz: The Honors College has changed locations from the University Center to the HPR which has been a difficult switch and less feeling of community as they can no longer interact with students in the UC directly. The new point system has not been well received by the students and will take some getting used to.
 - b. College of Education and Psychology:
 - i. Senator Mercado: The CEP has a new Dean, and she is looking to schedule meetings with him once a month or every two weeks. They are also losing their CEP advisor.
 - ii. Senator Holman: There is conversations on speaking with professors on research projects to better advertise them.
 - c. College of Pharmacy
 - i. Senator Henry: She provided the undergraduate perspective on the College of Pharmacy including programs for early insurance. They hope that increased amounts of updates on this will aid with application rates. They are working on ways to stay involved seeing the building is farther away from central campus than others.

- ii. Senator Brown: The College of Pharmacy has a new Dean. They are looking to increase involvement by joining more organizations and attending university events. They are looking to increase undergraduate communication and relations.
- iii. Senator Kirkby: Organizations within the college are beginning their planning process. They are becoming more open to work in conjunction with the undergraduate program. They are opening up spaces in classrooms in the Pharmacy Building to increase traffic and relationships with other departments. They hope to house people of different majors there and increase involvement overall.

IX. Old Business

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X. New Business

- a. Senator Training Recap: After the Fall Election voting ends, there will be an online Senator Training for those who couldn't attend and the Distance Campus Senators.
- b. Housing Updates Discussion: Senator Chandler provided an update on happenings within the housing department. The housing office was understaffed over the summer, and the Housing Coordinator left. Increased enrollment has proven difficult to provide housing. The university has a contract with the Foundry for seven lots and those rooms are being offered to upperclassmen. The rooms are unfurnished, and it is not known yet if they will become furnished in the future. The LaQuinta that was housing freshman is no longer housing them as they have all been relocated. O-Hall double rooms have been converted into trios and they are awaiting an update on when they will be made doubles again. Victory Village buildings one and two are reserved for the Nursing Community.
- c. Judicial Board Nominations: **Let the record show that Ashlyn Mattern, and Ignacio Godinez Puebla were sworn into the Judicial Board.**
- d. Senate Swear-ins: **Precious Henry, Mohammed Ashraf, and Felix Kankam were sworn into the Senate.**

XI. Advisor Comments

- a. Josh Neaves: n/a

XII. Announcements

- a. Fall Election: Encourage people to sign up!
- b. University Committee Vacancies: APAC & SUAC
- c. Secretary Vacancy: A special election will be held in the coming meetings.
- d. **Room Change: TBD
- e. Online Senator Training: Will take place after the Fall Election.

XIII. Next Week

- a. n/a

XIV. Adjournment: Let the record show the August 29th, 2023, meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.