

Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

October 15th, 2024

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Unanimous approval of the minutes**
- IV. Open Forum**
 - i. Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) – Spoke on the impediments of becoming a student organization and advocated for change in order to support future students. Implored this governing body to advocate on the needs of students and their ability to coalesce.
 - ii. Patriot Academic Success Services- Addressed the issues that have arisen due to the decentralization of tutoring away from the library. This has included lower attendance, and an impact to the Patriots Engage platform.
- V. Speaker's Podium**
 - a. President, Dr. Julie Philley, MD – Spoke on initiatives for student engagement and student success. This includes the master plan proposal next Spring through elevated student services and a centralized entrance. Additionally, she illustrated the future for the institution through the growth of many academic programs.
 - b. Associate Provost of Academic Success and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Colleen Swain – Gave insights to undergraduate success and the emerging courses due to the changes in industry practices. Also highlighted the changes in tutoring this year and the plans to address all impediments with the current process.
- VI. Officer Reports**
 - a. President Schwartz – Met with Dr. Deslatte and speaking about student engagement and the remodel. Has been aiding in the completion of Midnight Breakfast logistics.
 - b. Vice-President Romero – Sent out the form for student organizations and campus departments to sign up for Midnight Breakfast tabling. Spoke with administration to get participation on the event.
 - c. Secretary Adams - Has continually worked on the social media content leading up to our Fall Midnight Breakfast event and has been updating minutes and video recordings.
 - d. Treasurer Mercado – Looking around with the budget to see that invoices are paid and received.
 - e. Chief of Staff Richardson – After last week's absence, he has been working on the constitution and preparing for the upcoming rules committee.
- VII. Committee Reports**
 - a. Events – Spoke on Midnight Breakfast logistics. The event has ordered 750 shirts and 1700 stuff-a-critters. Met with Sodexo to finalize the menu. Plans to meet with faculty senate president dr. Banta to get faculty and administration to serve at during the event.
 - b. Communications – Did not meet this week but has pushed this upcoming meeting to this Friday to go over social media content for future events.
 - c. SGAC - Approved \$250 for The Asian Student Organization's Halloween Costume Contest, Approved \$248 for PTK Alumni's Transfer Week Kickoff, Approved \$210.17 for the Patriots Guild's Casino Night.
 - d. Rules – Has not met this week.
 - e. ESC – Held their first meeting on Wednesday and discussed the upcoming Arbor Day event.
- VIII. Student Voice Reports**
 - a. College of Arts and Sciences – Addressed issues with availability in language classes and relayed difficulty in scheduling intensive language courses.

- b. College of Education and Psychology – Discussed the lack of tutoring for psychology courses and the issues from the lack of space for their discipline.
- c. College of Engineering – Met with the associate dean to speak about upcoming Ratliff Relay event. Additionally spoke on the issues of tutoring and how it affects the college.

IX. Old Business

- i. Liberty Landing Gate – Faculty is supporting the issues raised about the gate.

X. New Business

- a. Senator Swear-ins – New senators from the Fall senator elections were sworn into their positions.
- b. Senator Project Discussion – Spoke about the funds allocated to senators to make an impact on this campus and emphasized the importance this has to create direct change for students.
- c. President’s Counsel Discussion – Secretary Adams spoke on the creation of this new student organization, and the role it will have alongside student government. This will be an adjacent organization that will serve to amplify the voices of student organizations across campus and allow for these representatives to come together to solve campuswide issues in the realm of student engagement.
- d. Midnight Breakfast – Restated the logistics of the event through the senator’s involvement and the marketing campaign leading up to the event.
- e. New Student Organization Requirements – Addressed the issues brought during open forum and suggested alternatives to the current system of registering new organizations.
- f. Resident Housing Association (RHA) Discussion – Spoke to the senate about an upcoming pool party service event at Liberty Landing on 10:00pm-1:00am on October 25th.
- g. Discussion about the General Assembly speakers – Discussion on the topics brought forth from Dr. Philley and Dr. Swain over new tailgating policies and the construction of the new stairwell.

XI. Advisor Comments

- a. Josh Neaves – Gave insights to the topics discussed throughout the General Assembly, especially the topics related to student engagement and the current process of organization registration and seeking an advisor.

XII. Announcements

- a. Join Committee’s – Encouraged senators to join and participate.
- b. Midnight Breakfast (Oct. 22nd) -**Required Event**
- c. Arbor Day (Oct. 26th) – **Required Event**
- d. Trunk or Treat (Oct. 20th) Volunteers Needed!
- e. Global Quiz Night, Friday, October 25th

XIII. Next Week

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XIV. Adjournment - 7:21pm