

Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

Minutes:

September 19th, 2023

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Open Forum

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V. Speaker's Podium

Executive Director of Emergency Management & Safety, Robert Cromley

Mr. Cromley informed us that the parking coordinator was moved to the One-Stop for better accessibility for students and staff. He explained why parking permits were not mailed out this year in efforts to make the entire process more cost effective. Having students pick up their parking permits was successful. In the future there are plans to implement license plate recognition to replace the hanging tag permits. He also addressed the student parking in comparison to staff parking (7478 people versus 2537 spaces). Currently working on building two new parking lots to be complete tentatively by Fall 2024. The University recently started a new shuttle system. There is additional parking at UT Behavioral Health, which is where the shuttle will initially depart from. The University transportation department has a bike share program. Bikes are available at no charge and are required to be returned at the end of the semester. There are about a dozen bikes available, with 3 currently in use. Mr. Cromley also informed us that there will be opportunities each semester for students to have their citation fees dismissed or receive some credit towards paying for those fees.

Incentives tentative dates are as follows: Fall 2023- November & Spring 2024-April.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. President Dix- Attended the parking and transportation committee meeting. Will be reaching out to more people to speak and keep more informed.
- b. Vice-President Carnes- Working on finishing up last bit of Treasury duties.
- c. Secretary Henry- Has been working on midnight breakfast T-Shirt designs. Has partially updated the website with senators sworn in the previous meeting. Working on time for communications committee to meet.
- d. Treasurer Peters- Creating an interactive budget to keep account of expenditure.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. SGAC- Met with the Muslim student Association. There is a mixer coming up soon.
- b. Rules Committee-N/A

VIII. Student Voice Reports

IX. a. Student Body at Large

- i. Freshman- Representative absent
- ii. Sophomore- Swoop & Go is expensive & parking issues.
- iii. Junior- Main issue is parking. RBN around 11am-noon main stairwell is very crowded. Would like to possibly put-up signs to give alternative routes. Vending machines not working in COB & RBN.
- iv. Senior- Housing for upper classman.

- v. Graduate- Certain rigor in some classes, possibility for online discussions. Dangerous walkway between COB and tennis courts during and following inclement weather.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Senator Project Discussion- President Dix presented a presentation on a former Senator project to encourage senators to get involved and be proactive. Encouraged for ideas to have long-term impact.
- b. Senate Swear-ins- **Edwards, Elias, Onochie, Roche, Rodriguez, Novaco, Romero, Pastorius**
- c. Chief of Staff Nominations- **Senator: Tropp**

XII. Advisor Comments

- a. Josh Neaves: n/a

XIII. Announcements

- a. Midnight Breakfast (Oct. 25th)- Everyone will be working that event. 8pm-Midnight. Reach out to VP Carnes with any questions.
- b. Arbor Day (September 14th)- Required Event. Meeting in front of O-Hall at 9am
- c. Trunk or Treat (22nd)- Planning to have a car and game.
- d. Midnight Breakfast Shirt design- communications committee

XIV. Next Week

- XV. a. Chief of Staff Special Election**

XVI. Adjournment 6:54pm

