



The University of Texas at Tyler

Student Government Association

General Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

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	
Amelia McCain	
Ashlyn Mattern	
Bee Black	
Ben Buchanan	
Jorian Khan	A
Justin Vargas	
Kyna Holman	
Lisa Tran	
Macie Kirkby	A (approved)
Maggie Manning	
McKenna Waller	
Tanner King	A
Valerie McNamara	
Chief Justice: Chloe Burleson	
Elaina Gonzalez	
Kelsey Niette	
Al Anderson	
Anayeli Campo	
SaMoan Brown	
Shelby Kipp	
David Tenpleton	
Perpetual Kyei	
Emma Owulebaja	
Ronald Carnes	
Erika Santee	
Macy Reed	



Alexis Minnick	
Amber McAdams	
Emma Harlan	
Rina Bhatia	
Peace Okeke	

III. Let the record show the minutes for last meeting were voted on and approved.

IV. Open Forum

- a. **Senator Carnes discussed Patriot Productions opportunities.**

V. Speaker's Podium

- a. **Dr. Rosemary Cooper, Executive Director of Career Success**

Dr. Cooper: Thank y'all for having me uh I see so many familiar faces it's so great to see some of y'all y'all are a fun group my daughter Hannah was a part of this group for a long time and I think some of you guys know Hannah but she she I was just texting her a minute ago telling her I was here she got all excited and so anyway so glad to be here but I do want to just share with you a little bit about what we've already have planned for next year and I say next year next fall for those of you that will be here and our date is October the 19th that's a Thursday and I wanted to come and visit with you guys and and really just hear what you have to say about it the intention for the conference just how much time do I have OK the intention behind the conference is obviously to give you all all students an opportunity to network and sometimes it may not just some students feel like it's that important but but it is and it's all about getting those your face and your name out there to those potential mentors some friends employers that that's really important for you guys and again some students may not see the the I guess the importance of it but that is the the intention behind it and so we have been talking with our faculty I think where we struggled in the past to be real honest is that our faculty hated to see you guys leave the classroom to attend the conference and so and we certainly understand where they're coming from I'm also faculty and understand the importance of having you physically in the classroom however what we've worked out with our faculty is the opportunity for you guys to attend some faculty will of course make this moving forward part of an assignment for the classroom or provide extra credit for you for your coursework things like that so I can tell you now that all faculty are certainly on board with the with the idea and with the concept of the conference and they certainly want to give you that opportunity to be around these like I said these future employers are just the opportunity to network and learn about the industry that you're interested in so with that said if next year we plan to have a full day conference what we really want to hear from you guys are some of the and it's just a matter of talking with you like this I mean I can do surveys all day long and I'm not necessarily wanting to do that at this point we've searched I've been here for quite some time and we've surveyed students and and to get the get the ball rolling and to get this conference up and going but now when I hear directly from you guys and you tell me what you're looking for what sort of sessions would be beneficial to you now we in the past couple are this past fall we were still scaled down a little bit from previous conferences simply because of budget constraints and of course you guys know with COVID and 2020 we just didn't



host the conference at all 21 it was an abbreviated conference it was 1/2 day conference and so for this coming year for 23 this will be a full day full whistles and bells conference and what think about that a networking breakfast for you guys to attend everything is obviously free to you guys a networking lunch we'll have free headshots available the entire day I've seen some of your faces recently at our graduation fair and so we had and that's open by the way always to all students whether you're graduating or not but we've seen a really huge turnout for our professional headshots and they're they're excellent quality they're taken by our marketing staff our full-time marketing staff here on campus so we plan to have things like that lots of music extras all the locks and all the fluff we were going to add that back hopefully we'll have the funds for that but I want to hear from you guys just give us a few minutes if you want and just tell me kind of this could be like dislikes things you want to see done better um if there's now I will say this real quick we do have a career success conference Advisory Board and I don't know if anyone in here is on the board but we do have a there we go but I do have some other students as well on the committee and that includes graduate and professional students so we've got a mix and so we we meet actually Thursday and to to kind of get everybody back on board that includes all of our Deans from that committee and then faculty several faculty with from within each college on the on the committee so we get to hear from everybody our nomination process will start pretty soon and so we're going to send that information out to students as well as our faculty and so we want our faculty to nominate their colleagues folks I mean folks necessarily hear you Tyler but they have industry and academic colleagues from across the country so we want them to invite their friends and colleagues alike and remember these speakers come from all over the country and this is on their own dime so we do not pay their travel or accommodations while they're here and we typically see I would say probably of the 200 speakers probably 20 to 30 of those are from other states around the country and they travel here directly at their own expense so so with that said we just have one mic right yeah OK yeah so so tell me let's start with sessions what are you guys looking to to see that would benefit you I don't mean just boring old sit down there and Oh my God this old guys boring you know I don't want that I want to hear from you what what would really help you as it relates to these sessions.

VP Bennett: I attended a conference called East Texas Political Leader or something like that and so we did have a mayor Don Warren and I forgot her name but she was one of the county commissioners I really liked how it just eventually turned into a Q&A between students and them and I really liked how it was set up like that and also and I know me and you talked about it afterwards stuff but also maybe getting a state leaders and also maybe some federal leaders in in the conversation as well.

Dr. Cooper: love that and Robert your right uh what we do provide for our speakers and our faculty our faculty are asked to moderate the session so get inside that that room or that's meeting space and actually help facilitate the conversation you know if we have a kind of a dead audience kind of get them motivated to ask questions and not be so shy so so we do have preformatted questions that the speakers aren't caught off guard and things like that but I'm with you Robert in that that was such a casual easy free speaking conversation and if any of y'all know mayor Don Warren he's a hoot and so he'll say anything so but I like that often when it becomes just more of a casual conversation and the students aren't afraid and nervous because that's what we're trying to breakdown of those those barriers so because here's a great example we had a panel of attorneys and judges the odds are the times that students would have an opportunity to sit in front of two judges and three attorneys is slim to none you know what I mean and it wasn't a scary



kind of a situation they were very approachable you can talk to them before the session and after the session things like that and that's what we encourage to your point about state and federal in the past we have had senator Hughes here with us I think a Matt Schaefer in previous years but I mean it doesn't mean we won't ask them again but we but I'm very mindful of that as well to kind of keep keep mixing it up who else question

Senator Black: Hi, I'm senator black I know like the moderators they have that list of questions for me last time that I went when I was there each all of the monitor moderators acted like it was like they have to ask the speakers their question the questions off the list and we didn't really have time to do the question and answer because like they were doing all that thing so

Dr. Cooper: I think making sure the moderators know that it's supposed to like be like the students asking the questions and the list is the list is just in case like it gets dead would be really helpful because it was kind of like I was sitting through three sessions of people asking the same questions and I was like this is this yeah so I just think that's important to and that and that's something that we can make sure that we address or share with the speakers this time here are the pre formatted questions however X amount of time is just for student interaction that makes sense and that way the faculty know not to just like I said just to repeat and repeat repeat because that right think it's boring and it's not it's of no value to you if you're here in the same old thing so just by a show of hands who knows what to do with the career success conference yeah

Senator Govea: like what to do like what do you guys do there like what do you like whenever you're shooting go in there what is the goal that you're trying to achieve there like you know what you're trying to do I'm kind of with the rest of the room like I really don't know what I'm here to gain and that like having something like say hey this is this is what you need to be doing beforehand so be prepared to bring stuff like

Dr. Cooper: So what you probably heard this question but what do I do with this conference like I said what's the intention behind it and what's the role of the student so we thank you for that and that is absolutely on the list of things that we're going to have moving forward really more of a quick little narrative a quick little some kind of a list of talking points for you guys what am I supposed to do with this conference we're going to as as you saw last year we sent out all these reminders and guys we have if you have a better way to get in touch with you guys you'll let us know but we did of course e-mail social media we did print we did posters who did the digital marquees around campus we kind of do faculty asked them to share in the classroom so if you can think of something else some other way we should share that with you guys let us know but that is on the list of something that when we send out to save the date that's one thing then follow that we're going to have more of a marketing campaign if you will and a list of things that go out on a certain timeline and one of those is what is the correct success conference what's my role of the conference how should I dress at the conference that's important so we talked about this being a networking opportunity for you guys so I get it you know your stuff you want to be comfortable and all that but you never know who you might meet you know that's that day with Don Warren was there right what a great opportunity to visit with the mayor and and you do want to look the part right so I appreciate that so much because that is something it's when you when you're deep involved with it um it's like anything else you have to kind of have somebody that's standing outside of that to give us a little different perspective we're involved with it we we know what it's all about we know what it's supposed to be doing for you but yet we didn't share



that with you right so that's what we need we need an opportunity to share that with you guys we're going to do that so drink anybody else

Dr. Cooper: my thought is that senator minnick my thought is that you may see more participation and if like beyond undergrad is considered in that my experience when I was going to say the talks about education is that you go there and you're really only getting information if you are a pre service teacher right so if you go beyond that there's really not much for you you know and since this is offered I'm you know clearly to all UT Tyler students you want all of your students to be served and to feel like they're able to get something out of it otherwise you're literally just there to say that you went you know it's not just scoring. It's a fun event and I'm trying a little more biased but it is a fun event and you can see and visit a lot of people right and so but like I mentioned earlier we do serve all the students graduate and professional students so we have course for any of our I don't know if we have any pharmacy students in here but we do have a pharmacy panel we have pharmacists that are there and those are for our professional students right and so we have we have sessions for our graduate students about for those that are considering going into Graduate School things like that so we're going to expand those sessions where and probably give our our session titles maybe a little better description we work we're a little constrained by the app that we use in terms of what what and how we can describe the session but I think we can do a better job of explaining what this session is all about and that way we can target certain audiences like I said graduate students in particular professional students and by then we'll have our School of Medicine students the first forty I believe and so we'll have sessions just for those students as well OK who else

Senator Carnes: How often do you do conferences like these.

Dr. Cooper: OK that's right so the career success conference is once a year the the magnitude of the conference that it's it's such a large conference that requires so so much staffing it's this typically the size of like an international conference if you don't know if you've been to one of those but it's takes a lot of people to to pull it off we have about 300 volunteers and they're their campus volunteers their full time staff and then of course I have a small staff and we really we plan it and that sort of thing we have other folks on campus that help us put this pull this off our Police Department our facilities those folks that make sure the classrooms are set up and are janitorial staff things like that so that's the reason we host that once a year some of our smaller events you're probably familiar with they are they are for all students for example career fairs that sort of thing but we do offer our career workshops and they each they each have a different name you may hear them called employer panels or career conversations and our career conversations are smaller events we offer those online as well and those are about specific topics like dressing for success or salary negotiations things like that

Chief Justice Burlison: Hey umm so I've gotten to go to the conference twice and just have loved it and I realize this is kind of a big ask but just to kind of see like what you know could be done my really like the only thing I was ever kind of disappointed about was that I had to pick certain sessions and had to miss out on other ones so I don't know if there's any way that this could happen but in the future would there ever be a way that like some of the main like even just like the leadership ones could be recorded so that like people could go back in and watch them if they wanted to or something I don't know I know that's a lot



Dr. Cooper: That's what I'm here for is to hear from y'all so so in terms of recording the sessions absolutely and you may not have known this but we we want to make sure we take care of our online community and our students in Houston and Palestine Longview and we even have a Richardson campus that you probably didn't even know about but that's with the merger of UT Health Science center we came a significant cohort of individuals and Richardson and so anyway to say that I'm saying that to say that we host the conference online we hosted 14 zoom sessions they were live and recorded so as of the last time I spoke with our our I guess you call it our campus computing area those folks that help us with zoom IT folks we were limited to the number of zoom sessions that we could carry on simultaneously and so that was just in October when I had the last conversation so hoping moving forward you know fingers crossed they'll be able to host more simultaneously but it is important to us that we try to select select sessions that would be beneficial to each each college if you will so it was difficult for us to try and record them all or zoom them all and then one other challenge we had is that not all the meeting spaces or classrooms are set up for zoom so we had to work around that as well so but to your point I totally agree because we're trying to let those other students here and see as well and some of the sessions were so amazing and you wish that somebody you know could have seen it we do try to duplicate our sessions as best we can as long as the speakers are available but even then I know what you're saying you went to this one and that one but that other one was offered at the same time those two weren't so you kind of had to just flip a coin and hope hope you get the you know the best your best best one so but I haven't forgotten what you've said and we already have that on the list too to try and zoom more and record and they are we do send the zooms out to faculty as well.

Senator Carnes: How do we access the zoom recordings?

Dr. Cooper: Great question inside the app um if you recall if you've used the app or not but inside the app when you make that selection for that session if it is zoom if it is set up for zoom the zoom link is there for you so that way those folks are using the apps and saying Houston they don't have to log into zoom separate from the apps that make sense let's click on the zoom link right there and of course we're sending out the zoom link separate to our faculty and staff that manage our online communities so they do get that as well the the the full-time folks but our students also get those links separate from inside the app just so you know umm

VP Bennett: Vice President Bennett so I really like that you brought up the app because in my opinion I really like the option where you create your own itinerary and then it also links to your own calendar as well that was one of the best because I always always loved getting to plan it out and that was one of the I couldn't have gone to any any of them if I didn't plan it out bands that you um so one thing I was wondering and maybe I just don't remember it but do you all have the ability to see like let's say I sign up for the event and I say that I'm an accounting major that you can then broadcast the main speakers that would really like be good for me to listen to as an accountant because that may help when we're signing up or when you're sending out things so Amy Russo for the College of business can send out hey it's business majors these are the ones you really want to see and it could help people trigger be like oh wait that looks really interesting instead of just seeing a full list of every speaker just an idea

Dr. Cooper: That's a that's a great question the answer is yes so that's where our career coaches um and knowing this group you're all overachievers I bet you know who your career coach is and



if you don't let me know happy to get you connected but that's where I career coaches come into play and they certainly can send out a communication that's separate and and unique just for managers within that college that well you know what to look for right and you're not wasting your time honestly listening to some some session that has everything to do with medical the medical field right may not be of interest to you so and guys I don't want to talk forever so if you have questions though I think most of y'all know already been talking forever most of y'all know probably we're for successes just inside of the university center across from subway you're welcome to stop by anytime Landry and McKenna have space in there so if you have questions and we didn't really get to them tonight or something let me know because this is this is my job and this is what we want to do and I I love this this work and and this conference in particular so i want to make it a value to you and i think about it often like my daughter was here and i wanted her to have a good experience right so i think of you guys and it sounds corny and cheesy but i think of you as my kids right and i want you to have just as good of experience as she did so let me know if i can help you and i mean that and thank you all for having me

VI. Officer Reports

a. President Smith

Let's go ahead and keep moving down our agenda uh all right so officer reports uh this past week uh I've been working on a variety of things um I've reached out to a few individuals regarding the pending ceremony with nursing to try and get some more feedback on that which is just a quick ask if that ceremony this is a hypothetical not saying it's happening if that ceremony were to be moved to the basketball gym like the main gym would that be OK or there be any OK right well so I will a little bit of insight into that is that the account center if it's held in the count center they require to have manpower they require to have ushers if you move it to the basketball gym you need very little just like four people in order to crowd manage something like that so it would help with that problem right that's the that's the other conversation that I'm hopefully going to be having soon so I've been working on that I'm planning to meet with Dwayne more soon and I am getting dates set for the safety and accessibility walk which should be the one of the first three weeks of April I originally had said it would be the last week of March or maybe the first week of April but the last week of March will be right in the middle of campaigning and I would hate to uh make any of the any of y'all that are campaigning feel too stretched thin by also participating in that so that's why I've moved it hopefully to one of those first three weeks of April and there's other things that are not coming to my mind now

b. Vice-President Bennett

Uh so last week we met with me Beverly and Camry thanks not here met with Jamie and the rest of Sodexo gang about midnight breakfast this year so a lot of it is going to be it's going to be a little different from previous semesters and I've already talked to Landry refilled everyone in on it and um so I'll be bringing that up in committee report so

c. Secretary Dix

Yes so, I'm still getting the Instagram introduction posts finalized and I don't have a committee report today so I'm just going to say we have the midnight breakfast theme it's going to be um spring break tacky touristy kind of thing and so we're gonna encourage the attendees to wear like a nice shirt and just um have bullet so that's pretty much it.



d. Treasurer Luna

I felt like I was kind of busy but it wasn't really that busy it's a lot of it's just emails and clarifying the GC stuff and so we actually sent over some suggestions to update the SGAC policy to Soren so hopefully the process is easier not just for me but for the organizations as well because for some reason I'm still getting that 2017 old itemized list in my emails and I'm just like where are you getting this so because I've seen it a couple of times and this is weird but hopefully that just makes it a little bit better is overdue and then the meeting with Jamie and I took minutes over that and so if you guys are interested in like knowing the specifics of it after he talks about it it's in the shared drive and gets any

e. Chief of Staff Peters

Just working on implementing the approved changes to the constitution last meeting.

Committee Reports

a. Events

So we had our meeting with Jamie and the rest of Sodexo the other day and So what we are going to be doing differently is instead of regular sausage we're going to be doing Turkey sausage that way individuals that you know have dietary restrictions that they that they're vegetarian and so on and so forth that they have the opportunity to partake in midnight breakfast so we are we will also be only limiting the entrances to minute breakfast to one down in the mat that way we can control the flow of students and who had and who has tickets and it kind of because it kind of got messy last time around whenever we had students going back and forth the whole time and um Sodexo Sodexo was having trouble keeping up and so one of the things that we had to do because we have our budgetary restraints on on on us is that we had to sadly limit the amount of tickets we had to 700 this next one to all for having the food and anyone passed the 700 if you did not get a ticket you will have the option of being able to um enter the met using dining dollars and so we did get the same rate as last semester which I think is a good deal because the price of eggs have gone up and everything recently we we all have the donut bar sorry everyone who wanted the donor bar so we were looking at maybe doing sampling for the for Sodexo possibly not we're still looking into that patriot productions will be taking over the the PZ during all that and and then after that we had a couple other um discussions pertaining to like the student culinary council that other people other people are on that they'll be bringing that back up that and also that the met no longer accepts cash this is this is sort of going to be an initiative going forward with the rest of um the options here on campus for what they were talking about but it'll be a slow transition into that and it won't be anything fast and that they are also looking at in the future maybe putting TV screens inside the met for people to know exactly what is at each station and so on and so forth and other than that there's a lot of great stuff if you want to know the rest of it you can just reach out to the rest of us thank you

b. Communications

Did not meet this week.

c. SGAC



Uh so both the pre health students association and the rolling patriot skills were approved last week though there was some confusion with the pre health students association stuff because when the Dean of students office got the e-mail they responded back to the agency student association and if you remember anything they were denied because their event was too soon and it turns out it was the same guy and he turned in the same itemized list for both groups so it ended up being fine because we could just use the same stuff we just gave to them um and then uh pre dental I don't know if I said this last week but they were denied because of how soon the event was so This is why we need to change some things but they asked to do and reimbursement and I was like sweet we can do that you just have to go to the meeting first and then if you're approved that's when your advisor can buy the items they never got back to me so I guess we're not doing the reimbursement um and then for this week's slash tomorrow we're and I have this out in the GroupMe so my bad but this week we're meeting with the black student association they uh requested \$111.18 for their BSA multicultural event mixer on March 3rd I'm excited for that one and then African student organization they don't have an good minds list and i asked them to send me one but they had \$500.00 listed so kind of curious what they're trying to get but they're doing a spring show on april 14th and then the muscle student association asked for \$47.96 for C for the general building

e. **Rules**

We just worked on creating a quick presentation and we're giving today.

f. **ESC**

Filling in for her proxying for her so we've been working on two events of trash pickup event and then we've also been working on a social event that we're maybe hoping to recruit some more people that I know may see some information to Robert and we were also had a few ideas about maybe talking to the tree committee and maybe getting the biology department involved in something

g. **GSA**

Did not meet this week.

VII.

VIII. Student Voice Reports

a. **College of Pharmacy**

Nothing to report.

b. **College of Education and Psychology**

Senator Vargas did a presentation regarding the Dean search that has been taking place.

Old Business

Nothing to add.

New Business

IX. A. Rules Presentation

Let the record show Chief of Staff Peters gave a presentation on behalf of Rules Committee.

b. Senator Appointment

Let the record show that Savannah Tropp was sworn in as a Senator for Liberty Landing.



Advisor Comments

Camry Tharp: I had to present her orientation folks so I don't have much to say except for regarding elections and I know Landry's going to touch on some of this as well but as you guys know elections start tomorrow um all I can say is please be good sports OK um you know this is this is something serious to a lot of people we know that you guys love what you do so just do it how you're supposed to do it OK that's all.

Announcements

President Smith: hat is it Senator of the Week all right senator of the week **Senator Ocampo** congratulations she was nominated because of her dedication to not only serving nursing students but also representing the Palestine campus so thank you for the hard work you do all right just a few announcements before we go here and wrap up the meeting I don't know why I could do that yes so as you already heard uh spring elections um like I said if in previous meetings if y'all are interested in any of the positions that are available which is technically all of the positions because everything resets in the spring just contact me contact anybody who's currently holding your position that you would be interested in and they'll be happy to walk you through that and what it looks like like Henry said make sure they get all good sports um make sure if you were going to campaign you have to attend a candidacy meeting you cannot post on social media or do anything prior to attending his candidacy meeting so please do that I don't want to have to call the keyboard I'm sure Chief Justice Burleson doesn't want to have to preside over anything yeah or maybe she does she seem really excited but make sure that um y'all tenant candidacy meaning if you plan on campaigning the ballot registration is going to go out 8:00 AM all that does is it puts you on the ballot does not mean that you can campaign or post on social media but your name will appear on the ballot so make sure you attend those candidates to meetings there'll be one at 8:00 AM tomorrow there will be one after our General Assembly meeting next week and then everything else is by appointment with Cameron so and her e-mail is cclark@uttyler.edu cool committee attendance make sure you are attending those committees some of the new senators if y'all have not I have not set up a committee for y'all to be on that is my fault let me know and I will make sure that you are on the committee OK and if you're going to miss the committee meeting you have to submit an absence request as well

Next Week

Nothing to add.

Adjournment

Let the record show that the Senate unanimously voted in approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.