

Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

February 6th, 2024, Minutes

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
- IV. **Open Forum**
 - a.
- V. **Speaker's Podium**
- VI. a. Dwain Morris, Chief Business Officer
- VII. b. Dr. Howard Patterson, Athletics Director
- VIII. c. John Sprenkle, Controller
- IX. d. Ona Tolliver, VP for Student Success
- X. e. Jeff Noblitt, VP of Marketing
 - Dr. Howard covered: Athletic Fees, Conference Geography, Enrollment, & NCAA sponsored sports.
 - Not all students will be required to pay the athletic fee. (List will be published)
 - It was expressed that the dependency on portions of the student service fee is presumed to progressively decline if the athletic fee is increased.
 - Approximately 12.25% of the student service fee budget is being allocated to the athletic fee.
 - A major goal is to increase overall student engagement.
 - Working to increase alumni funding by building friendly relationships and continuing to connect with alumni.
- XI. **New Business**
- XII. a. Spring Election Discussion
 - **Election Dates:**
March 20th-March 22nd -@5pm for Executive Board.
April 3rd-April 5th @ 5pm for Senate Elections.
Vote: Passed
Candidacy meeting and campaigning information sessions: TBA
- XIII. b. Athletics Fee Referendum Proposal Discussion
 - **Vote: Do we think the athletic fee increase referendum should be placed on a student government ballot? Decision: Yes**
 - **Vote: What ballot should the referendum be placed on? Decision: E-board Ballot**
 - **Vote: Where should the referendum be placed on the ballot? Decision: At the end of the E-Board Ballot.**
 - **Vote: What stance will student government take on the athletic fee increase referendum? Decision: Remain neutral.**
- XIV. **Officer Reports**
 - a. President Dix- Meetings about the Athletic Fee Increase referendum. Created agenda. Senator training meetings. Monthly meeting with the Senior Vice President of Student Success
 - b. Vice-President Carnes- Working with Chloe and E-board. Campus activities trying to find creative ways to engage students. Working with events committee to promote midnight breakfast.
 - c. Secretary Henry- Updating GroupMe by removing senators, Updating roster. Sending out minutes and adding them to Shared Drive.
 - d. Treasurer Peters- Collaborating with E-board, responding to funding requests.
 - e. Chief of Staff Chandler- Updated the office items, have been approved and ordered to increase the attraction to students. Working with rules committee.
- XV. **Committee Reports**

- a. Events- Discussed the theme for midnight breakfast. Event on April 19th. BIG EVENT Sign-Up
- b. Communications
- c. SGAC- Met with MSA (Approved \$63.19) ASO (Approved \$90)
- d. Rules- COF put together a weekly agenda with what meetings will cover. Spoke about the AFR, how to make GA run smooth, reviewed constitution, and suggestions.
- e. ESC- discussed ideas for campus cleanup

XVI.

Student Voice Reports

XVII.

a. Student Body at Large

i. Freshman

- Upines gates still broken

ii. Sophomore- Set up an appointment with Dean of students. Spoken with student body, they didn't know about Upswing senator informed them of it. Inquired about the possibility to add it to orientation slides.

-Can SGA impact food options?

-Sophomore to Junior transfer student housing issues.

-SWOOP Camp has been really successful in integrating the sophomores on campus.

iii. Junior

-Influx of students at the gym

-less students complaining about parking.

-Planning to meet with the Dean of Students, and Josh Neaves

iv. Senior

-March 1st deadline to apply for graduation and pay only \$75. After that day it will be increased to \$115 up to the end of term.

-Helping get students approved for residence.

-Patriot Admit.

v. Graduate- n/a

Old Business

a.

New Business

b. Discussion on what patriot Admit is.

c. Sophomore to Junior transition housing issues.

XVIII.

Advisor Comments

a. Josh Neaves

XIX.

Announcements

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Next Week

XXI.

a. Register for BIG EVENT!

XXII.

Adjournment

7:54pm