Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

1. **Call to Order**

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* 1. **6:00pm**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   * 1. **Last week’s minutes approved at 6:03pm.**
3. **OPEN FORUM**

* **November 7th** – Midnight Breakfast: 10pm – 12am (MANDATORY)

**Next week for Student Voice Reports:**

* Houston Campus
* Freshman Senators

1. **SPEAKER’S PODIUM**
   * 1. President Dr. Tidwell
        1. Tidwell first talked about his importance of 4 pillars
           1. 1st pillar is student success

While student success is very important, it is determined by us.

* + - * 1. 2nd pillar is student engagement

Tidwell expressed the desire for more student engagement all around campus, from sports to organizations, fraternities and sororities, etc.

* + - * 1. 3rd pillar is research

President Tidwell would like to expand engagement on the campus possibly with research. The ultimate goal is that 2/3 of faculty and staff are contributing in a research study, helping to grow and connect the faculty, staff and students.

* + - * 1. 4th pillar is community engagement

While student engagement is exceptionally important, our engagement in the community is also a key factor in growing and making a name for the university

* + - * 1. Dr. Tidwell informed the senate that everything is still in the works and it definitely will take time for the campus to see these major types of changes, but no matter what it will be done
        2. Tidwell sees big changes and advances for this university and has an immense drive to accomplish them.
        3. Next issue brought up was branding

Tidwell had SGA ask ourselves, “what does the At Tyler” mean?

Stated that all in all there is only one main difference when comparing a school like us with a school like Yale and that is the branding. His goal is for us to be able to go out and express what the “At Tyler” means.

* + - * 1. Lastly Tidwell expressed a couple things he foresees in moving forward

Those include:

Paperless

Tuition and Fee, involving career counselling and progression of student success

Including more sponsors and fundraising

And lastly, improving housing.

1. **OFFICER REPORTS**
   * 1. President Templeman
        1. Space committee
           1. Met with the space committee and was given temporary space ideas and permanent space ideas for the food pantry that will now go further to Tidwell to approve.
           2. Interfaith room: she is readdressing ideas to librarian, asked for further information from her.
     2. Vice President Seely
        1. Get in touch with VP Seely if you are a new senators and need a committee.
        2. Spoke with catering coordinator about midnight breakfast
     3. Secretary McDaniel
        1. Readdressed the importance of turning in an absence form on time and following proper guidelines
     4. Treasurer McLeod
        1. Put out the 2017 SGAC Policy
     5. Parliamentarian Hicken
        1. Caught up new senators that weren’t able to attend the training session
     6. **STUDENT VOICE REPORTS**
     7. Student Body at Large
        1. Water fountain out in the business building
        2. Complaints about the 1 refill policy in the UC
           1. Dining committee will be implemented
     8. Eagles Landing
        1. No further business
           1. Meeting with Ali on Monday
     9. College of Education and Psychology
        1. No senators present to report
2. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   * 1. Student Life
        1. Town Hall
           1. Throwing ideas around regarding catering and location in the ballroom and allow students to come express what they do and don’t like about UT Tyler
        2. Fees
           1. There is a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students that are discussing the topic of fees further
     2. Communications
        1. Not able to meet due to clinicals
        2. T-Shirt design ideas becoming finalized and PopSocket Quote was emailed and being furthered discussed
     3. SGAC
        1. Approval of student org for desired funds
     4. Rules Committee
        1. Further discussed Constitution
     5. Student Affairs
        1. Were not able to meet due to prior commitments
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
   * 1. No old business was presented in meeting
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
   * 1. Senator Dekeistan Mosley was sworn in to the organization
     2. No further new business
5. **ADVISOR COMMENTS**
   * 1. Advisor Neaves
        1. Reach out to the professional stuff to ensure that distance campuses have the opportunity to zoom in to Dr. Tidwell’s strategic plans.
        2. Application through the Zoom UT system open to be on the board in order to offer opinions regarding the systems
           1. See Josh if you would like to apply and/or get further detail regarding the application.
6. **ANNOUCEMENTS**
   * 1. Dr. Tidwell will be holding a strategic planning meeting, which is open to all on 10/16 at 2-3 pm in the UC Theater and 10/17 from 9-10 am in the UC Theater. The meeting will also be available on Zoom for distant campuses or if unavailable to attend in person.
7. **SECOND ROLL CALL**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**