Minutes to the SGA meeting – March 1

05:32 PM Meeting Called to Order

- Motion made by Rep. Bryan Sheffield

Motion passed unanimously.

05:33 PM Motion to Pass Last Meeting’s Minutes

- Motion made by Rep. Claire Adian
- Seconded by Rep. Isaac Maldonado

Motion passed unanimously.

5:34 PM Nominations/Elections

For President:
- Farhan Ahmad Nominated by Mitchell Katona, second by Emily Henkel
- 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:
- Lauren Parten nominated by Jiye Moon, seconded by Chandler Kuhlman

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

As per popular vote, Farhan Ahmad elected as President
Mustafa Mithaiwala elected as Vice President
Lauren Parten elected as Treasurer
Samantha Yee elected as Secretary

05:49 PM Evening in the Middle East

Banan Ali, Office of International Services

- We are the home to all international students on campus and our office is located behind Holly Auditorium. We actually have 500 people with different visas through us. We like to have at least 12 different cultural events every year. We have An Evening in the
Middle East event coming up. It will be in the Holly Auditorium. There will be henna tattoos, Mediterranean food, Arabic music, etc. The event will be held from 5-7 PM on March 7th. There are flyers all over the campus. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach our office.

- Rep. Laura Grota: Is it open to everyone?
- Banan Ali: Yes, it is open to everyone on campus and you can bring your guests as well.
- We also have another event called Keep Calm and Game On! The flyers will be sent out soon.

5:54 PM Exec Updates

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

- Secretary Roma Kaul: This is my last meeting as secretary but I will be staying on as a Rep. Thank you for a wonderful year and thank you for making Habitat for Humanity such a huge success.
- Vice President Daniel Chitty: Thank you for a great year, I’m happy to have served as your Vice president. Just some really quick updates, Burger Burn is coming up we are still in need of volunteers. I’ll be sending out an e-mail asking for volunteers. We also need volunteers for Awards Night on April 26th. I have been working on organizing a leadership retreat in collaboration with UTSA, their team called True colors will be here. It is tentatively on April 7th and will also be open to SGA members and class presidents as well.
- New Treasurer Lauren Parten: Alex said we have appropriations and I’ll eventually be taking over.
- New President Farhan Ahmad: If there is anything you want to tell me, please feel free to come up to me and talk to me.
- President Evan Lucas: It is mandatory that everyone comes up to every SGA meeting. If you are unable to do so, please send in your classmate. We also have to be at least one event per semester to volunteer. For this semester, we have Habitat for Humanity, Burger Burn and Awards Night. Thank you for making this year not too hard on us to look forward to what the next exec does.

06:00 PM Quality Enhancement Program Update

Dr. Lark Ford (SON), QEP Development Team Member

- It is so important that you know what QEP is, as everyone should be aware of what the other schools are doing, i.e. the admins, students, professors because of their impact on you and the future.
- We also need to be aware of which schools plan to attend the same event ahead of time (like science exhibition), so we can set up our demonstration area together and have that interprofessional link to it.
- Our QEP plan is called LINC: Linking International Networks for Collaboration.
We have a town hall meeting, and it is during spring break. If you are not doing anything, come on down. It is on the 15th of March and then again on March 23rd. Please share with your classmates and friends the two dates.

We want to show you what LINC will provide in the next 5 years. We are planning on having an Interprofessional Education (IPE) incubator in the library where it is considered neutral area for all 5 schools. We will also plan to have IPE symposiums focused on interprofessional collaboration, where i.e. dental, health professions, etc. will stand together. Furthermore, we will have databases and resources available to encourage interprofessional collaboration.

Rep. Sammie Le: I’m from UT Austin in the Pharmacy program, and I’m wondering if we could be a part of this.

Dr. Lark Ford: Absolutely. Veronica Young is your director, I’m trying to get you guys on board.

Rep. Isaac Maldonado: If students want to get involved with the advisory board, who do we contact?

Dr. Lark Ford: If you want to volunteer, please talk to your dean as we’re looking to put students on our advisory board.

6:15 State of Affairs

Rep. Rachelle Zaversnik: On the 4th floor of the dental school building, the water from the water fountain looks like watered down milk.

President Evan Lucas: Could you find out more information, and you can e-mail/contact the plumbing specialist (Michael Charlton) on our SGA roster. Copy me and Farhan on the e-mail.

Rep. Sammie Le: I know our floor is owned by the dental school, but I was wondering whom to contact about installing a water filter. What is Dr. Lark Ford’s e-mail?

President Evan Lucas: Mike Charlton is the person to contact for that too.

Rep. Chandler Kuhlman: The water fountains all around campus are red, meaning the filters need to be changed.

President Evan Lucas: Since there are plenty of complaints, I will email them to find out what is going on.

Rep. Sandy Montelongo: All of the water fountains in ALTC are red.

Rep. Gretel Sanchez: We e-mailed them about the water fountains last week and they said that they would change them.

President Evan Lucas: We will follow up with them and make sure that these concerns are being taken care of.


Rep. Isaac Maldonado: I don’t think there is a printer in the ALTC, I know they used to have one but a lot of people need to run back and forth between the library to get print outs.

Rep. Laura Grota: Recently, I posted a picture about a damaged electrical outlet in the medical school lecture hall behind Starbucks, and my friend cut herself on it. I was
wondering if anything happened to that. I was also waiting to find out about the card reader at the Gold entrance.

- President Evan Lucas: They are still working on the card reader. Give them until April before reaching out.
- Rep. Sandy Montelongo: I e-mailed to the director for a new computer and a printer at the RAB. When we have papers due, we have everyone lined up for the printer. I’m waiting for his reply.
- Rep. Gretel Sanchez: For students that have concerns about campus facilities, wifi, etc., make sure everyone fills out the student satisfaction survey.
- President Evan Lucas: Rep. Mustafa brought up the wifi concern and we reached out to the wifi people. From an older survey, we found out that about 20% students have huge concerns about the wifi on campus during their time here.
- Rep. Jaylon Fane: Last time when we did registration, every time we did it, the server crashed. Is there some kind of way we can improve the servers? Is there any way to stagger registration instead of having everyone register at the same time? It causes anxiety and feelings of unfairness in students for past registrations based on the current process.
- President Evan Lucas: We’ll talk to the IT people.
- Rep. Dioscar Delgado: People keep parking in reserved spots because the reserved marking is erased on them (lot in front of the library, Lot 2)
- President Evan Lucas: Reach out to Chief Parks and copy us on the email.
- Rep. Kevin Yeh: Water. The hand sanitizer directly below this floor (3rd floor) seems to be out often.
- President Evan Lucas: Contact Selma from off the contact list provided in the roster. I am taking count of everyone who has encountered water issues. So, please still voice your concerns.
- Rep. Laura Grota: Did someone contact you about UT Health possibly having a school mascot?
- Rep. Rachelle Zaversnik: I know you said you needed volunteers for Burger Burn and Awards Night, but can anyone other than SGA members volunteer?
- President Evan Lucas: Everyone is welcome to volunteer.

6:35 PM Break into committees

6:46 PM Adjourn meeting
- Motion made by Rep. Bryan Sheffield
- Seconded by Rep. Wendy Arellano

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed