Minutes to the SGA meeting – October 5th

05:30 PM Meeting Called to Order

- Motion made by Rep. Mitchell Faulker
- Seconded by Rep. Sammie Le

05:31 PM Motion to Pass Last Meeting’s Minutes

- Motion made by Rep. Chandler Kuhlman
- Seconded by Daryl Kevin

Motion passed unanimously.

05:32 PM QEP (quality Enhancement Plan) Update

Lark A. Ford, PhD, MA, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor, Clinical

- The quality enhancement plan is to formalize interprofessional education.
- QEP Basics:
  - QEP = Quality Enhancement Plan. A plan based on institutional need and constituent input, to enhance student learning or the environment related to student learning
  - At UT Health, planning started some time ago at a faculty retreat, the formation of working groups, and three internal QEP proposals.
  - Three proposals were offered up for a campus-wide vote. No clear “winner”.
  - Process paused to wait completion of new strategic plan.
  - QEP development team began meeting May 2017.
- QEP development team members constitute faculty, representing the different schools. More members will be joining the team as well.
- Our QEP is interprofessional education and collaboration for health literacy communication skills. A catchy title for the program is forthcoming.
- Health Literacy
  - Described as “the degree to which an individual has the capacity to obtain, communicate, process, and understand basic health information and services to make appropriate health decisions.”
  - It is a broad concept which includes social determinants of health, numeracy, and navigating the healthcare system.
  - Our focus is communication – our students with other professional patients, clients, scientists and community members.
  - To make students from all the different schools, communicate in a similar manner.
- Two strategic objectives
  - Create a center for interprofessional education and collaboration
  - Create student learning programming and faculty development leverages IPEC to promote student communication skills for health literacy.
- IPEC center activities
o Assist programs with developing health literacy curriculum modules with an IPEC framework.
o Establishing and “IPEC Directory” – an online catalog of current and future IPEC offerings on campus.
o Promote university-wide IPEC programming

Questions:

President Evan: as far as the SGA, do you need feedback?

Dr. Lark Ford: You are reps from all the schools. I can call on you and start establishing different focus groups. I can work on your schedule so we can have interprofessional focus groups, from students that are here and those that are ready to graduate.

President Evan: you say when the time is right, when is that

Dr. Lark Ford: When is your next meeting

President Evan: November 3rd

Dr. Lark Ford: I would like to have a meeting before thanksgiving, we could even have a 30min meeting before your next meeting, that would work for me.

President Evan: I think we can definitely do that

05:43 PM Library renovation

Peg Seger, Librarian

President even: as you know we had a one time Student Service Fee fund, last year that money went to the library, here is the update on what they have done with the resources.

Peg Seger:

• Libraries are a place where everyone can come together.
• I want to thank you for the award that SSF gave us.
• Why did we request the funds:
  o To provide health conscious and ergonomic furniture for student study areas in the library
  o To provide new alternatives for student seating, study, and comfort in the library
  o To improve on the choices that students have in the library to take full advantage of their study time
  o To explore new options for furniture and space design on a small scale for future planning
• What did we propose?
  o Individual Study – 3rd and 4th floors
    • Individual seating and study options to minimize distractions in the library
- Brody chairs
  - Collaboration – 5th floor
    - Seating alternatives for collaboration
    - Counter height tables and chairs, whiteboards
  - Relaxation – 5th floor
    - Seating alternatives for stress reduction, and relaxation
    - Couch-type seating, living room type accessories
- We are intending to affect the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors with this seating. We are hoping to get some feedback from you as well. This slide will give you an idea about what we are going to order (picture of furniture shown).
- We would like to have an event to thank the SGA, so would like to have a ribbon cutting. Its going to be on the first day of the student appreciation day, October 30th, 11.30 a.m. – library 5th floor.
  - Collaboration and Relaxation areas
  - Refreshments will be served
  - Kick-Off Day for our Student Appreciation Week
  - October 30th to November 3rd, daily 11:00 to 2:00
  - Daily activities, treats, and fun
  - Tour the Nixon Medical Historical Library
  - Check out the new digital wallpaper that will allow download of casual reading titles to smart phones or tablets
- For the student appreciation week; We have a lot of things going on throughout the week. We have a flyer, we need ideas from you.
- We have one day devoted to student interest groups that can be set up. (Exhibit tables available for Thursday Nov 2nd)
- Please consider entering the essay contest – specifically on the history of medicine. Its not due until the end of January, it’s a $500 prize.
- Please consider attending the annual dinner, with the members who are friends of the library. About 75-80 ppl attend, and 1/3rd population is students. $35 for students. Our speaker this year is Jill Fleure (UTSA professor of Anthropology).

Rep Emily: For the student interest group, do we need to register?

Peg Seger: No just contact me and let me know. Nov 2nd, is the student interest group day.

President Evan: Is there a possibility of having coffee or food at the library? We have been working with lancer for several months now, and they haven’t responded as quickly as we’d hoped. I would just like to echo that as students, we would like to have some kind of food option available at the library.

Peg Seger: We have a lot of people in the library at all different hours. A food service doesn’t want to go into business at a place, if it isn’t worth their while. It takes a lot of time and attention to do that, but we think we have a breakthrough. We are gathering numbers and figuring out more of what can be done, hopefully within the next year we will have something in place.
05:59 PM UT Health – San Antonio Culture Show

National Student Medical Association, Alex Oderhowho

- In November the school of medicine is organizing a culture show. Its mostly medical students who attend, but we want to share it with you guys. We want all the different schools to also come out. This year we are going to have acts from different cultures: philippino act, salsa dance, different vocal acts. The reason you should come is that we’re ordering a lot of food. There are going to be different islands of food- east Asian, east African, etc.. (there will be an abundance of food) All proceeds are going to hurricane relief efforts.

Rep Lauren Parten - When is it?
Treasurer Alex Oderhowho – 10th November.

The t-shirts are subsidized. The tickets are subsidized to $5 and T-shirts are $4. The venom is eden/sirak

Rep Laura Grota: Do you have printed flyers?
Treasurer Alex Oderhowho: Yes, were going to get some promotional material that you can post on your class groups. If anyone wants to help, please come talk to me.

6:25 Exec Updates

- Vice President Danial chitty: Burger burn got rained out. Its now going to be held next Thursday. I will post the google doc, on the facebook group. Shortly after is chili cookoff, there is still some time to get a team together. Please get your classmates to get out
- Treasurer Alexander Oderhowho: SGA has funds allotted for student organizations. If you have student orgs that need funding, please let them know that we have funds
- Rep Mitchell: I was on the committee where we raised money for grandparents raising grandchildren. Are there rules about what can be done with the money?
- : We have certain rules- whatever the event is it should benefit the students directly. It can’t go towards food.
- Rep. Laura Grota: can the kinds of things you’re doing be funded (UT Health SA culture show)?
- Treasurer Alex: yessomething like that can be funded, but the maximum amount is a $1,000.
- Rep. Sandy Montelongo – what student groups are you talking about?
- Treasurer Alex – any registered student groups.
- Rep. Mitchell Faulker: Can a student organization get started and then other organizations join in?
• Treasurer Alex- Yes, as long as they are registered as a student org, any student organization can apply for the funding. You can look it up on the SGA website, under appropriations guidelines and see what can and cannot be funded.
• Secretary Roma – We had previously planned a social outreach event from the SGA to support children’s cancer research. But those plans have fallen through. If anyone has any new ideas, please let us know.
• President Evan Lucas: Burger burn is next week. We’re going to have food, beer, a DJ, we also an inflatable obstacle course. Go ahead and spread the word.
• Rep Sandy Montelongo – do you have new flyers?
• President Evan : Yes
• Rep Mitchell Faulker – what time is the event?
• President Evan – 5.30 pm
• President Evan – we have purchased a new shed, out by the intramural fields. Every year for burger burn we rent out tables, that cost $1000. We have bought 25 round tables and a shed, so hopefully we can make that money back. SGA retreat, is at 6pm on Saturday, at the haunted house. Only about 6-7 ppl RSVPd. We have 20 spots so Please sign up.

6:31 State of Affairs

• Rep Emily Herkel– We took the food survey, we got a big response on our facebook page and the students are interested in chain options. And students also want to have a say in what goes in the Eerbert’s and Gerbert’s spot. Also, Mitch is wondering if there is an update on the intramural fields (installation of turf, a quote has been requested).
  o President Evan: There are some restrictions with the brand, and a chain restaurant isn’t really feasible for them. They are still going to use the results from the survey and base their decision on that.
  o Rep Mitchel: Why lancer?
  o President Evan – lancer is the caterer on campus. We used to have a contract with Aramark but that expired about two years ago. And then, SGA played a role in selecting lancer to be on campus.
  o Rep Emily: If the food that they are providing, isn’t selling, we should be given options on what is available.
  o Secretary Roma: If you take the survey, the options that are being considered are listed there.
  o Treasurer Alex: we did have a taste test to test to try out the options and afterwards we tried to bring that food into today’s meeting but about two days ago they cancelled, because the chef had to be flown in from Minnesota.
  o Rep Laura Grota: Lancer does starbucks too right? Cant they franchise something else?
  o President Evan: They went off roads with erberts and gerberts
  o Treasurer Alex: There is a restriction on how long after they close this place, they can serve sandwiches again. Which is why they can’t offer chick fil A.
  o Wasn’t it subway before?
Secretary Roma: Yes, but that was because it was a different caterer. If Aramark had stayed, they wouldn't be able to offer sandwiches after shutting down subway.

John Klaufus- The results from the survey are in and I can share them with you.

- We got 862 responses that is roughly 25% student population
- The Price point – mean and the median worked out to $6.25
- Noodle house option is the most popular
- Miso ramen and Indian were tied
- Chick fil A was the most popular write in
- Subway was very popular, Einstein Bagels too
- A lot of people wanted to see Italian like pizza and American like cheeseburgers
- Overwhelmingly, 75% students said they want to have breakfast option in that space
- all that has been turned over to the office of financial affairs and they will be working with lancer and taking over.
- Lancer was picked as our caterer, although it is a much smaller and a more local establishment, because its offering healthy options. They also don’t have as many franchise options. Their contract is also coming up for renewal in three years.
- There is also a petition going around in opposition to chick fil a, for political, health and vegetarian option reasons.

President Evan: Have we heard from the quote for the turf field?

John Klaufus: We never heard from the place in Houston. We told them we have $300k and I don’t think they’re interested. I spoke to UTSA, they paid $3.5 million for their field. It sounds like it’ll be very expensive. we are also looking at doing bids for lighting and fencing off the good field, so that its only for students so that it doesn’t get worn down. It looks like that with the light and fencing it would be about $350,000.

Rep Daryl: I asked around the other pharmacy students, none of our student lounges have faucets or sinks. Could we get some help with that?

President Evan: usually when there is an issue with one particular school, we don’t help out with that since SGA is more general. I can send out the details of the facilities on campus like facilities, the library etc. and you can get in touch in with them.

Daryl: we have zone 5 passes, so it’s difficult to park. parking anywhere else on campus, are there any gest parking spots?

President Evan: you can always come after 5pm and parking is free, but there are 30 min parking spots if you come in early.

Treasurer Alex: there is a metered parking in front of the dental school and a visitor parking next to the AAB building

Rep Mitchell- is the SGA overpricing for parking?

Treasurer Alex- the parking office charges for that, we don’t have a say in it
• President Evan – That’s how they funding for their department but but we can always ask them
• Rep Mustafa- do people think parking is expensive? Paying for parking seems outrageous, can we at least bring the price down
• Rep Laura Grota: there is also a huge price difference between zone 2 and 3
• President Evan: its definitely worth asking and we’ll look into it. But, you can park anywhere on campus after 5pm and on the weekends.
• Rep Lauren Parten: I have a facilities question. Our class president has mailed them every week since august 24th. All the water fountains in the dental school taste like fish pools. Not only have they not done anything about it, we not heard back from them.
  • President Evan: who is he emailing?
  • Rep Lauren: Robin Druckman
  • President Evan: we have had so many issues with the dental school water fountains, can definitely talk to facilities and see what’s going on.
  • Vice president Daniel: the water where there is a filter to fill water bottles is not clear
  • John Klaufus: he should email mike charlton, the vice president of department of health and safety and copy Dr. Segura.
  • President Evan: if there is no response within a few days, let me know what we’ll get on that
• Rep Claire: is there an update on the microwaves in ALTC? Is there a possibility of getting more microwaves in ALTC?
  • President Evan: I’ve talked to chef Steve, I’ve emailed him a few times but haven’t gotten a response. In the past he has said he wants to steer towards getting more people to buy the food at the cafeteria. And to follow up with your past complaint about the bathroom on the 3rd floor, the bathrooms on the 3rd floor will now be watched for stocking
• Rep Maria: can we get a mini fridge in the lactation room in the ALTC?
  • President Evan: the facilities that handles the ALTC is different, and we will look into it.
• Rep Mitchell: room reservation in ALTC, what’s the update
  • Treasurer Alex: Two rooms are available 24x7 and they are 2.018 and 2.012. Every other room you can’t reserve until 5.30pm but can reserve them after 5.30pm.
  • Rep Dioscar Delgado: I know there are some rooms that we can’t reserve at all
  • Reps Evan/Alex – they are closed off for technology, since they house expensive technology
  • Rep Mitchell: how do we reserve a room?
  • Treasurer Alex- You fill out a room reservation request.

6:40 Break into committees
7:00 PM Motion To Close Meeting
• Motion made by Rep. Sammie Lee
• Seconded by Rep. Mustafa Mithaiwala