

Student Government Association

The University of Texas at Tyler

October 29th, 2024

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Unanimous approval of the minutes
- IV. **Open Forum**
- V.
 - a. James Hescock –Speaking on the lack of transparency and the information gap between campus activities and new and students. Seeking to streamline campus participation and information to students. Implores students to collaborate and participate in a upcoming development program surrounding ideas of shared governance and campus leadership.
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- VII. **Speaker's Podium**
 - a. Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Amir Mirmiran – Spoke on optimization of course scheduling and its impact toward parking availability. This entails the reevaluation of mid-sized and large classes and their class times and how this can resolve parking availability across campus.
- VIII. **Officer Reports**
 - a. President Schwartz – Has been in several meetings over tutoring and parking and a course of action to resolve these campuswide issues. Additionally spoke on a future hybrid tutoring program to accommodate student needs.
 - b. Vice-President Romero – Not in attendance
 - c. Secretary Adams – Has been updating recordkeeping through minutes and digital media.
 - d. Treasurer Mercado – Has been sending out emails relating to SGAC requests.
 - e. Chief of Staff Richardson – Reiterated the rules regarding new discussions and the operations of extending discussions.
- IX. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Events – Has not met this past week.
 - b. Communications – Voted in the plan for the newsletter, indicating that there will be a semester newsletter to relay information to students about Student Government Association and the events and policies through the organization.
 - c. SGAC – ASME HEC General Meeting approval of a General Meeting on 11/4/2024 for \$496.33.
 - d. Rules – Has not met this past week.
 - e. ESC – Met over the Arbor Day event that occurred on Sunday and to discuss ideas for the Spring event.
- X. **Student Voice Reports**
 - a. School of Nursing – Met with Dr. Haas and administration over the changes in courses. Exams will no longer be scheduled in the LIB 401 as the issue of overbooking has been mitigated. Additionally spoke on the plans for the Spring welcome breakfast to prepare students for the upcoming semester. Finals bags were discussed to explore ways in which this can outreach to nursing students.
 - b. Fisch College of Pharmacy – Met with interim dean to discuss the current state of the college and the functional operations to students.
 - c. Soules College of Business – Met with department chairs in Human Resource Development (HRD), Computer Science, Accounting, Finance and Business Law. Discussed concerns over the efficiency of the new website and the integration of old material as well as the plans to replace the retail space on the 1st floor of the business building. Additionally, held a meeting with the Dean and Secretary Adams to discuss ways to outreach to students and create transparency with administration and student representatives.

XI. Old Business

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XII. New Business

- a. Athletic Director Committee Special Election
 - a. Female Representative - Brooklyn Robinson with 13 votes
 - b. Male Representative - Rawley Hector with 21 votes
- b. Judicial Board Special Elections
 - a. Sarah Shariff – Unanimous approval
 - b. Andrea Valdez 19 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions
 - c. Maggie Manning – Unanimous approval
- c. Senator Special Election
 - a. Precious Otiocha- Fisch College of Pharmacy; 13 for, 3 against, 4 abstentions
 - b. Daniel Yezak – Senior Body at Large Representative; 20 for, 1 abstention
 - c.

XIII. Advisor Comments

- a. Josh Neaves – Spoke on all the success SGA creates for students as well as campus initiates moving forward.

XIV. Announcements

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XV. Next Week

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XVI. Adjournment - 7:07pm

