

# Student Government Association

## The University of Texas at Tyler

*September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Unanimous approval of the minutes

**IV. Open Forum**

- a. None present of open forum

**V. Speaker's Podium**

**VI. Officer Reports**

- a. President Schwartz - Held frequent meetings with administration, parking, and signage present to students. Met with the staff senate president today to go over the needs of students and the faculty. Focusing on the Student Government Association events and community events in the upcoming weeks.
- b. Vice-President Romero - Took notes of the events committee and created a GroupMe to disperse information. Focused on Midnight Breakfast by organizing documents and planning logistical matters for the event.
- c. Secretary Adams - Working on social media content for Midnight Breakfast and other events in the following weeks. Additionally finalized t-shirt designs to be presented in General Assembly.
- d. Treasurer Mercado – Has been answering emails to relay information about SGAC and bylaws. Planning to meet with several student organizations throughout the next few weeks in the pursuit of supporting student engagement.
- e. Chief of Staff Richardson – Creating suggestions for changes to the constitution to better represent the interests of the student body and the functionality of our governing organization. Certified the Fall Senator Election alongside other senators and advisor Neaves.

**VII. Committee Reports**

- a. Events – Decided on alternative food options for Midnight Breakfast. Plans on a future toy drive, occurring before and after Thanksgiving break in order to accommodate students' schedules. Also decided to have two different dates for finals goodie bags for Nursing students and the Student Body at large.
- b. Communications – Presented several t-shirt designs for the upcoming Midnight Breakfast event from all individuals that collaborated. Collectively, the committee narrowed the designs down to two to be voted at the following General Assembly. Additionally, this committee detailed all the following social media designs and graphics to relay several upcoming events.
- c. SGAC – Previously met with the Nepali student organization. The committee postponed their hearing to get the proper documents aligned for the upcoming SGAC meeting.
- d. Rules – Planning a new time for the committee meeting.
- e. ESC – This committee has not met yet. A poll has been sent to define a date and time. Discussing arbor day for October 26th
- f.

**VIII. Student Voice Reports**

- IX. a. Health Science Center – Recognized transportation issues from main campus to the Health Science Center, especially for international students.
  - X. b. Student Body at Large (Senior) - senior – Identified pedestrian safety issues at varsity drive through the lack of a walkway. Currently working on ways to get more student involvement, including a form to get more insights from the senior cohort.
  - XI. c. University Pines – Described parking issues raised at Resident Housing Association.
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- XII. New Business**
- XIII. a. Parking Discussion - Described the persisting issues for students on parking and the disruptions to students' schedules. This entailed incidents across campus, and how this impedes on students getting to and from class in a safe and orderly manner.
  - XIV. b. Midnight Breakfast T-shirt Discussion and Voting – Secretary Adams presented two finalized designs, the Spooky Skeleton theme, and the Retro Ghost theme. After presenting the illustrated designs, the senators promptly called for a vote.
    - i. Spooky Skeleton Design – 5 votes, Retro Ghost – 8 votes
    - ii. The Retro Ghost design reached a majority vote and will be the approved design for Midnight Breakfast.
  - XV. c. Rose Festival Discussion – Treasurer Mercado informed the General Assembly of the upcoming Festival and its impact towards the community. She proposed potential involvement from our SGA, and described a course of action to communicate with the individuals that facilitate the event.
- XVI. Advisor Comments**
- a. Josh Neaves - Elated by the active participation during this meeting. Implores senators to refrain from personal contributions; rather, collective discussions with constituents.
- XVII. Announcements**
- a. Joining a Committee – Promoting committees for senators to join and contribute.
  - b. Midnight Breakfast (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>) -**Required Event** – Gave insights to the event and the role SGA representatives have for the functionality of the event.
  - c. Arbor Day (Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>) – **Required Event** – Relayed information about this event and discussed expectations,
  - d. Trunk or Treat (Oct. 20th) Volunteers Needed! – Promoting this event to Senators to get representation at this community event!
  - e. Global Quiz Night, Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Create Teams and join the Honors College for this upcoming trivia event!
  - f. President's Council – Secretary Adams spoke on the creation of this new student organization and the current development team. Allowed for senators that are interested in contribution to the creation of this new student organization to join the development team.
  - g. No General Assembly Next Week
- XVIII. Next Week**
- XIX. a. The Investiture of Dr. Julie Philley
  - b. Stanley's Barbeque on the Plaza
- XX. Adjournment - 6:33pm**