Minutes of the SGA Meeting on October 6th

5:32pm Meeting called to order
- Motion made by Rep. Derek Wallace
- Seconded by Rep. Noah Bierwirth

5:35pm Student Volunteer Proposal, Ms. Karen Barton
Liaison to the School of Health Professions and Community Engagement Librarian
- Grandparents raising children (Abuelos y nietos juntos) is a 501(c)3 that works with grandparents who are raising their grandchildren as their own
- The program offers presentations for the grandparents on various topics and provides food and other assistance to struggling families
- They also act as liaisons for non-profits and are working to change legislation
- Grandchildren & grandparents are facing issues including lack of annual doctor's visits, physical ailments and disabilities, mental stress, trauma, and other disorders, food insecurity, poor nutrition, etc.
- The group is seeking help with health education, health needs assessments, education on homeopathic alternatives to medicine, respite care, and mentoring/tutoring/homework help for the grandchildren
- Proposed ways to get involved include in-home health needs assessments with the help of OT, PA, med, and/or public health students
- They are also looking for students interested in the development of engagement activities and resources based on the findings of the assessments
  - If you are interested in helping or learning more, contact Karen Barton at bartonkd@uthscsa.edu
- Question from Rep. Shirley Nah: One of the questions in the past with medical students performing an assessment is that they have to have an attending physician there in order to do so, would we have to find our own attending or is that something that’s already in place?
  - Answer: There will need to be a lead researcher or attending physician, which is something that would have to be coordinated through the student at this point. We are looking into getting more faculty members on board.
- Question from Rep. Daniel Chitty: How can dental students get involved and where do dental needs come into play in this project?
  - Answer: Right now, we haven’t determined a need for dental students or dental interventions but this may be something that arises after the needs assessments are completed.

5:44 pm UTHSCSA Voices—Student Networking Event
Dr. Teresa Evans, Director, Workforce and Career Development
Le’Keisha Johnson, Director of Student Life
- We recently received a student services fee award in order to support the UTHSCSA Voices program again in the Spring
This program arose out of the realization that we have amazing students at the University and we don’t realize how awesome our colleagues are because we never have an opportunity to build connections with each other.

The goal of Voices is to provide an opportunity to form lasting connections with colleagues so that we can start to get to know each other better.

If you want to read more about the program, you can Google search UTHSCSA Voices and a blog account will pop up.

We are here today to say that we are going to do this program again and we would like to have the students as engaged as possible to make this an event that is for the students and by the students at UTHSCSA.

We are looking for help in the following areas: Volunteers to nominate next year’s speakers, “day of” volunteers, marketing within each school/class.

Our proposed date is a Tuesday or Thursday in February.

Question from Rep. Daniel Chitty: What sorts of things do you look for when you’re choosing somebody to speak at this event?

Answer: We are looking for passionate students and inspirational stories—somebody who can tell us a story about why they are doing what they are doing and why they love what they do in an inspirational manner.

Suggestion from Dr. Mok: You might think about an additional submission such as a 30 second YouTube video or short essay as a part of the nomination/self-nomination process.

We encourage people to bring their friends and families to this event and would really like to see it grow every year.

If SGA is interested in becoming more involved in this event and partnering with it, we would love to talk to you about that also.

5:59pm Strategic Planning and Facility Operations

Mr. Michael Black, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

One of the things that is going on is that about 1½ years ago we hired a vice president for marketing and we discovered that there is a lot of confusion in the community about who and what we are.

UTHSCSA doesn’t have a well-known name within San Antonio.

We engaged a marketing company out of Houston/Dallas to take a look at the health science center and received approval from the board of regents to do business as UT Health San Antonio.

There has been a lot of input across campus about this change and there will be a lot more to come.

The campaign is really complex and gets down to the nitty gritty details about font, font size, etc. & all of these changes aim to form a more unified identity for our campus.

We have been working on an affiliation agreement between CTRC and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston which was signed a few weeks ago.

This means that we have more people coming to our campus to look at practices, protocol, success rate, etc. and are aiming to make patients more
comfortable staying in San Antonio to receive care rather than traveling to Houston to be treated at MD Anderson

- As a part of that we have had their facilities people and architects working with our facilities people and architects to make suggestions and to give us guidance on what kind of changes we need to make in order to be a top-rated facility
- There will be a dedication on November 1st between MD Anderson and our leadership at CTRC
- It has been a long process but in my heart this is the right thing to do and is something that needs to be done not just on the standpoint of marketing but also on having patients stay here to receive our treatment in San Antonio
- We made a conscious effort in the last legislative session to request tuition revenue bonds because many of our buildings are years old and have delayed maintenance requests along with fire and life safety issues
- We knew going forward in our operating budget that we wouldn’t be able to do all of the things that need to be done here, and because of that we received nearly 80 million dollars from tuition revenue bonds to do some of the things that we feel need to be done
- With that we are going to replace the roofs of the medical, dental, and nursing schools along with CTRC
- We also have more plans laid out and have been working on the outline over the last couple of months, I will return to discuss these when plans have been solidified
- We are currently looking at renovating the nursing school and have already taken care of and are working through fire alarms, chillers, electrical pieces, etc. and now are working on classrooms and student-centered property
- This means some students in the nursing building will be inconvenienced and will have to use the ALT-C
- We will work to make sure that the ALT-C is an adequate teaching and testing environment for students
- The vacated dental school space was committed in a number one priority to relocate OT/PT to the main campus
- We have had an evaluation of the bridge near the bursar’s office and have been told that the ground is settling and causing problems for that building
- We are planning to allocate money to relocate the dean’s office and other buildings associated with that bridge into the vacated dental building
- A lot of this will take 18-24 months to be completed
- Along with the nursing school we are looking at moving pediatrics from the pavilion of Christus Santa Rosa downtown into that area closer to UH along with EMT
- We have been engaged for 4-5 months in a strategic planning process to develop specific goals for a strategic plan for education, healthcare, clinical practice, community outreach, and research
There are some things we need to fine tune through the focus groups on research and financial commitments that have been made so that we know we are not counting the same dollars twice.

There are a number of projects and things that are not as easy as they seem.

We moved the bookstore to the ALT-C because it was pretty isolated in the backside of the campus.

The police are also located in a small area and when we started to evaluate campus carry and security issues etc. we decided to relocate the whole police area to the vacated space of the old bookstore.

We have not dedicated the space that they will vacate for anything yet.

A lot of discussion has arisen about the Texas Star Café—right now Lancer is using the kitchen area there for their catering services.

We had discussions with them about creating a “grab and go” in the area where the tables are in that space.

They brought up the concern that as the students and faculty are moved more towards the ALT-C they will not be able to make it on that side of campus and may lose a significant amount of money.

We are right now tentatively trying to work through and discuss with them a “grab and go” but aren’t sure if the space that students are looking for is something like the library with study carols, etc. on that side of the campus or rather just something where they can grab a snack and continue on their way.

Right now, the section where the police are vacating could be an option.

Question from Rep. Colin Dowling: You mentioned programs from the school of health professions moving into the old buildings in 18-24 months, my concern is that if there is not a “grab and go” station near us we will suffer.

Answer: Where you will be moved is going to be closer to the ALT-C than to the old Texas Star Café.

It is a very good point to look at the old police station, what defines a grab and go, etc. and we will try to do that.

One more point is that we do not control the streets; we have to go to the city about concerns regarding the streets and crosswalks, etc.

There has been a city council meeting for bond funding for a crosswalk.

Putting in a crosswalk at the VA will be challenging because we do not control the VA or the streets outside of it, that being said we will try to work with them and with the city to make something like this happen.

Question from Rep. Nathan Phillips: What was the concern you said that you have with creating a space for students in the old nursing school area?

Answer: There are some safety concerns with having something open during evening hours in that area of campus because it is isolated and does not have the best lighting, etc.

Question from Rep. Nathan Phillips: Talking about the partnership with CTRC and MD Anderson—will it be rebranded in any way because of this?

Answer: Yes, we are currently looking at UT Health/MD Anderson Cancer Center of San Antonio as the new brand for CTRC.
• Question from Rep. Nathan Phillips: You said that you will be hiring new faculty and staff to fill positions at the newly branded CTRC, will this mean that there will be more fellowship positions?
  Answer: As of right now, no. There has been a lot of discussion about this but we are currently focusing on filling the center with faculty and staff. We are doing a national search for the director of the cancer center and we are working through that piece of it. We know that once the director is here there will have to be discussion and recruitment for faculty as well.
• Question from Rep. Derek Wallace: Will this new center fall under the same funding umbrella as MD Anderson or will it be separate?
  Answer: To get the P30 you need to have clinical trials, researchers, and recruitments to have the right staff members; we would have our own NCI designated and MD Anderson would have theirs. It is up to us to make sure that we have all of the nuances about the grant and the things that would be evaluated over the next 20 months.
• Contact BlackM@uthscsa.edu with more questions or for more information

6:35pm Office of the Registration—Spring Registration and Graduation
Brandy Piner, Associate Registrar
Sloan White, Associate Registrar
• Reminder about the application of graduation for those that expect to graduate in Spring of 2017
• The application opened September 1st and will close November 30th
• If you apply after the application closes, you will have to pay a late fee
• Spring registration opens up November 1st for all of the schools except for the school of nursing
• Make sure if you are in the school of nursing that you read the email that we send out about when registration opens up for your program
• You will all get an email about 1 week in advance of registration so make sure that you clear up any holds that will keep you from registering
• Question from Rep. Shirley Nah: About the FERPA email, last year you spoke to us about being careful about what information to withhold, can you remind us why?
• Answer: We report information to the student clearing house, if you do place a FERPA disclosure on your enrollment we cannot clear you for certain things and cannot add your name and other items on the graduation programs without your permission so make sure to check your FERPA status when applying to graduate.
• Email us at registrar@uthscsa.edu with any concerns or questions

6:40pm Institutional Research—Student Satisfaction Survey
Colby Stoever, Director Institutional Research
• The student satisfaction survey for Fall 2016 will be the second of its type
• It will be asking about student services including the library, financial aid, registrar, title IX, etc.
• We also will be asking about school-specific student services
• We designed some questions around the suggested questions we received from last year’s survey
• We will also be looking at general campus environment and student health/wellness
• This is meant to get a bunch of information about how students feel about services being offered across campus
• We are looking to determine how we can improve our student services and campus as a whole
• We will also have to report to our federal creditors in the next few years about the student services that we provide
• Future student satisfaction surveys will require less time and will include hot topic sections
• In the future, we will space these out and make them a 2 year cyclical survey process so that they will be less burdensome to fill out
• We will be doing a lot of marketing to students include candy grams, “stall street news”, teleprompters, etc.
• We really would like to encourage people to fill out this survey

6:46pm Change in Non-Discrimination Policy and Compliant Procedure (HOP 4.2.1)

Dr. Jacqueline Mok, Vice President, Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs

• Within the student policy there are different reporting areas where students can go to file a formal complaint and previously this was Dr. Bonnie Blankmeyer
• We are going to change the structure of who students go to for a conflict reason
• The conflict is that Dr. Blankmeyer is also a student ombudsperson and if you go to her in an ombuds roll, it is really weird to go back to her for a formal complaint
• The new structure is that if you visit an ombudsperson, they can direct you to the office of academic, faculty, and student affairs if you should choose to go ahead with filing a formal complaint

6:49pm State of Affairs

• Daniel Chitty (DS2): We received a lot of good feedback about Burger Burn especially when compared to last year
• Brenda Guzman (PA): This week is PA week, so if you know a PA give them a hug and tell them congrats. We will also be having several events this week, so look them up and come out to celebrate with us.
• Nathan Phillips (MS4): Fourth year medical students have applied to residency and will be interviewing in the coming months so wish us luck!
- Stephanie Molidor (Grad. Nursing): Congrats to our VP, Jordan, on his engagement!
- (Due to time constraints, all of the other reps present at the meeting simply gave a thumbs up to indicate that their program had no current complaints)

6:57pm Break into committees

7:08pm Meeting Closed
-Motion made by Rep. Rachel Dang
-Seconded by Rep. Daniel Chitty

Closing quote from President Stefan Arias:
“Patience is necessary and one cannot reap immediately where one has sown”
–Soren Kierkegaard