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Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

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1. **Call to Order 5:30pm**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes: The minutes were not finished for this past week.**
4. **Open Forum**
   1. **None.**
5. **Speaker’s Podium**
   1. Jerry Stuff, Vice President of Facilities Management. Mr. Stuff was not able to attend.
   2. Bonnie Davis, Energy Manager
   3. Andy Krauss

**Bonnie davis:** I am Bonnie Davis, I am the energy manager for facilities management on campus and I know a few of you. I have met with the ESC recently to talk about recycling and initiatives. We launched recycling in February. Have you guys seen the blue bins? Are you guys using the blue bins? Right now we are working on bins being placed in all of housing? Has anyone seen them in your room? When did you guys get those. Katy Herendez is distributing those and what that means for you guys is there’s going to be two days a week that you can go to one of our recycling dumpsters on campus and put your recycling in that dumpster. I believe it will be on Mondays and Thursday We have two 8 yard dumpsters, one is by the baseball field and then one is just right next door by the parking garage. You can just put you recycling in that bin form 1-4. I think Katy has set it up like baby steps, I think recycling plastic at first and then if that is successful, she’ll open it up to other things we recycle, cardboard, cans. Thats what we got going on, any questions.

**Senator Bennett:** Where are y’all located?

**Bonnie Davis:** So you know where facilities in the fine arts complex? Right across the street, its kind of hidden. There’s a drive that runs beside the baseball field and there’s a big dumpster, you don’t want to put it in the dumpster, that one is 35 yards, and then the recycling dumpster is right next to it. I believe Katy sent out information that has a map that shows where those locations are.

**Andy Krauss:** We are really excited. A recycling program is something we have wanted to do for years, and we are really excited about the housing. If you have any ideas, email Bonnie. She is the drive behind this and can answer any questions.

**Bonnie Davis:** My email address is [**bdavis@uttyler.edu**](mailto:bdavis@uttyler.edu) You can send me an email and give me a call. I am happy to answer any questions. It is going really well, we had a few kinks in the beginning but it is good now.I think that recycling available to you guys is one of the most important pieces of the recycling on campus. I am looking forward to that.

**Andy Krauss:** And we will expand. As this rolls out, we’re taking baby steps because we have to make sure this is what fits for our campus, for the residence halls, and everything else. But as this goes on, if you guys have any ideas, let us know. By the way, I am Andy, that may have been covered somewhere. Anyways, that is all I have.

**Senator Harrison:** Will we be able to bring things from home to recycle?

**Bonnie Davis:** Let me tell you this, I have had staff ask me that question. We have not let them do that, but probably not okay for me to say that to yall. I recycle, I live in Whitehouse and recycle everything and take the it Saturday. Maybe we can work something out in the future. We did have 3 recycling dumpsters but were only utilizing 2 of them, so we had one taken off campus. I don’t know, maybe we bring the other one back on.

**Andy Krauss:** Yes, and given this is a university service on campus, we are not going to open it up to off campus or public, we don’t want to cross that bridge at this time due to capacity.

**President Jennings:** This is an initiative that SGA has really tried to support and now that we’ve made the environmental sustainability committee an official standing committee, that’s one of the things they’re tasked with. Bonnie is sort of an advisor for that committee, which is great, and we really want to make sure this is something we work towards. Once we get the information about that map, would you send that to me, I would love to get that posted on our social media.

1. **Officer Reports**
   1. **President Jennings**

So, last week, Ashlyn and I made our visit out to the HSC and that was great. We got a tour of the facility and got started on planning a small event for this semester to help the Student Success Coordinator, Ashton Smith, out there get started with interacting with the students. This week, Ashlyn and I are going back to Austin for UTSSAC a second time, so 10 hour car rides in 2 days. It has been a learning experience for sure. Y’all be thinking about us, for anyone traveling, definitely be safe.

* 1. **Vice-President Stavinoha**

As you guys know, we are getting close to the end of my time in SGA so my last big thing will be finals week bags. I want that to be a good big thing, the supplies were ordered Monday. Hopefully they’re in before the end of this week, we are going to spend the week after Thanksgiving putting those together, however, if you could shoot me a text if you’re going to be on campus, and you would like to put some together, I can put together a kit for you to put them together in your apartment. I am going to request that you do that only if you’re on campus, I don’t want them traveling everywhere. That doesn’t seem like a good idea.or if you would like to come hangout with me, we can put them together. I did put the tables in astra. Variety of times, I will send them out via email. We are going to need people to volunteer to be there. Just pass them out and smile.

* 1. **Secretary Mattern**

We went to the HSC center, that was really fun, I really like Ashton. I put the constitution on the website, I am making KC take a lot of pictures this weekend. I am very excited for that. You can take pictures of me. That is pretty much it.

* 1. **Treasurer Limbrick**

Quick update about the Disc Golf project, I think JOsh sent me an official quote, it was about $12,000 plus and extra $300. I think it is likely to happen the spring of next year. That project is getting underway to go. Me and josh talked last Thursday, and we are kind of under-budget, so we might have more money to spend next year. So me and Josh plan to let everything settle, let all the receipts and the invoices come in at the end of this year. Next year we will access the situation and see how much money we have to spend.

* 1. **Chief of Staff Smith**

Yesterday I met with Rules, we discussed a lot of ideas that will be discussed later. This week I am going to be working to make those ideas come true if people end up liking them. That is pretty much it.

1. **Committee Reports** 
   1. **Events**

**Vice President Stavinoha:** So, our events committee activity today was to attend the housing downhill and that was interesting. That recording will be available and I will get clarification on where that will be available. Our follow up action for that, I know everyone in here was concerned about the pet thing, Unfortunately, Scott Hendershot’s directive towards if you’re concerned about your pet, to talk to him individually. We did not get an answer on that, even though we were told to come. The housing pet question was not answered, we did also ask about the basketball court and Hendershot kindly informed everyone that it was an SGA project to put it out. We did pay for the supplies, however, we did not chose the location of that and now housing is asking to solve that problem. Do we have a solution? Those orange pieces already belonged to the university, so we did not purchase those. The only thing we purchased were the nets themselves. I do not think they are permanent.

**President Jennings:** They dug some concrete out.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Um, this is going to be a lot more complicated than I thought it was going to be.

**President Jennings:** Consider some solutions SGA.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** The primary concern with the basketball court is that A the location is not convent for most of campus because it is gated and majority of campus does not live there. The other concern is for residents who live there specifically and that it blocks off I believe 15 parking spaces, and access to one of the buildings so you have to drive around. So, SGA, apparently we are coming up with a solution if anyone has one. I am going to set up a meeting with Scott Hendershot to discuss that. Beyond that, we did not ask any questions from last week.

* 1. **Communications**

**Secretary Mattern:** We did not meet this week, I was trying to finish the minutes and I had to go home. But would communications also be the website? I want to start getting the minutes on there at some point, they’re in a PDF file and it doesn’t go on the website, it’s some weird thing and I gotta figure that out and talk to Josh about it. But I got the constitution up there and I am pretty sure I have everyone’s name on there, except for Macie’s.

* 1. **SGAC**

**Treasurer Limbrick:** We approved about 4 organizations this week. One was AISC, I think this group is in Houston, the Steal Bridge Competition Group. We also approved MSA, the American Society Chemical organization. Also a joint group, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Institute of Transportation engineers are having a really awesome event, I think December 6th. The week we come back, you guys, it’s out in Tyler and you guys can join that event I would if I was you. It is an awesome event they are hosting, go see what engineering is all about.

* 1. **Rules**

**Chief of Staff Smith:** Like I said, we met yesterday and discussed ideas. Talk about them later.

* 1. **ESC**

**Senator Harrison:** basically yesterday we just went over the tentative structure for the clothing drive that is happening ext April, I have to email some people to get some minor details flushed out. I want to talk about it with all of y’all to get your input.

* 1. **GSA**

**President Jennings:** Like I mentioned last time, there are some students looking at making it a registered organization again. I am just trying to help the with that, that is part of the reason we are helping Ashton Smith plan an event.

1. **Student Voice Reports**
   1. **Student Body at Large**

**Senator Gouvea:** I haven’t heard too much, I have asked around but mainly just finals coming up and just studying.

**Senator McQueary:** Same thing. I know that we have talked about ATO getting involved with SGa. I don’t know in what capacity but they were saying they were willing to do stuff.

**Senator Vargas:** I have heard some concerns about students saying vending machines should take more than just dining dollars. And also they should be restocked more frequently. I might be they should take dining dollars. They should be restocked more frequently.

**Senator Johnson:** There are some CAP students having difficulties with their advisors. Have you guys ever thought about having a CAP senator on SGA?

**Vice President Stavinoha:** So it has been brought up, yes. However, our advisor Neaves has shot it down because we have freshman seats and CAP students are freshman. A lot of our freshman senators do tend to be CAP students anyways. And there is nothing prohibiting them from being a student body at age senator, so the issue with that is there doesn’t seem to be a need since there is already representation for that population. Much as we already don’t have seats for sorority’s and fraternities. Since there is already representation, there is no need since we already have trouble filling all of the seats.

* 1. **Houston Engineering Center:**

**Senator Ruiz:**

* 1. **Victory Village**

**Senator Luna was not able to attend.**

* 1. **Ornelas Hall**

**Senator Black**: I don have much. They did room checks, but they did not inform us, which is annoying. I was home and we kind of knew they were happening but they usually inform us. There was no email, I checked 3 different times. They’re supposed to send us an email, and they have it in every other residence hall I have lived in and I guess they just forgot.

**e. College of Nursing and Health Science**

**Senator McNamara:** Justin and I met with the dean at 4 today . She wanted to follow up with some things we talked about last time. Super productive. The nursing program just sent out an email stating you have to be vaccinated to go through clinical and things like that. There has been a lot of people trying to get exemptions form that. We wanted to create a module on canvas for nursing students stating what the vaccine is and why we are required to get it. We talked to her about that, we found out there is an entire website dedicated to nursing advisors, contacting them. I didn’t know about that, students didn’t know about that. That was great to learn about that, and we will be meeting with her next month and I will update you guys.

**Senator Melendez:** Adding on to what Valerie said, I believe it is the EAB website, I believe it is available to any student at UT Tyler, to have an appointment for their advisor.

f**. College of Arts and Sciences**

**Senator Harrison:** Not specifically as CAS report but, in one of these auditoriums that is underneath, Stewart hall, the WiFi does not work. Lopez seems to have more trouble but it is an issue.

1. **Old Business**
   1. Diversity Course Discussion

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to discuss the diversity course.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Scott:** Motion seconded.

**President Jennings:** Hopefully you guys got to look at the course. For the sake of my sanity, I will not ask you guys to raise your hand to see who complete it because the results would hurt my heart. I took the course, it definitely took longer than the said 40 minutes. Overall, I felt the content was pretty appropriate and bite-sized chunks. I just wanted to hear what y’all think about it. The question on the table for administration is do we think that it should be required in any form. For everyone, for freshman, etc.

**Senator Harrison:** I looked through it as well, I didn’t see anything to raise alarm. Like I said earlier when we started talking about this, I had done diversity training that was not good at all and I did not see any red flags. Personally I think it should required for everyone yearly.

**Secretary Mattern:** Do we know how many of the other systems require it or have it?

**President Jennings**: Some do, definitely UT Austin. I would have to look at that google drive document to see who all requires it. It is a system wide conversation about whether to.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** yeah. I didn’t see any problems with it. I actually really like how the course is set up, that it has good stop and start points. So you don’t have to sit down and take it. That is one of my things about the title 9 course, if you need to stop there is no good point to stop. However, I don’t think we should require it every year because it will be a barrier to those doing their registration, and I don’t like to be a hassle for anything like that. However, if we do it next year, I think everyone should do it, and then just freshman, similar to the title 9 training. And I think that is perfectly acceptable system, but if we do it for the first year, require it for everyone just to take it and beyond that point, freshman only.

**Senator Govea:** I think the training is extremely beneficial. I know for just most of the organizations here on campus, you are required to go through training just like this. I do not think there will be any harm in requiring and doing what Jennifer suggested.

**Senator Bennett:** Since some organizations do require it, maybe we could look at if they do this course their freshman year, they don’t have to takeout later on with those specific one.

**President Jennings**: I can’t make that call. What I am looking for here, I would like to make a recommendation to Ona as an appropriate course of action. That is why I asked for it, any student can ask for it, and take it, but you have to ask for it like I did. What I would like to do is make a recommendation, so we would motion to vote what you want, and I will send an email. That is the course of action however y’all want to proceed. I entertain a motion to recommend that the course be required for everyone the first year and freshman only the following years.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Govea:** Motion seconded.

**Let the record show that the senate voted in approval to recommend that the diversity course should be required for everyone the first year and freshman only the following years.**

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to close discussion on this topic.

**Senator Govea:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett:** Motion seconded.

1. **New Business**
   1. Constitution Ideas Discussion

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to discuss the constitution.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett:** Motion seconded.

**Chief of Staff Smith:** These are just brief ideas we have talked about.If there are any other ideas, please feel free to recommend or raise your hand. So, the first thing I put up here was about judicial board because right now they do not meet at all. I am not convinced in judicial board knows who is in judicial board. I would like there to be a little more interaction in the judicial board because effectively right now there is now interaction. On top of that, there is no record of decisions they have made and I would like there to be some sort of written record, like a share file or jus tomes simple journal for recommendations about what to do. Basically what I would like to do is establish a once a month meeting to keep them aware of what’s going on in SGA and then the chief of staff position would help facilitate when they meet. So it is not anything over bearing, it is once a month meeting, soon top of that, I would like there be some sort of requirement for a share file or journal, that way some future judicial board can follow that they have done I the past. Additionally, I would like to eliminate the requirement of previous membership in SGA. This would help eliminate, in my opinion, bias a little bit. Say that you are in SGA for a year something happened and the next year in the judicial board, you were somewhat directly involved in that whatever happened previously. I mean, I think it owl doe hard to say there is no bias. Obviously there will be situations where people just know people. I do not think there should be a requirement for them to serve a year in SGA before being on the judicial board. Currently, that requirement is suspended because we suspended it temporarily but it will be in affect after December 31st. And it does help student involvement. You know become more active in SGA.

As we have all been familiar with, the referendum process. We just had the athletic fee and I don’t know if y’all remember, the senate gets to decide how long the voting period is for each referendum process. And my opinion, I think there soul die a set amount of days for each and every referendum. Because that way, if we had the proposals and voted to have to be open for 5 days, and someone wanted to change the disc golf and we only voted for 2 days, the people trying to pass the disc golf because they got shorter time for people to vote than this past referendum so this would basically promote consistency. My personal opinion is anywhere between 3-5 days. With this past athletic fee we got most of our votes in within 3 days. I believe it was maybe 100 or 200 more past the 2 days after. We got most of our votes in the first 3 days so I would suggest that.

**Senator Bennett:** I know that this recent time, I think that SGA kind of got thrown under the bus for kind of pushing it to an extent. I think if we go along with where they’re able to educate us instead of SGA do it solely, it will make us seem like a on-bias student body.

**Chief of Staff Smith:** Same thing for the election code, there is no set time for the ballots for just general assembly elections. Again if one election year, candidates get 5 days to be voted on and another year they only get 2, there would be some controversy with that. Again, this would promote consistency I would like to possibly establish a fixed time frame. And then, senate seats. So this one’s probably not as popoular as an idea, I don’t know at people think about it anti is why I am presenting it to get new ideas. We have a lot of members that are allowed to be in SGA and UT Austin is only allowed at 25. We only have 28 senators and 5 e board members but we have a Toal of 46 seats. The total meters we have right now is 33 and what I don’t want to do is, there is a bunch of different ways we can think about this. What I would suggest is that we would only have 2 senators per college instead of 3, because. I don’t think you need 3 for each college. I would like to keep the 10 members at student body at large to add members to SGA that join or that want to join later on in the year. Because if there is two or three, lets just say there are 2 CAS seats right now, if there’s 2 CAS seats that are currently have somebody on them, and you’d be able to move them to student body at large. We have done that for some senators in here and it has been a great addition. I think one senator per residence hall would be just fine. And just to clarify, nobody would be losing their seat if you have seat right now. We have 2 processes we have talked about for being able to slowly move out the seats, either at this next election, only have the seats available that we specify or we could have them phase it out.

**Senator Bennett:** if there is a senior that is one of the seats, when we come up to the next election, we could phase out that seat that they are apart of, so when they graduate, that seat is no longer available and wouldn’t ever be again.

**Chief of Staff Smith:** So no one is getting kicked out of SGA. I think that would be awful I would don’t recommend that at all. Yeah rock paper scissors for whoever gets to keep their seats. This is probably another unpopular idea, I just think it’s an idea. So e board, basically what this would be doing is taking away the voting power form the e board. Currently the members get to vote as senators. In most institutions that is not the case. Some instances, this never happens with this group because we’re all a great group, there could be a conflict of interest, like if I can’t think of a great example right now but I mean it is on the powerpoint. The e board could become too controlling. I don’t think this e board is too controlling at all, but additionally this would be a great check on the executive branch, typically you don’t have both branches voting on the proposals or topics. I am not saying this has to happen, I don’t think going one way or the other is a bad idea, either way. It just an idea I put out there, I know other institutions do and could possibly protect against future problems. Now I am just opening this up for questions.

**Senator Harrison:** Okay, so another idea we briefly talked about was perhaps making it only,

**Chief of Staff Smith:** Currently anybody can sit in on the meetings. Students and staff members, but people who don’t go to the university or pay tuition to go here maybe make a process for people to have to sign up to come to the meetings.

**Senator Harrison:** Personally with that, I think there should be some method of approval, it is not just like oh email us and let us know you’re coming, it should be like oh you’re form an organization’s hat do you want to talk about?

**Secretary Mattern:** Okay, so if we are a voice for the student body, why would we want to limit the amount of people who speak for the student body and cut it back. The senate seats.

**Chief of Staff Smith:** My response, right now we have so many seats that re open, you don’t have to campaign and get to know your constituents. So if you shorten the seats, it forces them to compete and have to know those constituents. Right now, you could say you want to be in SGA. I am not saying that is the case for anybody because I hear y’all’s voice reports and I know that is not the case. What I am saying is that could allow that to happen.

**President Jennings:** likewise if our college continues to grow, we don’t want for us to have 100 senators down the line. I recognize that is big but it becomes cumbersome.

**Senator McNamara:** So a few things, so does each college have to have the same number of senators.

**Chief of Staff Smith:** I don’t think that is a rule. Each college has 3 senators per college. Other colleges, residence hall has 2. I would recommend that each college does have the same amount of senate seats.

**Senator McNamara:** To follow that up, I know for nursing, there are different levels. Theres levels one through four and then there’s undergraduate. Having one or 2 senators, even 3, but if we only had 1 or 2 that would don’t be helpful in any way. It could be one undergraduate and one senior level and that’s all you get to hear from. So I mean, are we allowed to have differing numbers. If engineering has one seat available, is nursing allowed to have 3? Have different numbers.

**President Jennings:** For consistency purposes, we typically maintain them the same, that why they’re all 3 and that’s also my negative feedback for the idea of phasing put seats because it gets really choppy in my opinion. David graduates this year and CAS only has 2 seats right, but then maybe COB continues to fill with freshman and sophomores and it is 8 yers before we have a phase out. I would prefer to keep the same number, but the same could be said fo ray economic class. I don’t know. I prefer to keep them the same.

**Senator Chin:** I was just wondering if you had looked at the other constitutions from other UT schools and how much UT Tyler’s constitution diverged and how that would address the need of our specific school.

**Chief of Staff Smith:** There’s several nuanced differences between our constitution and the governing bodies of UT Tyler and other systems. I have looked at other schools outside of the UT system but I know UT Austin’s e board cannot vote and they keep record of the judicial board.

**President Jennings:** They’re all very different, one interesting thing to note, the vice president is the speaker of the senate, so they thought it was mind boggling that I ran these meetings. Ours is extremely unique.

**Secretary Mattern:** Okay, is it in the constitution about the e board duties? Can we put that the secretary has to go through website training? I feel like that helps out a lot and that every secretary should be able to do it.

**President Jennings:** We can, be like we talked about it before, but I don’t think every secretary could handle it. We could absolutely offer it to them but I don’t know how I feel about requiring it. Everyone else thought it was cool?

**Chief of Staff Smith:** if y’all have any other ideas, let know. Those were just basic ideas that popped into my head.

**President Jennings:** the senate composition is a big focus for me. It needs a face lift, with the change in the colleges anyways. I think this is a good opportunity for us to evaluate if our composition is effective.

**Senator Harrison:** we thought about doing it population based. There are so many seats for each college, CAS is a big school and would have more senators than a smaller college.

**President Jennings:** We have looked at that, but because it is so different, you know, it is hard. I don know if there is an easy unit to break it down to. My problem is, that could mean some colleges only get 1 representative and I always think it’s good for everyone to have at least one backup person. You help each other out.

**Senator McNamara:** adding onto that, the nursing school only excepts 120, so it would be, we still need 3 senators for each level.

**President Jennings:** Population base is what a lot of schools in UT system do but just here it does not seem to be an effective solution.

**Chief of Staff Smith:** we could add a house. That would be population based. Any other ideas, thoughts, questions, concerns. Personally, agree with KC that the senate seat composition needs to be looked at more. I like the judicial board idea the most because I think being active in general if something happens, if we allow them to not do anything right now and it happens, it would be like being blindsided. They wouldn’t be apprised of what is going on, so meeting once a month would help.

**President Jennings:** I just wanted to comment on the length of elections. That was an idea I had just because the consistency is really important. I think that the 5 days worked well for the special election. One thing to consider for the referendum is there is a required number of responses. You have to get 6.5% of the student body to respond in order for it to be considered valid. I think having 5 days allows us to make sure if something passes or does not impact the response rate. With general elections, I think that 3 days is pretty much sufficient. We have had them be at 2 or 3 days and 3 days allows for one additional email reminder to get a vote in. If I were to recommend anything, it would be 3 days for elections and 5 days for special referendums. I would like to entertain a motion to close this discussion.

**Secretary Mattern:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett:** Motion seconded.

* 1. **Appointment of New Senator**

**Shelby Kipp:** Hi. I am Shelby, I am a nursing major I plan to start nursing in the summer of 2022. I am in Delta Gamma, I hold a position for JCMT or director position. I am the director on inter fraternal activities. I planed family day, mom’s day and help everybody in my sorority get involved with intramural which was kind of not as active the past semester as I would like to be so I am excited to get everyone back in it. I am taking path next semester, I am nervous. I live off campus so I would be student body at large, hopefully I will be a nursing senator but I am excited to be here.

**Senator McGinnis:** What made you choose UT Tyler?

**Shelby Kipp:** The nursing program. It was practical, I live in longview, the freshman guarantee was a big thing. I did a lot of dual credit but actually being able to do my sciences here and still get the freshman guarantee was a big thing for me.

**Senator Govea:** What is your strongest skill?

**Shelby Kipp:** My strongest skill would probably be planning an organization. I like to be onto of all of my things, I get my homework done on time. Yeah, planning.

**Senator Gouvea:** What do you plan on doing in SGA? What was the reason you wanted to join?

**Shelby Kipp:** I care about the student body and I want their opinions and voices to be heard. I just feel like, overall, the senate seats could be filled a little more and I am excited to support them and be their voice.

**Senator Chin**: I was wondering what kind of link you could make between delta gamma and SGA?

**Shelby Kipp:** I definitely wish there was more DG involvement in SGA and within the sororities in general. I know ATO is doing well with representation. I do think that representation could be better in general though. I really hope to bring DG more into SGA than just me and Audrey Harris.

**Senator McGinnis:** What do you plan on doing with your nursing degree?

**Shelby Kipp:** I want to be a labor and delivery nurse and I want to go back to school and get my midwife so I can be the one to actually deliver the babies.

**Senator Dohadwala:** What year are you?

**Shelby Kipp:** it is confusing. This is my first semester, I am a freshman but my projection is August of 2023 so ill be a second semester sophomore next semester. I will be student body at large, I guess you could say freshman.

**Senator Gouvea:** I say yes because she does represent not only the student body but also a sorority which is another piece.

**Senator Govea:** I have known Shelby since swoop camp. Ever since that day, she has shown great initiative to just wanting to get involved in doing more on this campus so I think adding her to the senate would be a fantastic addition.

**Senator Bennett:** So I have known Shelby a bit longer than Adan has and she’s really shown her colors with me, she is great individual and I believe she would be a great addition to the student body.

**Senator McNamara**: Also being in a sorority, the connections that I have be able to make. I put a face painting table out at midnight breakfast but it also helped us promote BMOC. Is a great opportunity for DG.

**Secretary Mattern:** is she was admitted into the nursing school, would she be able to like transfer.

**President Jennings:** That is what she wanted to do, but all 3 seats are filled right now so if one were to become available, she could. I would like to entertain a motion to vote to approve Shelby as a senator.

**Senator Chin:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Gouvea:** Motion seconded.

**Let the record show that the senate voted in approval of adding Shelby Kipp to the senate as a senator of student body at large.**

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to close discussion on that topic.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett**: Motion seconded.

* 1. **Nominations for Executive Board**

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to discuss nominations for executive board.

**Vice President Stavinoha:** Carried said motion.

**Senator Govea:** Motion seconded.

**Vice President Stavinoha**: I would like nominate Robert Bennet for the chief of staff position.

**Senator Bennett:** I do accept.

**Senator McGinnis**: I would like to nominate myself the chief of staff position.

**Secretary Mattern**: I would like to nominate Justin Barria for the chief of staff position.

**Senator Barria:** He accepted the position through KC since he was unable to attend the meeting.

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to close discussion.

**Secretary Mattern:** carried said motion.

**Senator Bennett:** Motion seconded.

1. **Advisor Comments**
   1. **Advisor Neaves:** I think that the biggest thing I am concerned about is the senate composition. I have alway appreciated how y’all have been structured because it ensures representation from every college because if nursing is one of the biggest colleges, you don’t want nursing making the decisions for everything and vice versa. You don’t want CAS making the decisions for everybody. The way it is balanced right now has been good but I do agree that it is concerning, every year the e board struggles to make sure it is fully filled. In the past, y’all haven’t faced it this academic year, but quorum was always a problem. We were Malays waiting on one person to walk in to start the meeting, or one person would go to the bathroom and you would have to wait. Depending on what y’all propose, I’m going to watch that very closely. I think some of the questions that were brought about other uT school was very good. Generate ideas, see how they do it. I am proud because I think y’all get a lot of work done, if you look at some of the YouTube videos compared to other schools, they don’t seem to get as much done or as fun. I will suggest what if we took a trip, so instead of having a senate meeting one week, what if we went to our of their meetings. Southing we talked about doing, pre covid, SGA went to UT Arlington one year. When will SGA get their own space? There’s got to be more commitment before we get to that level. If that is something you want to do in the spring semester, we can. One week another UT system school, maybe another week a different school to learn. If that is something y’all want to do, I can be your bus driver. You might not enjoy my music.
2. **Announcements**
   1. Thanksgiving Break, November 22nd – 26th
3. **Next Week**
4. **Adjournm****ent**

**President Jennings:** I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Everyone:** Carried said motion.

**Everyone:** motion seconded.

**Let the record show that the senate unanimously voted in favor to adjourn.**