

# Student Government Association

## The University of Texas at Tyler

- I. Call to Order**
  - a. Time: 5:18 start
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Approved unanimously
- IV. Open Forum**
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- V. Speakers Podium**
  - a. Skye Burns and Erin Roberts
    - i. Erin Roberts and Skye Burns: The big event is a service project event held downtown. TJC and UT Tyler are involved right now and we are trying to get other ISD's involved. Service ideas are trash pick-up, planting trees and cleaning playgrounds. After service events include snow cones, face painting, live music, food trucks, carnival games, and the drumline. When you enter you will have a "roll call" and an entrance song. You will get free food and t-shirt. Here's a video of A&M's Big Event and maybe it will spark some interest. Here is a quick survey we put together for you all to fill out.
- VI. Officer Reports**
  - a. President Menhennett- I had a meeting with Dr. Tidwell and I'll announce more about that later. We are going to UTSAAC Friday and I will be running for an officer position. I'll announce more in new business.
  - b. Vice President Cooper
  - c. Secretary Jennings- I updated the website this week, you should check it out. I made sure all the open seats are accurate. If you have anyone interested and asking what seats are available tell them to go to our website. Engage will be updated with all our events when we have those planned.
  - d. Treasurer Rawashdeh- No present.
  - e. Parliamentarian Hendricks- I have a big announcement. I accepted a position at John Soules Foods and I have not had much time to focus on my positions. This will be my last meeting in SGA, I am resigning. Whatever I need to do to start the process and fill the role, we can start that this meeting. It has been an honor to work with this executive board and I am excited to see where SGA goes.
- VII. Student Voice Reports**
  - a. College of Arts and Sciences



**Senator Nepal-** the construction behind the CAS building is done so students can walk through the pathway now. One of the history classes was changed to an online class last minute and students are not happy about it. I've made sure to let the CAS students know that I am their senator

- ii. Senator Thomas- Students in micro-economics had boards in their classes' glitch in the Pharmacy Building. When they display their presentation it malfunctions.
- b. University Pines
- i. Senator Roberts- University Pines has no problems as of right now. WE have created a Recycling committee and we are in the planning stage of that. Meeting scheduled next Thursday. Looking to have our first Town Hall later this month.
  - ii. Senator Ramirez- I have been putting together a proposal to send out a survey. I will sending a survey out and please tell anyone that lives there to take it. Only complaints are making our environments more eco-friendly.
- c. Liberty Landing
- i. Senator Kat- I have been letting people know that I am their senator and that they can come to me with complaints.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

- a. Student Life- We will be meeting Monday's from 11:00-12:00. We will be discussing Midnight Breakfast details like food and volunteer sing-ups. Also I will let you all know if we want to make the Big Event mandatory. So keep it on your radars and I want to see SGA representation.
- b. Communications-We met last Friday and discussed some things. I had business cards made so people can reach out easier. We discussed advertising the Student Life committee events on social media.
- c. Rules
- d. SGAC
- e. Infrastructure- Senator Ray- We will be meeting Monday's at 5:00 p.m. We will probably be meeting in the library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- f. Environmental Sustainability

## **IX. Old Business**

- a. Polo Discussion-
  - i. Senator Reid- Motion to open up the tabled polo discussion, seconded by Senator Bauder
  - ii. Secretary Jennings- I have been working on these! There are two option for shirts. One is slick looking and the other is a regular cloth. I sent out a survey, please fill it out if you haven't yet.
  - iii. Senator Stavinoha- What color Blue?



- v. Secretary Jennings- Navy blue.
- v. Senator Jennings- Motion to vote on blue or black being the main shirt color. Seconded by Senator Long.
- vi. P M- Navy blue took the majority.
- vii. Senator Jennings- The polo shirts are in men's cut.
- viii. Senator Jennings- Motion to close the discussion on polo's. Seconded by Senator Ray.

## **X. New Business**

### **a. Appointment for Judicial Board**

- i. President Menhennett- The judicial board chair told me we had an opening. So I found someone to take that position.
- ii. Senator Stavinoah- Motion to discuss appointing Katherine Chamberline to the judicial board. Seconded by Senator Astbury.
- iii. Kat- I am a Political Science major and would like to be on the judicial board. I think would do better on the board than as a senator. I hope you can vote for me to be appointed.
- iv. Senator Reid- What is your major
- v. President Menhennett- Black was pointed out to me that with our new documents you will have to be elected to the judicial board every year.
- vi. Vote- Vote passes.
- vii. Parliamentarian Hendricks- We will need to think about swearing in new judicial board members.

### **b. Appointment of New Senators**

- i. President Menhennett- I have spoken to two senators about being appointed.
- ii. Cody Brooks I am a sophomore pre-nursing major. I am hoping to join SGA because I participated in High school Student Council. I want to join because my college is very large and I feel as if an extra committee member would help.
- iii. Senator Reid\_ Motioned to vote him into the CNHS seat. Seconded by Senator Astbury.
- iv. President Menhennett- Swore in Cody Brooks as a College of Nursing and Health Sciences senator.

### **c. Appointment of ESC Chair**

- i. President Menhennett- I am now going to appoint someone to be the ESC Chair. I am appointing Senator Reid.
- ii. Senator Reid- I have been looking for ways to be more active in SGA. I was to truly contribute more to the organization and I am passionate about the environment in my personal time. There are some ways we are behind and I have some ideas I am hoping to roll out soon.



- Senator Barakat- Can someone that is a chair of a committee run for an executive board position?**
- iv. President Menhennett- Yes. I did that.**
  - v. Senator Jennings- I was the previous chair of this committee and I think he can do it.**
  - vi. Senator Barakat- Motion to appoint Senator Ried as the**
  - vii. Motion to discuss the creation of a housing committee seconded by Senator Bauder.**
  - viii. Senator Roberts- I spoke with both President Menhennett and Advisor Neaves about this. This committee would bring clear communication between SGA and the RHA. Committee would be tasked with filling in the vacant senator positions. This committee will run this semester and be a permanent committee once we have the new constitution.**
  - ix. Senator Jennings- Is this an ad-hoc committee for SGA or for RHA?**
  - x. Senator Roberts- SGA.**
  - xi. President Menhennett- In the future we want to be able to committee freely with the RHA and we want this committee to be the main line of communication.**
  - xii. Senator Long- I would reach out to all the RC's so they can be in their meetings. Just to keep them and you in the loop.**
  - xiii. Parliamentarian Hendricks- We want to make sure the involvement is there. Make sure networking is good and is streamlined to transition them into those seats.**
  - xiv. Senator Roberts- WE are having our first RHA meeting next Wednesday so I will bring this up and tell them that they need to fill their vacancies.**
  - xv. Secretary Jennings- Motion to closing the discussion on the housing committee, seconded by Senator Barakat.**
  - xvi. Secretary Jennings- Motion to vote on the Creation of a housing committee, seconded by Senator Stavinoah.**
  - xvii. Motion passed.**
  - xviii. President Menhennett- Senator Roberts, do you accept the appointment of committee chair?**
  - xix. Senator Roberts- I do.**
  - xx. Secretary Jennings- Motion to nominate candidates for the Parliamentarian position, seconded by Vice President Cooper.**
  - xxi. Senator Long- Nominates Senator Stavinoah, she accepts.**
  - xxii. Parliamentarian Hendricks – Nominates senator Ray, he accepts.**
  - xxiii. Senator Barakat- I would like to nominate myself.**



**Senator Long- Nominates Senator Bauder, he accepts.**

**xxv. Secretary Jennings- Motion to close nominations, seconded by Senator Stavinoah.**

**xxvi. Senator Mays- Motioned to discuss summer commencement research. Seconded by Senator Long.**

**xxvii. President Menhennett- Dr. Tidwell tasked me today with researching Summer graduation and how commencement programs work. I suggest senators from CNHS. The more I can present to the commencement committee, the better. We need to make sure we have as much information as we can. Dr. Tidwell told me that during the summer staff is low and they might not be able to do it.**

**xxviii. Senator Astbury- Motion to close discussion, seconded by Senator Reid.**

**xxix. Seantor Bauder- Motioned to Vote on the creation of the graduation task force, seconded by Senator Reid,**

**1. Motion passes**

xxx. Parliamentarian Hendricks- Whoever gets the position will have to run again in March during elections.

xxxi. Advisor Neaves- Ideally we should do it by next week, but Secretary Jennings would have to have it up by the end of the day.

xxxii. Senator Bauder- Motion to discuss when to have Parliamentarian Elections. Seonded by Senator Rodriguez.

xxxiii. Senator Bauder- I would like to suggest that we have voting next week unless someone wants extra time to look at the position.

xxxiv. Secretary Jennings- Motion to vote on having parliamentarian elections next week, seconded by Senator Stavinoah.

**1. Motion passes.**

**XI. Advisor Comments**

Advisor Neaves- I would like to see everyone participate in the East Texas Big Event. It will be a day of service on this day with the East Texas region. We are making a big impact. The housing committee is a good idea. Once the housing seat are filled it will be a great opportunity for communication. The commencement committee is going pretty well, as far as I know.

**XII. Announcements**

**a. Arbor Day – Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**

i. Secretary Jennings- You can register at the event that morning. I would like to see SGA member show up in SGA shirts. We need more trees on campus.



- b. Senator Reid- Please go to Arbor Day. My committee will meet either Monday or Wednesday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Please e-mail me so we can get something going.
- c. Secretary Jennings- If you haven't been receiving my emails, please stay after so we can get that handled.
- d. Senator Stavinoah- in the HPR there will be Mural paintings being done starting Friday.
- e. Senator Long- I have a program at Victory Village. 5:00 pm tomorrow. Chocolate and flowers will be involved.

**XIII. Next Week's Student Voice Reports**

- a. Freshman Senators
- b. Soules College of Business
- c. Student Body at Large

**XIV. Second Roll Call**

**XV. Adjournment**

- a. Parliamentarian Hendricks- Motion to adjourn, seconded by Senator Long.
  - i. Motion passes.