

# The University of Texas at Tyler

# Student Government Association

# General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, October 6th, 2022

- I. Call to Order 5:30pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Minutes

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Name	Absent
<b>President Smith</b>	
Vice President Bennett	
Secretary Dix	
Treasurer Luna	
Chief of Staff Peters	
Adan Govea	
Amelia McCain	
Ashlyn Mattern	
Bee Black	
Ben Buchanan	
Brandon Scott	
Brennan McGinnis	
Bryce McQueary	
Christine Barrett	
<b>Emily Helms</b>	
JJ Rojas	
Jorian Khan	
Justin Vargas	A (approved)
Kaylin Sheppard	A
Kyna Holman	A (approved)
Lisa Tran	
Macie Kirkby	
Maggie Manning	
McKenna Waller	A (approved)
Tanner King	A
Valerie McNamara	
Aisha Price	A
Asia Adams	A
Anayeli Campo	
JaMaya Gossett	
Perpetual Kyei	



Emma Owulebaja	
Angelina Lezma	
Ronald Carnes III	
Erica Santee	A
Macy Reed	
MD Milon Uldin	
Alexis Minick	A
Peace Okeke	
<b>Chief Justice: Chloe Burleson</b>	

# IV. Open Forum

a. NONE

# V. Speaker's Podium

a. VP of Marketing, Jeff Noblitt

**Jeff Noblitt:** Some of you uh may have heard me uh come in the spring when I was talking about our athletics Rebrand. And uh, that's well underway. And next big initiative is uh our website so literally when I was interviewing for this role here, every meeting, every stakeholder that I met with, they talked about the need to look at our web presence, our web environment, and how important that is for our brand, for our recruitment, for our service to our current students and faculty and staff, and uh, and that does. That is, that's not saying that that our current website has a deficit necessarily, but really it's just, there's an opportunity for improvement, because if you think about it, whether you're a perspective student, a parent, a counselor uh an alum, a donor uh current students and faculty um every audience that you can think of. Many of them are going to start uh their first impression through our website, and right now we have multiple websites that are reflecting this institution, we have multiple uh back end ways of managing the content. And uh and really there's a need to, I think, really reflect the excellence that's happening here in the classroom, out of the classroom, the excellent alumni uh and student work, and really ultimately increase the value of the degree that you all are going to be earning very soon when you graduate. So just briefly um to kind of level set, and where we're at. So uttyler.edu is our primary website. One point four million uh users visited last year. Uh, with four million visits in total eight-point six um trying to minimize that if I can but eight point six million uh page views, and uh thirty, five of that was mobile traffic I was actually surprised. It wasn't more than that, but it was that was up seventeen. So, the mobile view is rising, and again, you know, I think, that there's an opportunity for us to show uh more of the brand brag a little bit about our uh academic programs, our College of engineering just was just leaped up in the rankings. Our school of nursing is also highly rank to really talk about that in a more powerful way. We also have, and you may not go to this side as often, but we still have a separate website for our Health Science Center campus. And so this was really the legacy of the site premerger. And so it's still out there. It has lots of great content, but it really doesn't reflect the look and feel, or the usability of our UT Tyler to use site. And so, really, one of the outcomes is to bring this content in. We have a newer website for our school medicine uh, and the goal would be to take this this newly developed content



and merge it in with uh a re-imagined, a relaunched web environment. So, we have just uh finalized bringing on board a strategic partner. To help with this effort. Uh, Carnegie is a national firm, but they've worked with um just. They've done hundreds of website relaunches across the US and the world and their past twenty years. This is kind of what they do for a living. It's their bread and butter, working with uh institutions to help reflect our identity, and to optimize for all of our different audiences that I mentioned. And they've worked with public. They work with private universities, community colleges, all over the country. So, I'm going to talk just briefly about the process that's coming, and then kind of what I'm going to be hopefully seeking uh your partnership and input as we move forward. So uh, really, first and foremost, my philosophy on website, redesign and marketing in general is to be inclusive to listen and learn and hear and impact, and really reflect that in what we do uh and that's certainly their philosophy as well. Um, we have an emphasis on our academic programs currently, and I think that's an area where we could do an even better job of really um talking about what's happening in the classroom. The research opportunities that undergrads and graduate students have, and the impact of all of that these days. Uh it. It should go without saying that websites have to be mobile. First, they have to be flexible, and from a use uh just having such a diverse university, they need to be modular and flexible. Usability and accessibility is our two hallmarks of this process. And so when I say usability uh a lot of times, and I'm not going to say that our website is in this category, but a lot of times universities have, like an information architecture that's more based on the university's hierarchy, and uh, and you know how offices are arranged, and not how people want to engage with your website, and so really trying to put ourselves in the shoes of our those different audiences, and have that audience based usability and then accessibility. You know there's going to be lots of people out there that are going to be coming to our website, and they might be vision impaired. They might be blind. And so, having a website that is fully accessible to the maximum extent, so that we are we are really able to be fully inclusive, is going to be a priority. You know, it may seem like a long time, but a twelve-month timeline is what we're looking at, and that's actually a mildly aggressive timeline, given the scope of what we're trying to do. Uh, and we are just getting started uh the contract was just inked with our partner, and uh, here I am. A week later. Um starting my conversations uh with groups like SGA. and uh we're expecting to go through uh about a twelve-month process, starting with a really robust discovery. Um, and so we're going to be uh talking to about twenty-five different stakeholder groups, both internal and external and I think as probably a follow up um from this conversation is to figure out what would be the right group of to represent uh the student government voice. So, a focus group is usually about eight participants is a is a great number. You can maybe push it a few. Um. But having, you know, how can we, we, partner with SGA to get that? Not just the student voice, but the student leadership voice as part of that process. So uh, student government faculty and staff Senate, we're going to want to engage uh with as long as with all the different uh academic and administrative areas of the University, but also importantly talk to those more external facing audiences like our guidance counselors like parents like perspective students like Um, like just your everyday typical uh current student um, both traditional age, online, graduates. Um, so that we can really get that three hundred and sixty view of how people using. I um lots of bullet points on how we're



going to get Going Developing the strategy. Two different content management systems on those different sites. That's not ideal. Um, you know there's definitely efficiencies in terms of operational and cost in terms of having one content management system. That'll be kind of a more technical benefit to what we're doing. But again, looking at accessibility metrics and being accessible. So that's all going to ground uh the processes that will follow, and really kind of base it in data where we're going to come back. Then, with something that's going to be creative. It should be something that's exciting, intuitive, modern, and really reflect where we're heading as a university. Um. So, we'll be developing a full suite of different um templates. For uh, the different area. The University will be doing usability testing, working on really investing in videography and photography, so that we can reflect our different campuses and academic programs. And then it is full on, and deployment um, and you know that'll be more toward the spring and summer uh next year, as we as we deploy all of this work um in the new CMS. So, really um what I'd like to just leave you with is letting you know that this is coming, and that we're going to be looking for specifically student government feedback via that focus group. We're also planning to do a survey of all of those different audience, so that we can have again that inclusive look at how students are engaging with our website. It's maybe even, you know, finding out when people are prospective students kind of how easy What was it to find information about programs. How was he? How easy was it to find information about financial aid and scholarships, and the other things that that really play a role in your academic experience. then you know, I think that that there'll be opportunities throughout the year to give updates as warranted. So, that's what I had, and happy to answer any questions. Or uh, take any feedback. Anybody have any questions?

**Senator Govea:** I have a question really about uh how we're trying to outreach to people who do not speak English to the website. The University is almost an HSI, and that includes students and families that are going to be visiting the website, trying to figure out how to navigate themselves. For most likely the first time ever trying to go to college. Are you other plans to implement multilingualism into the website?

**Jeff Noblitt:** I appreciate you bringing that up. Um! I came to UT Tyler from a uh a majority uh HSI University, and uh did a similar project where having an emphasis on serving uh our bilingual um communities was a priority, and so that's something that um it's not a baked in um uh deliverable. But there's enough flex in the scope with our partner to um uh to accommodate that if that bubbles up as I wouldn't be surprised.

**Senator Milon Uddin:** as you know that right now the College of Engineering it placed top fifty, according to the use news and all rankings, all report, and also our nursing is also very good. It has very good ranking. So, whenever I, student or perspective the student, they come to visit the website, they'll have the intention like how the subject is good. Is there any ranking? So, if there is any section for the ranking of the all the individual subject our department was, I think that would be good. Thank you.



**Jeff Noblitt:** Great note, and I'm not going to just try to like, say, great note for everything. But that is. That's a great note, and I group with you, and I think that that's really that's one of the things I think, that we want to come out is that that people can quickly hit the homepage, and to get that glimpse, and to see some of those rankings to see some of those points that really of excellence and differentiation, that again, that that are going to make a difference when you all are alumni and out there in the workforce that that that you know that the Ut Tyler Degree is going to be worth more. As our brand rises and the website's a huge part of that so? Yes. Rankings uh great point.

Senator Buchanan: Hi! Uh Senator Ben Buchanan. Uh First, I just wanted to commend, like the whole marketing department for such a smooth transition from like the previous logo to the now logo um, and I know that's a hard process. My sister. She works with UT Health Science center. Um! And it's it can be a headache, but you all have done a great job, so I just want to commend you on that. One thing I was curious about is, do you all have something in place to help different departments. Learn how to use um. Use the new website once it goes up, or um be able to stay consistent in marketing. I work closely with um. Someone who does the website or the marketing for the accounting finance and business law department, and she's a student worker. She does a really great job, but sometimes she gets confused on um how to stay consistent with the rest of the web page. So I didn't know if you all want to do some type of seminar or um, because I know you'll have like a branding guide, but maybe something that's more uh communication back and forth.

Jeff Noblitt: Absolutely and building it in a way that is easy to use for all of those different departments that are managing their content. Um! That's flexible and intuitive, and uh and so yes, we are planning um. That's with us. The last second to last bullet. CMS training is part of the scope along with um uh content. Development workshops as well. Writing for the web is um a bit of an art, and so you know, offering resources to help with that as well. So, yeah, great point and appreciate your comment. Thank you. You know, I mean, I have to take the opportunity just to thank you all for what you do and uh and I do appreciate the feedback that we received when we came in the spring. And so, the athletics brand is getting out there. Uh, we have a commercial running now on local TV. It's also on our YouTube channel and social. So uh, I hope you're proud of, uh, how we're getting our talons up and uh getting the patriot brand out there. So, thank you for all you do.

**President Smith**: Thank you for coming.

# b. Cameron Richmond, Coordinator of Parent and Family Programs

Cameron Richmond: I'm Cameron. Um, Currently I'm the coordinator for parent family programs. Um, I am actually soon to be your coordinator for campus activities. Um, So that's exciting. Um. my last big thing, for my current role is going to be family weekend, which is coming up October the fourteenth through sixteenth. So not this weekend, but the next. Um, and I have a lot of fun stuff like um, and I hope everybody has at least in something on social media about it so far. Um! And so I wanted to. Um. Come, talk about it, just to see if anybody would be interested in either registering for the event uh



either, just to attend and have fun. Bring a family member or someone back home. It doesn't have to be um a parent that can be a sibling, best friend all that good stuff, um. Really, if somebody is needing any volunteer our service hours, I'm definitely needing volunteers. Um, there's a lot um going on. So, Um I'm gonna quickly walk through like what I need volunteers for. And then I'm going to pass this around um, and you all can fill it out for me if you want um, whether or not you're bowing, tearing, or the first page is a volunteer sheet. Um! It has all the things I need volunteers for um, and then, like the bare minimum of volunteers that I can work with without me losing my mind. Um, um! So if there are no spots, feel free to still put your name and information. I'm happy to have you um and um I'm also approved service hours for that. So if you come help you'll get service hours, and then the next page is a Qr. Code. Um! If you volunteer, I'd ask that you just register um, so that way I can get your preferred shirt size. Um, and also make sure you have a meal. Um, if you volunteer for a meal, if you don't want to volunteer, and you just want to have fun with your family. Fantastic. That's what it's there for. Um that Or. Code will also let you do the same thing. Um! Students are free, so, sick. Um, you get um um parents. Um! If they are not a part of the Family Association. If you don't know what the Family Association is. That's okay. Um, It's just like a PTO for college. Um takes the burden off of students, because I get to speak to your parents. So, they are on your backs and stuff like that. Um! And I do a lot of other stuff. But that's what students care about um All tickets get a t-shirt. I brought the t-shirts so they can do and I at it. So that done right. That done um, so every ticket um every person gets registered gets a tshirt, and then um three meals come with the weekend as well. Um, I keep looking up there like That's my information. It's not um. Okay. So um. The day starts off with a check in starts at four to nine at seven on that Friday starts an open mic night. Um! This is also a great opportunity for you all to reach out to your constituents, who are talented and have something to um perform. This is open for family members as well, so very excited to see little kids dancing um, and I hope to see the kids that are at the breakdancing stage of their lives. You know. I'm talking about um, but also college students who have college student level talents. Um, Then um Saturday morning is um I'm sending families and students out to the Rose Festival, So that morning is the Rose Parade. I'm sure you all are aware. Um! So we do the Rose Parade um, And then, after that, families can site top to different various rose festival activities. Then they come back to campus for a tailgate in lunch. Um, I'm needing just a few volunteers, really not too many for this, just to make sure people like have a contact point and can um. This is also when, like late check in would happen. So if they couldn't come Friday, they would come at this point, so, hoping to check out. Families get to choose between a volleyball game that's indoors or soccer game that's outdoors. So just guiding traffic, and then there will be chikfila after that. Then this is where I'm needing the bulk of my volunteers, is family competitions. There's a Casino night, um Saturday night, and so family competitions in the open mic night. If you participate like when stuff um, you get fake money to gamble later on with so, gambling. Um! And so, the family competitions. There's uh three indoor, less physical uh options. Um, which is trivia charades and bingo. Then there's three outdoor games which would be, musical chairs, giant water pong, and cornhole tournaments. giant water, pong and cornhole tournaments. And so for those um I may or may not have rec sports helping me out. Um! They put the shifts out, but it's not guaranteed, so I'm asking for volunteers um for both indoor and outdoor games. Just so those are like supervised, and all that good stuff. Um, then we have a service project um



like family day. Um for those of you who went there was an indoor option, and an outdoor option. The indoor option is making dog toys for the SPCA. And the outdoors trail, walking to pick up trash. It's one of those things that I'm not really sure what I'm going to need help with until it's happening. So. Um just the more we can help um. But with that to have designated roles as of now. Y'all will probably be doing more play than work. Um! So that's an easy thing to sign up for um, and then there's a breakfast Um! That day um Ona Tolliver will be there, and giving uh announcement, as she is invited to also speak to family members and students because it's a good time. Um! So yes, that is the spill. I'm going to pass this around. Who wants to start um? Does anybody have questions about anything. If you're volunteering um you, I'll get you your shirt uh Friday night or sooner. Just let me know um, and you can just wear this and jeans and some comfortable shoes, and if you're just coming to come awesome, you still get a t-shirt and you can wear it on another day.

**Chief of Staff Peters:** I was just curious; how many families have signed up?

**Cameron Richmond:** Before I left the office to come here, I was at one hundred and eighty-eight registrations. My goal is at least 200.

**Senator Carnes III:** How much are for tickets like you said, students are free. Correct?

**Cameron Richmond:** Yes, great question. Um. So, adults um which anybody above the age of sixteen is considered an adult. Um they are thirty-five. Um, which it does come with the shirt and three meal. So it's still good deal, and then uh children under sixteen, I believe, are twenty. Um! And then, if you're you have a family member in the family association. They get five dollars off per ticket, and if your family member wants to join the family association. They can email me, happy to have them.

**President Smith:** Alright, whoever gets the most (SGA) service hours, wins a prize at banquet.

**Cameron Richmond:** Any other questions? Cool. I'll be sitting in the back while the form makes its way around, so if you have any other questions, I'll be back there, but thank you all for letting me come and speak.

# **Officer Reports**

#### b. **President Smith**

So, I got to meet with uh, Dr. Calhoun this past Tuesday. And I basically updated him on everything that was discussed at UTSSAC, and for those of you that are wondering what the main topics are going to be at UTSSAC, I will go ahead and let you know um. One of the main topics, as discussed is an inventory and potential recommendation of a raise to the student work or minimum wage um, and an additional um topic is always affordability. Affordability is always, and affordability in the sense of going and getting an education. Um, and additional topic is um raising of the wages or inventory of the wage um for student facing and student supporting services. So um at a pro staff level. Um, and then a uh, I think the fourth topic was um transparency in billing, and what we mean by that is clarification within, like what you're actually paying for means. So, like some billing statements look very clunky and confusing. Um, you've ever received a medical bill, you kind of understand. Um. Some institutions have that



same problem. Some are really well at it. So we've been inventory, and seeing what institutions do well at that, and what institutions don't. And so we're going through best practices and making sure that we can hopefully make it easy on everybody but um, and then I met with Katie Stone, to discuss micro credentialing. What we mean by that. And that was another topic that actually came up at U. T. System was um They wanted to discuss with students about how um there could be a potential change to basics curriculum, where, instead of taking some basic courses, you would instead get micro credentials or like certificates, so like a certificate in excel um proficiency or word, or PowerPoint or Google Systems, Java. So those were some of the things that we discussed, and then I also met with uh chief business Officer Dwayne Morris earlier today. So just for introductions. But and then, of course, we've been working on Midnight Breakfast, and I'm sure we will talk about that more later.

# c. Vice-President Bennett

Yes, so a lot of what I've been doing recently is getting us ready for a minute breakfast coming up. I've been approaching different departments all across the University Um. And them to help support at breakfast, so that not only um, it's easier, but it's also able to bring in more. People make it bigger, better, and larger than it's ever been before.

# d. Secretary Dix

So, I have been working on, obviously keeping the social media updated. Um, we had the fair giveaway. Um, I thought that went really well. I think we can implement more things like that in the future. I have updated the website with all of the new Senators. So, you guys are all on there that have been recently sworn in um. With that being said, I don't know a lot of you, so if you ever see me come, say, hi or um reach out to me. I can give you my office hours, and come chat with me. And something else I've been working on, that's been taking up most of my time is the midnight breakfast t-shirt, which we will talk about later.

# e. Treasurer Luna

Hi everyone, uh It's been kind of slow with SGAC, but we're still working. We didn't meet this week. Um, but one thing I'm excited to see is the Midnight Breakfast things with the all the departments and people helping out. I'm hoping that we get to do a lot with what we have.

# e. Chief of Staff Peters

So I've gotten uh judicial board's first meeting set up for next week, and I've been working with Rules Committee for a presentation We'll be making next week hopefully.

# **Committee Reports**

# a. Events

**VP Bennett:** So it was just me and Justin yesterday, and he's well, not yesterday Tuesday, and he's um off doing bigger things. Um. So, we talked about um things from end up breakfast uh like one of them is that we're gonna be having a movie. It's gonna be outside. It's Hocus Pocus. We're also gonna be having decorations there in the atrium. Hopefully, Sodexo is going to be decorating the Met. Other than that, we were also getting stuff prepared for the watch party that we're going to be doing um. I reached out to the department chair over in PolySci, and he direct me over to five different people for a possible um in the panel to discuss the results as they come in, so I'll give you all up to date on that other than that. It's just smooth sailing. (Midnight Breakfast is going to be Halloween themed).

# b. Communications



**Secretary Dix:** So, we have met twice since the last meeting, and the first time we talked about the fair posts for that and it's still on the table. If you guys have cute fair pics you want posted on the SGA Instagram, send them to me, I will post them. The current thing we're talking about is the t-shirts and the designs for that, and some website edits such as the forms folder.

# c. SGAC

**Treasurer Luna:** So, we didn't meet this week like, I said earlier. But last week we did meet with the society of automotive engineers at the use of Engineering Center, and they got approved for one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and forty-two cents. Uh, Hopefully, it was less than that, but they only asked particularly like trays, and nuggets and fruits, and then some like cases of soda. They also asked for Legos, but we couldn't pay for that, so they took care of it.

f. Rules

**Chief of Staff Peters:** We have just been working on creating the presentation for the next week.

g. ESC

Did not meet this week.

h. GSA

Did not meet this week.

# VI. Student Voice Reports

# a. Houston Campus

Senator Khan: Well, we've had a lot going on like we said we did have automotive engineers uh first meeting back. Well, this week that was here in the cloud, and they were excited to have a bunch of people come by and play with Legos. the big things we're excited about that in Houston is um uh Last week we did a meet with team Kiros, uh, you know, to engineering. Uh we were primarily um arguing, and uh, well, not arguing, but uh arguing for our constituents uh need for lab space. Uh. So we have secured that last base in the Us. Was very helpful in working with the with the Houston Senators to make sure that we can uh start a student laboratory space uh for all the engineers here using campus. So that's a kind of our next step. Um, we're preparing to get that laboratory space cleaned out, and I get the kind of equipment that we need in that space for Houston uh students are using. So, we're super excited. Uh, this will be the first uh lab space for students to use uh for force projects senior design projects uh in the elect. So uh, we're super excited to have that and that we're um. We're getting ready to make that happen. So, lots of good things happening down to you.

# b. Health Science Center Campus

**Senator Okeke:** Nothing to report. Apart from that, the first-year students started their applications.

# c. Fisch College of Pharmacy

**Senator Kirkby:** Okay, So, I'll start with the good news first. Um! So we've been doing the HPV Vaccine events. Um! And those are usually at the end of the month, so there should be one at the end of October. Um, so, if you're insured, the vaccine is free. If not, it's ten dollars. If you already have one from another place, and you need another shot just come through. We're also doing a clothing drive, so we have donation bins in the Pharmacy and the Nursing buildings. So, if you have any like winter coats and stuff just drop them by. Then for the bad news, um. Our dean passed away, so we currently are like we have a new dean. He's new um. Dr. Elueze, I believe. He is super nice, super friendly.

# d. College of Arts and Sciences

**Senator Helms:** Nothing too crazy. We just had high school day. We had two hundred students come, and we did like a two bad printing event. Um, um we had. We did some tour of the studio



spaces, and it was a pretty big, and they especially for us at the Art department. It's a small that, you know. We have that many people. It feels huge. That was pretty successful. I've been talking with our safety coordinator on getting a few things fixed around the studios. Some of that is like a time, or personnel, or a funding issue. There's been a little bit of push back, but other than that there's nothing really.

**Old Business** 

Nothing to add.

**New Business** 

a. ESC Chair Election

Let the record show that Macie Kirkby was elected as the Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee, by an unanimous vote.

# b. Senator Project Discussion

**VP Bennett:** Hey y'all! I want to see a raise of hands who all has done a senator project before? So for a past member. All of us are new to this. So, um I haven't done one Landry, Have you done one? No. So all of us are new to this, so it's kind of us also figuring it out, and Josh can uh chime in with stuff from the past at some point if he wants to Senator, projects are pretty much If you see something that's going on around campus, and you want it fixed, or you want something different. You can pretty much. We either we have funds, or we can approach different departments here on campus to be able to procure those funds to be able to make it happen, or sometimes it's even free just setting up a project or something. So um what we have currently of some of the ideas that have either been proposed in the past or have gotten brought up now is so is one of them is like No, the best core over at liberty is a big hassle. Um, finding a new place for that. That's the center of perfect idea, maybe acquiring a deep freezer for the paper patriot pantry, acquiring kitchen equipment for the patriot pantry uh benches outside Liberty, Victory and PV. For people wanting to either waiting to be picked up, or when they're waiting for their doors um removal and replacement of the uh free speech sign boards. I know we've talked about that in the past, and we've talked about it. A Senator project, or whatever other idea of it, and that would. And you know we would set up, say, a town hall or a call trick. We talked to the student body about it before we do it. of course. acquiring of clothing for donation to the career Success clothing closet. I' I know that in the past. We've um basically helped out with the initiative, but it's kind of went away recently, and that way there is a there is a closet, and I also work a little bit in the community partnership, community, office of community partnerships.

**President Smith:** They do have a good call closet of um suits and addresses that if you need access to them um, they're there for free. If you have like an interview or any sort of um professional um obligation coming up. It's a great resource.

**VP Bennett:** But it's still limited, and they're always looking for extra donations. Um! Another one is um replacing of the talk boards and rat lift with whiteboards. Uh, I know I'm in a couple of classes there, and Ratliff, and they still have chalkboards in there. I have no idea why there's no need for chalkboards in this modern day and age. Um, I know that in the past um it has been brought up to facilities to replace the chalkboards that were there, and in the CAS, and they gone in, and with no charge to us, they gone in, replace them with whiteboards. So, um another one is, I know, in parts of the Ratliff, there's no water bottle refill stations. We got them all. We got



them all over the rest of campus. I don't they have them over there. So, these are just some of the ideas that we have. Um, if we have to pay for it. Um, I prefer You all go out and look at different departments and see if they would want to provide that funding for those, um but if not, then for the main campus, so used to be. Um. Senator Projects used to be this giant pool that we that we would pull from, but we wanted to be more specific this time around, and so per semester. We have eleven hundred, one thousand one hundred for the main campus, and then five hundred per semester for the satellite campuses. So around one hundred and twenty-five per campus, and that way you, it allows for the main camps to be able to have funds and satellite campus to campuses, to also still have funds to be able to be used. So, do we have any other questions.

**Senator McNamara:** So, if we did want to do a Senator project, how in the world do we go about doing that? It's like. I just like I don't even know where I would start.

**President Smith:** So, I would say that, depending on what you want to do, I would talk to the relevant people. So, if you wanted to do something with um, say you wanted to add a park bench I would maybe reach out to facilities, or maybe even start with just Josh and Josh can point you in the right direction. That's probably the simplest way to go um, but and then once you do that once you've done your research on it, I would encourage you all to have a presentation that you would then bring to the Senate um that lays out what you want to do. What the cost is why you're wanting to do it. Um, if you gauge any interest in it. Um! And obviously that's going to change varying, or that's going to change depending on the project. But um! That's probably the model that you should approach whenever you want to do a Senator project.

**Senator McNamara:** Does anyone study in the library and use the whiteboards and markers? Have you noticed a lack of whiteboards and markers? Okay, cool.

**President Smith:** Yeah. And that could be something as simple as like buying more expomarkers or talking to the library potentially to maybe buy more expomarkers if they haven't done so yet.

**VP Bennett:** They're currently renovating so they can probably find room in the new budget to bring in more stuff.

**Senator Mattern:** Would fundraisers count as Senator projects like if we wanted to do. There's a big thing to shoe boxes during Christmas, filling up a shoe box and sending it to kids that don't get presence with that fall under a Senator project?

**VP Bennett:** So, like I said, with the um, you know, bringing clothes for donation, you can do some sort of drive for that, for really if you want to call it a Senator project, we'll call it a Senator Project.

**President Smith:** Only institutional funds can be used for a fundraiser like that, so take that into consideration.

**Senator Kirkby:** Can multiple people collaborate on one project?

**President Smith:** Absolutely.



**Treasurer Luna:** I've mentioned having uh, like lights at the exit at the second-floor library infants, or it's it where like that uh someone mentioned a bench at liberty redoing the records trail signs, and then having a place on campus for outside studying with outdoor plugs.

**President Smith:** Redoing the Rec Sports trail signs is actually something that um facilities has approached us about. That's a conversation that I actually probably need to have very soon with exports before I move forward with it. But that is, that is a and just improving signage around campus is always going to be a good Senator project.

**Senator Helms:** When will the safety walk be?

**President Smith:** I wanted to do that um during good weather, so I right now is good, but it's too late to put together a um cohesive group and make sure that everybody can actually attend it. So I was planning on doing that in the spring. But yeah, And so last time, whenever we did it, too, we only really walked around uh B up and the UC. So, I was hoping to incorporate the whole Senate and all of student government, so that way we can cover more ground as well as different departments. Um, that would be. That would be have any sort of relevance to that kind of conversation. (Technically, there is not a limit to the amount of Senator Projects someone can do).

# d. Midnight Breakfast Discussion

VP Bennet gave some information as to what Midnight Breakfast will look like this semester.

Secretary Dix approached the Senate with some t-shirt designs for the event and asked for feedback on them.

#### **Advisor Comments**

Nothing to add.

# **Announcements**

President Smith: I wanted to reiterate this uh student Regent and Texas Higher education uh board nominations still going on. There's a lot of great candidates here. I believe that we could send off some um. So student government or so, any applicant for student region or for the Texas Higher Education Board. Um! Go to Dr. Calhoun for a decision. But student government gets to decide who they endorse. So um! We will be doing that whenever the time comes for it I'll be in November. Um, but I encourage you all to apply um. You never know what could happen, so um and UT Tyler definitely could use um some representation in that regard. I did send an email out already. And um, it should be under just. It should have been a student body wide email, and it should just be super reason. And the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. You can also find the Uh information on our student government website, and you can also um find the information if you just search it on um Google, and especially if you for the student region. If you go in Texas Higher education, coordinating board. If you go to their respective websites both positions basically serve a one-year term.



No Senator of the Week this week due to lack of nominations.

Nothing to add.

# **Adjournment**

Senator Govea: Motion to adjourn.

Senator Carnes: Seconded.

Let the record show that the Senate unanimously voted in approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm.