Minutes of the SGA Meeting on August 4th

5:32 Meeting called to order
- Motion made by Xavier Grizele
- Seconded by Colin Dowling
- Minutes passed & approved (tentatively—no quorum)
- Motion made by Cody Smith, seconded by Cristal Guiterrez

5:33 Presentation by Ms. Joyce Slocum, Pres. & CEO of Texas Public Radio
*Texas Public Radio Dare to Listen campaign*
- TPR is looking for a way to ask their community to do something personally actionable to change the national dialogue
- Aim of the Dare to Listen campaign is to “reach across the fence and open our minds”
- We are trying to help reestablish an environment where civic debate is celebrated
- We are asking people to go to texaspublicradio.org and take the pledge
- This is important because we have learned that in a state of emergency or crisis we do not typically respond effectively but the way guide people to respond more appropriately is by bringing the appropriate response more into conscious knowledge so that we’re not just depending on a fight or flight response
- TPR would like to bring their campaign to campuses all across San Antonio
- They are hoping to bring the event to UTHSCSA some time over the next couple of weeks and would like our support
- In the meantime, please go learn more and/or take the dare yourself!
  http://idaretolisten.org/

5:40 Dr. Jacqueline Mok, Vice President of Academic Affairs
*UTHSCSA Branding Update*
- You may have heard that the University is in the process of rethinking how we reference ourselves
- There was a marketing study conducted that found that people didn’t really know what the health science center was—they thought we were a part of UTSA, a part of University Hospital, etc.
- As we delved further from the name of our institution to what we do in the community, we went from having low recognition to very high recognition
- People know what we do, but they don’t know us by name
- We will not be officially/legally changing names but we can change the name of “what we do business as”
- We have approval from the regents to do business as UT Health San Antonio
- There’s a web address: logs.uthscsa.edu\rebranding\ where you can see what the change in logo may become and to vote on it
• The administration hasn’t decided yet if they want to change our tagline (“we make lives better”) or not
• The webpage also has a description of why we are changing and a place to provide feedback
• Question from Treasurer John Koprivsek: “Is there a place for us to provide feedback?
• Answer from Dr. Mok: “Yes, there will be a place on the website to provide comments”
• Feedback from Vice President John Koprivsek: “Some of the graduate students feel that this is removing “science” from the name of the University negatively impacts the graduate school and research community at UTHSCSA”
• Feedback from Vice President Jordan Kampschmidt: “Second year medical students are bringing up questions about distancing ourselves from local institutions both in name and logo, because they look more similar to the logos and names of similar institutions”
• Feedback from new representative Nourhan Abdelfattah: “The color limiting scheme is not ideal”
• Feedback from Austin Sweat: “The board of regents recognizes that this has needed to change for a while, and it is good to know that they’re taking steps on changing it”
• Some of the logic behind the change is that a lot of Universities like to use the shield as a way of representing the school rather than the seal, but we appreciate student’s input that it may be overused
• Question from Cody Smith: “Once the name does change, will it change on FAFSA, applications, degrees etc.”
• Answer from Dr. Mok: “No, the legal name will stand on those things”

5:53 Charlotte Collins, MS2
President of Humans of the Health Science Center
• The concept of Humans of the Health Science Center is a social media account on Instagram and Facebook that includes the photo of a student here and a quote from them underneath their name
• It was created on a whim fairly recently and currently has 300 followers
• I was finishing up my first year as a medical student and realized that there are many different types of students on campus that I had never interacted with, but I wanted to increase the feeling of community here by bringing people’s different stories to light
• I am asking for support and endorsement from SGA and student reps
• Ultimately, I would like to have a representative from each school at UTHSCSA so that there is not only equal representation but also so that more voices are able to get heard
• We would create an email account so that Charlotte receives all of the photos emailed to her for approval and posting
• The point of the account is to show how diverse & special we are as a student body, not to condemn anyone’s beliefs, ideals, or lifestyles
• So far, the account has been largely successful and feedback has been positive
• The main point of the account is to foster community and to show off our wonderful students
• Question from Treasurer John Koprivsek: “Have you received negative feedback thus far?”
  • Answer from Charlotte Collins: “I have not thus far, the main concern would be topics covered in the comments on people’s pictures. It hasn’t happened yet but that would be the strongest concern.”
• Question from Cody Smith: “Is the account private or open to the general public?”
  • Answer from Charlotte: “As of now it is public”
• Question from Austin Sweat: “How often are you shooting to post pictures of students?”
  • Answer from Charlotte: “I would like to ideally post a picture of a student from every different school once per month.”
• Suggestion from Austin Sweat: Possibly contact the library about student spotlights
• Suggestion from Xavier Grizzelle: Definitely contact Charlotte Anthony, I was a part of UTHSCSA Voices and would love to help out
• Comment from Stefan Arias: I have definitely seen this on Facebook and think that it’s a great way to promote community and would love to put this on the Agenda as an official SGA student endorsement
• The name is officially approved as being Humans of the Health Science Center
• Motion made to put it on the agenda for approval next week by representative Xavier Grizelle, approved by representative Noah Bierwirth

6:03 Financial Update, Treasurer John Koprivsek
  • The new budget for 2016-2017 has been approved
  • As far as appropriations requests, I will be sending out an email that will be filtered through Student Life to all of the student groups reminding them that this is a tool that they have access to
  • There is one outstanding appropriation from the Spring that we have to address, otherwise we are pretty much a blank state right now
  • We need more people to join the appropriations committee

6:07 Executive Update
President Stefan Arias, Vice President Jordan Kampschmidt, Secretary Katy Kazen
  • Please make sure you are coming to the meetings or we cannot do things like approve minutes, vote on important matters, etc.
  • If you cannot come, there will be punishments in the future that will be enforced
  • First Burger Burn is September 22nd, keep your eyes out to sign up for volunteers for that soon
• We will be running volunteer shifts differently this year so just a heads up for that
• We **NEED** for everyone to be there
• Chili Cook Off is scheduled for October 27th
• Question from Xavier Grizelle: “If people from outside of SGA would like to volunteer for Burger Burn, should they get TABC certified?”
  • Answer: Probably not
• Question from Noah Bierwirth: “Would we have to pay to get certified?”
  • Answer: No, SGA will cover that
• SGA will also be beginning a discussion about alcohol use and abuse on campus
• We as the SGA represent the students and we want to make sure that when we are brought into talks about this, the voice of the community is heard in these talks
• Question from Noah Bierwirth: “Was there a problem before? Why is this coming up now?”
  • Answer: “Yes, it is becoming more of a problem nationally and across the nation schools are beginning to reconsider serving alcohol at school sanctioned events”
• Right now we are working on a survey about understanding how students feel about our events specifically, but we can broaden that to understand more about campus feelings about alcohol as a whole
• Question from Xavier: “Does the Medical School or any other schools have guidelines that are in contrast to SGA or to the institution as a whole?”
  • Answer from Mr. Kaulfus: “It is school by school, but SGA is a part of the larger institution so we are permitted to have alcohol at our events”
• One of the biggest issues from the school of nursing is the consumption of alcohol in clinical attire, even at Burger Burn
• We are a health professions school and as health professionals we are held to a higher standard than many other professions, this contributes to why this conversation is so necessary and why it is being initiated now
• If any of you are especially interested in getting involved in this, please let us know

6:24 State of Affairs
• Rep. Cristal Gutierrez (Dental Hygiene) — No updates
• Rep. Yvonne Rodriguez (Dental Hygiene) — Hello, I am a new member. No updates!
• Rep. Rachel Dang (MS2) — New MS1s are here! And yes, I heard complaints about the logo as well that have been addressed
• Rep. Cody Smith (MS2) — We are going to introduce ourselves to our class as a whole soon and would like to know what we should make them aware of
• Rep. Arya Madani (Health Professions) — This is my last meeting 😭 We will be holding elections soon
- Rachel Redfield—We just began fourth year and are relaxed
- Colin Dowling—No concerns
- Kathryn Hinojosa—OT students are in bliss (no concerns)
- Noah Bierwirth—MS3s are concerned about parking, heard a rumor that we cannot park in reserved parking anymore (THIS IS A RUMOR GUYS DON'T WORRY, WE'VE ADDRESSED IT AND IT'S ALL GOOD)
- Rep. Elizabeth Hassen—I am a new member representing the graduate school
- Rep. Norurhan Abdelfattah—I am a new member starting my 4th year in a PHD program for cancer pathology

6:30 Break into committees

6:48 Meeting Adjourned
- Motion made by Colin Dowling
- Seconded by Cristal Guiterrez

Quote shared by President Stefan Arias:
"The surest way to corrupt a youth is to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently." –Friedrich Nietzsche