

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. 6:00pm
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. **Last week's minutes were approved at 5:17pm**
- IV. **OPEN FORUM**
- V. **SPEAKERS PODIUM**
 - i. Chris Nafrady
 1. Here today to talk about the council of student president
 2. Here to discuss issues regarding
 - a. Issues regarding Astra, you have to go through an extensive amount of work in order to fill space in Astra in regards to ordering food and such.
 - i. They would to shorten the window in which you have to reserve it from 2 weeks to 1 week.
 1. Josh stated the 2 weeks is in place because Academic Affairs needs enough time to find the space.
 - ii. They also want to make it easier to reserve the rooms earlier on in the semester.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26th-March 3rd –
Homecoming week

February 27th – Midnight
Breakfast (Mandatory Event)

March 1 & 2nd – Officer Elections

April 19 & 20th – Senator
Elections

Next Week for Student Voice
Reports:

- College of Nursing and Health Sciences
- Patriot Village



- b. People think there will be less of a problem if there was just like a one stop shop for reserving that space.
 - c. Another issue is people don't know about SGAC and the funds available
 - d. Last issue is flyers, people aren't seeing the flyers or even looking at them.
3. Coming to SGA to address these issues and hopefully revamp these problems.

ii. Johnna Ragland and Chris Thompson

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

- i. President Templeman
 - 1. Attended UTSAC this past weekend
- ii. Vice President Seely
 - 1. Not in this week
- iii. Secretary McDaniel
 - 1. Informed senate of date of candidacy
- iv. Treasurer McLeod
 - 1. Working on preparing the budget
 - 2. Also attended the UTSAC meeting
- v. Parliamentarian Hicken
 - 1. Discussed candidacy meeting times and rules regarding the application process and campaigning.

VII. STUDENT VOICE REPORTS

- i. Student Body at Large
- ii. Eagles Landing

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- i. Student Life
 - 1. Did not meet this week
- ii. Communications
 - 1. Did not meet this week due to miscommunication
 - 2. Will meet Tuesday's at 12:30pm
- iii. SGAC
 - 1. Approved budget for the math club and the Catholic Society
- iv. Rules Committee
 - 1. Went over what they did last semester
 - 2. Talked about reconstructing the ballot
 - 3. Meeting Mondays at 2pm
- v. Student Affairs



Did not meet this week

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- i. Budget
- ii. Motion to endorse and request that the University creates a contract for a discounted rate monthly and yearly
 1. Seconded
 2. Hicken states it's a great and unique idea to go forth with the service and provide a contract

X. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Swear-Ins
 1. Motion to approve new senators for swear-in
 2. Seconded
 - a. Maritza Mendez speaks to the senate about why she would like to be a part of SGA.
 - b. Mendez is requesting to be a part of the College of Arts and Sciences.
 - c. Mendez is approved to be a senator of the College of Arts and Sciences.
 - i. Mendez is sworn-in to SGA
- ii. Rock Climbing
 1. Motion to endorse and request that the University creates a contract for a discounted rate monthly and yearly
 2. Seconded
 3. Hicken states it's a great and unique idea to go forth with the service and provide a contract
 4. Secretary McDaniel motions to table this discussion until senators are able to see the rock gym together as an organization.
- iii. Advisor Neaves entertains a motion to further discuss the issues Chris Nafrady addressed in speaker's podium.
 1. Hicken moves to address the issues stated.
 2. Senators address the concern of how to go about changing these things and revamping them.
 3. Students want to see better promoting.
 4. Senators expressed the idea of an app.
 - a. An app is created, but UT Tyler is the only university that doesn't have a student engaging platform
 - b. Unfortunately the app is very costly, but Advisor Neaves has sent in a request to get this app.



Motion to amend the motion to send an authorized SGA representative to President's Council, so that we can get further information about the specific concerns.

- a. Seconded
- b. Feel it would be a good idea to send someone from SGA to the President's Council meeting.
- c. There will be further discussion throughout about who will attend those meetings.

XI. ADVISOR COMMENTS

- i. Reminder Josh has sent a recommendation for the officer hours to be increased to 15 hours.
- ii. Also stated that even though it appears we have a lot in our budget we have to be smart where we are using the budget.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- i. Sodexo respectfully declined the request to come to speak at SGA. This was declined from Tammy's district manager.

XIII. SECOND ROLL CALL

XIV. ADJOURNMENT