

# Student Government Association

## The University of Texas at Tyler

*July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Minutes*

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
- IV. Open Forum**
  - a. n/a
- V. Speaker's Podium**
  - a. n/a
- VI. Officer Reports**
  - a. President Schwartz – Held several meetings with administration the past few weeks. Met with the newly appointed university president, Dr. Julie Philley, and discussed goals to increase student engagement as well as the creation of a signage committee and accommodations. Additionally had an introductory meeting with new Chief Financial Officer, Dwayne Morris. Will continue to meet with administration the following weeks.
  - b. Vice-President Romero – Attended the Texas Victory Forum, in Austin, Texas, and connected with student leaders across the state to seek additional resources while representing the Executive Board.
  - c. Secretary Adams – Also attended the Texas Victory Forum, gathering several resources to increase transparency through online mediums.
  - d. Treasurer Mercado – Working on updating the rules of the Student Government Appropriations Committee.
- VII. Committee Reports**
  - a. n/a
- VIII. Student Voice Reports**
  - a. n/a
- IX. Old Business**
  - a. Special Elections
  - b. Chief of Staff:
    - All interested individuals were interviewed:

Tyler Paige	Robert Richardson
Intends to increase senator engagement	Intends to effectively ensure Roberts Rules
Increase the role of Senators to allow the role to chair committees	Increase education of the roles in the organization

- Robert Richardson was elected Chief of Staff
- c. Senator Position - Sophomore Student body at large
 

Chidinma Obiora Interview:
Creating intrinsic value of advocating
Enhancing communication and relaying transparency
Promoting student wellbeing through counseling services and workshops

  - Votes
  - For: 2
  - Against: 1
  - No Abstentions
- d. Senator election for Chioma Obiora for Sophomore Student body at large was tabled until the next meeting due to technological issues.

**X. New Business**

a. Events Discussion:

- i. Open House – A new event proposition for the Fall semester.
- ii. Constitution Day – Discussed the expansion of this event, including nonpartisan voter registration directly through volunteers in SGA.
- iii. East Texas State Fair – Considered new ideas for SGA to get involved this event and further integrating the organization to the community.
- iv. Midnight Breakfast – Discussed contacting organizations early and informing senators and student organizations to effectively establish the rules of this event.
- v. Arbor Day – Proposed making this a required event for all SGA members to increase campus engagement.

**XI. Advisor Comments**

**XII. Announcements**

**XIII. Next Meeting: July 24th**

**XIV. a. Special Election**

- a. Discussion of general SGA t-shirt ideas
- b. Discuss Amendments to the SGAC

**XV. Adjournment: 10:20am**