Minutes to the SGA meeting – February 1

05:38 PM Meeting Called to Order

- Motion made by Rep. Mitchell Katona
- Seconded by Rep. Mustafa Mithaiwala

05:39 PM Motion to Pass Last Meeting's Minutes

- Motion made by Rep. Chandler Kuhlman
- Seconded by Rep. Samantha Yee

Motion passed unanimously.

05:39 PM Say It Ain’t Soy

Andrea Marks, Chief financial officer of UT Health San Antonio

- All of our contracting to external vendors go through my office, hence I’m here.
- Say it aint soy isn’t offering all the products it offered in its first week.
- Say it aint soy opened late November, unfortunately there were smells going around from the place, because there was not enough ventilation, so safety shut it down.
- We have met with the vendor, and there are a few options that we can offer: Panda express, or a pizza/sandwich place. But we don’t like either of those options.
- We have decided to get a ventilation in there for $250,000 and Lancer has agreed to make that investment in return for the extension of their contract for another term.
- It will take about 8 weeks for the installation, but it will take a few months for it to be up and running. Say it ain’t soy will have another grand opening to relaunch their menu.
- In the event that the stir fry isn’t favorable, we can put in any other kind of cuisine in that place, because at that point there will be ventilation.
- We are also in talks to put in a grab-and-go option in that facility.
  - Emily Henkel: how long is the contract?
  - Andrea Marks: ten years with a 5 year extension
  - Mitchell Katona: Does SGA have a say in who gets the contract?
  - Andrea: SGA was a big part of the decision to give the catering contract to Lancer, but is not a part of the decision to give them a contract extension.
  - Mitchell Katona: Have you got any feedback on the new restaurant?
  - Andrea Marks: you mean in the week they were in operation?
  - Mitchell Katona: No I mean in general.
  - Andrea Marks: We have not done a formal feedback, but I know no one is happy with it.
  - Mitchell Katona: There was a subway in its place, how did that do?
  - Andrea Marks: Subway was a franchise with Aramark but Lancer does not have a subway franchise.
  - Chandler Kuhlman: you said there is a lot of flexibility in changing what they sell, how and when will you decide to do that?
- Andrea Marks: In other locations, lancer changes its menu every three months but we will rely on student feedback to make changes.
- Samantha Yee: is it possible for them to open earlier in the day and offer breakfast options?
- Andrea Marks: Yes, they are adding breakfast tacos.
- Sandy Montelongo: will it stay open later so that student have access to food after 4pm?
- Andrea: I’ll talk to lancer, but it depends on the sales they’ll make. If they can’t justify enough sales past 4 PM, then it isn’t feasible for them to stay open.

05:51 PM Quality Enhancement Program Update

*Dr. Jacqueline Mok, VP for student affairs and Dr. Nakia Popoe, Director of Academic Assessment, and Dr. Joseph.*

- We are happy to that our QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) plan has been finalized on our end and has been submitted to SACS, the organization that accredits the program. We would like for a faculty to talk about with you all because they are the ones that work closely with you.
- Dr. Joseph: One of the things about a QEP is that it is required for SACS reaccreditation. The interprofessional education program is not bringing the different schools/disciplines in the same room but instead having the different disciplines learn from each other, learn together and partnering together to foster collaboration. The overall goal in healthcare is to create teams that collaborate together better and increase efficiency and quality of healthcare. If this is started at our institution, where you become champions and know how to bring teams together, you’ll find that healthcare quality will improve as well. This QEP is called LINC – Linking interprofessional Networks for Collaboration. This QEP looks at identifying a system that makes sure that students and faculty can work together and learn from each other. There are a number of plans – the first one is to make sure we are all using the same language. On your handout you’ll see what the world health organization defines interprofessional education. (The handouts have been sent out to all representatives, please be sure to distribute these to your constituencies)
  - Alex Oderhowho: have you looked at other schools to see how they do Interprofessional education?
  - Dr. Lard ford: Yes, most definitely. WE had a representative from Texas tech who came in and did a presentation which some of the students attended. She is the director of their QEP. We are modelling some of the things that’s worked for them.
  - Nakia Pope: we have someone coming from Washington university’s HSC, to give us feedback and to ask you what your thoughts are on our plan as well.
  - Mitchell Katona: I thought there was a little bit of a problem with some of the faculty not being on board with interprofessional education.
  - Lark ford: some people may not embrace it the way we embrace it, but we are trying to meet with them so that we can embrace it together.
Chandler: I know the whole idea is to provide what’s best for the patient, and we’ve taken courses in patient safety like smoking cessation and I’m sure other schools have similar courses as well. And sometimes dentists have to consult a physician, so is that the kind of things we’re going to be talking about?

Speaker: Absolutely, Whatever we can do together, we’ll do together. The definition of interprofessional education is when it involves two or more disciplines, and that’s what we want to foster.

Daryl: I did see an opportunity for interprofessional collaboration over the summer, and I remember going on grand rounds at Methodist and saw a few other students in UT Health SA scrubs but never got to interact with them. It would have been good to interact with them and have a conversation with them.

Dr. Joseph: That is the gap we are trying to bridge.

Nakia Pope: we would like to get this handout sent to you electronically so that you can send it out to your classmates. (The handouts have been sent out to all SGA representatives, please be sure to distribute these to your constituencies)

06:05 PM Library Vending

Mr. Owen Ellard, Senior Director of Library

- I am here to primarily update you on the project about the vending options in the library. There is a contract for vending on campus, and they have vending machines for both coffee and food. The food vending machine offers healthy (wraps, subs, salads, baked potatoes with dressing etc.) and low-cost options. They would be coming on a daily basis to stock the machines. The library would also put in a microwave to heat up foods if you’d like.
- We are planning on putting these machines on the third floor of the library, the challenge is that we would have to update the electricity in that space. We would need to add a water line, change the flooring and add ventilation. Facilities thinks the cost of these changes would be $20,000, that I did not budget for initially. I am currently in the process of acquiring those funds.
- Some students have asked us if we would be able to add some exercise equipment in the library. We have worked with our students to identify equipment that is in place at other health science center libraries and just last week, we have the funds approved to get 3 exercise bikes and one treadmill.
  - Chandler Kuhlman: one food option would be granola bars.
  - Jiye Moon: Is the food option only in the library area?
  - Owen Ellard: for now this is only in the library.
  - Owen Ellard: last year you guys applied for the SSF funding, are you planning on applying again?
  - Owen Ellard: Yes we will be putting in a competitive application this year.
  - Evan Lucas: Do you know if the exercise machines are noisy?
  - Owen Ellard: these machines are meant for such spaces, and are quite silent.
  - Sandy Montelongo: For the exercise machines, would you be allowing people to reserve time on the machines?
Owen Ellard: we do have a reservation system for study rooms, and we can extend that to the exercise machines as well.

6:21 PM Exec Updates

Ms. Roma Kaul, Mr. Alexander Oderhowho, Mr. Daniel Chitty, Mr. Evan Lucas

- Secretary Roma Kaul: Please sign up for our SGA service event- Habitat For Humanity, on Feb 17th and you can bring a friend!
- Treasurer Alexander Oderhowho: We have an appropriations application to look over today.
- Vice President Danial Chitty: Burger burn is on March 8th and Awards night is on April 26th, and we will need volunteers for that. I am working with L’Keisha on a leadership retreat as well
  - Lauren Parten: what is awards night?
  - Le’keisha: All five schools give out awards and SGA hosts the awards night and SGA gives out its own awards as well.
- President Evan Lucas: Thank you all for being here, and now I’ll talk to you about elections. We do not have the majority to hold elections today, so what we will do is take in nominations and then over the next month, reach out to members and bring them to the next meeting. Kirk Robinson from the golds gym, wanted me to let you know that are 4 golds gym in this area that are not going to be open 24hrs a day and he suspects that it will increase the traffic at our gym. He will keep an eye out for 60 days and monitor the traffic at our golds gym.

6:25 Nominations

For President:
- **Farhan Ahmed** nominated by Mitchell Katona, second by Emily Henkel
- **Mitchell Katona** nominated by Sandy Montelongo, seconded by Lauren Parten
- **Chandler Kuhlman** nominated by Daniel Chitty, seconded by Samantha Yee

For Vice President:
- **Mustafa Mithaiwala** nominated by Roma Kaul, seconded by Samantha Yee

For Treasurer:
- **Gretel Sanchez** nominated by Emil Henkel, seconded by Mitchell Katona
- **Lauren Parten** nominated by Jiye Moon, seconded by Chandler Kuhlman

For Secretary:
- **Samantha Yee** nominated by Daniel Chitty, seconded by Lauren Parten

6:25 PM Elections – will be held next meeting
6:36 State of Affairs

- Rep Daryl: On the Greehey campus, there is a creek, students walk through there but it’s just made of dirt, that I was wondering if we can get a more concrete structure there?
- President Evan Lucas: from what I understand, there is a bridge not further down and I assume that it will be expensive build a concrete pathway.
- Rep Mustafa Mithaiwala: The HSC wave that is on campus, the connection keeps going off on mobile devices (like my cell phone). The internet connection is not constant and this is a complaint I’ve heard from many people.
- Rep Emily Henkel: In the ongoing saga of golds gym, several students have reached out to Kirk Robinson about equipment and other things but have received no response in the last few weeks. How should we go about that?
- President Evan: I’ll go see him myself.
- Rep Mitchell Katona: we got an email saying that medical students were staying in ALTC rooms after their allotted time, and they left after they were asked to leave by the people who reserved it. Since the ALTC is at most full at 25% capacity, so maybe they can consider allowing us to stay in the building to study?
- Treasurer Alex Oderhowho: there are two rooms (212 and 218) that are open for students after hours and even on the weekends. You can use those rooms.
- President Evan Lucas: There is a lot of equipment in that building, that’s why they have opened up those two rooms for us to use.
- Rep Sandy Montelongo: Students who have applied for scholarships (through the student center portal) are not notified when they have made a decision. The Financial aid office does not notify who gets the scholarship but instead just provides the funds. I will be emailing the director to share this concern and I will come back to share with you all what he said.
- Rep Chandler Kuhlman: several students have heard the rumor that the ALTC salad bar is going away. I want to clarify if that’s for sure?
- Vice President Daniel Chitty: I spoke with the people working there, and they told me that they will be rotating three weeks of burrito bar with three weeks of salad bar.
- Rep Chandler Kuhlman: My classmates are complaining about not having enough recycling on campus.
- President Evan Lucas: Please contact chef steve and he will tell you about the salad bar. We have a recycle group on campus, you can contact them through their e-mail on our Facebook page.
- Rep Jiye Moon: As our clinical exam approaches in May, we are looking for patients. You can contact UT dentistry to make an appointment.

6:50 Break into committees

7:05 PM Adjourn meeting

- Motion made by Rep Sandy Montelongo
• Seconded by Rep Chandler Kuhlman

Meeting closed