

Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

October 3rd Minutes, 2023

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Open Forum

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V. Speaker's Podium

Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Dean of Students, Andy Pettee

Executive Director of Residence Life and Student Housing, Joseph Berthiaume

- Student Focused Enhancements
 - Dr. Berthume led the renovation of several spaces in the University Center. He turned those into remodeled spaces with tech for meetings such as zoom. (Room #'s: **UC3422 & UC3104**).
 - The Dean of student's office has moved due to the increase in the veteran and veteran dependent population. They now have a designated space.
 - New lactation suite located on the 3rd floor of the UC.
 - Implementation of Timely Care. 24/7 mental health support mechanism purchased by the University for students. (Includes ongoing virtual telehealth and access to counselors via text through the Timely Care App)
 - In efforts to expand support and wellness for students in a creative way that costs no additional money. There is a training center within the counseling center. It is a training and development center for current/ aspiring counselors. As well as supporting post Docs.
 - Refreshed furniture in the UC
 - Expanding the SAR office
- New contract with the Foundry to expand housing temporarily.
 - The foundry is a master leasing it has not been purchased by the university.
 - There is some furniture available to those who need it.
 - There is still available space at the foundry, and all those who wanted housing to have been served.
 - More housing options are being explored for on and off campus housing.
- **Graduate students can stay on campus** they just do not have priority.
- More UC food options are being looked into.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. President Dix- Met with Dr. Calhoun and discussed some of the issues that have been brought up during meetings. They are enjoying the student feedback.
- b. Vice-President Carnes- Midnight Breakfast explained more in committee report.
- c. Secretary Henry- Last week President Dix shared with the updated and finalized list of all senators and their respective seat holdings. I should have complete access to the website by the end of this week. All names should be updated before midnight breakfast as we are working on midnight breakfast festive.
- d. Treasurer Peters- Has been working on updating the expenditures do far for SGA, and making sure that it is updated in the files. There is also an SGAC request from the pre nursing patriots the meeting was scheduled 10/04/2023 at 4pm.
- e. Chief of Staff Tropp- Explained the process of submitting absence request. She is working on setting dates and times for Rules Committee. Has been reviewing the Chief of Staff transition document.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Events- Discussed general information about Midnight Breakfast. Finalized plan for organization check ins.
- b. Communications- Shirt designs were submitted last Friday and discussed in this week's meeting. Final decisions were made with thought of what would financially be the best option for SGA and to have the possibility to order more t-shirts.
- c. SGAC-N/A
- d. ESC-Macy emailed President Dix about recycling bin issue. Glass bottle event planning.

VIII. Student Voice Reports

- a. Liberty Landing- Crack in the parking lot, worried about safety and security and no cameras in the hallways. Abundance of trash has led to the possibility of mass fining this has concerned some.
- b. Ornelas Hall- Volleyball court operation times frustration, laundry issues, maintenance requests, and mid- day parking issues.
- c. Patriot Village- Maintenance request that are affecting the well-being and accessibility of students.
- d. University Pines- Maintenance issues.
- e. Victory Village- Safety of the entrance gates.
- f. *The Foundry- Concerned about accessibility. Concrete is not leveled. Ramps in front of handicap parking spots are too steep. ADA compliance with the door handles, turning knobs instead of pull-down handles.

IX. Old Business-n/a

X. New Business

- XI. a.** Senate Swear-ins- n/a
- b.** Midnight Breakfast t-shirt discussion- Voted for design 2 and will be sent to printers.

XII. Advisor Comments

- a. Josh Neaves- Emphasized the importance of committee work. Student Regents and THECB representative applications now open.

XIII. Announcements

- a. Joining a committee- if you have not joined an SGA committee, please do so ASAP!
 - i. Events: Tuesdays at 4:30pm in SGA Office
 - ii. Communications: Mondays at 5:00pm via Zoom
 - iii. SGAC: Wednesdays at 4:00pm via Zoom
 - iv. Rules: TBD
 - v. ESC: Wed 5:15 zoom
- b. Midnight Breakfast (Oct. 25th) -Required
- c. Arbor Day (Oct. 14th) - Required
- d. Trunk or Treat (Oct. 22nd)
- e. Volleyball Game in Wichita Falls- signup deadline is Friday.

XIV. Next Week

XV. a.

XVI. Adjournment

7:25pm