Minutes to the SGA meeting – August 9th

5:31 PM Meeting Called to Order

- Motion made by Rep. Maricela Rodriguez
- Seconded by Rep. Mitchell Katona

Motion passed unanimously.

5:32 PM Campus Solutions 9.2 Upgrade

Mr. Barry Bridges, Manager, Transition Solutions Team (a.k.a. DCATS) in substitution for Mr. Jack Frost, MBA, PMP, IT Change Management Advisor

- Here to share “My Student Center.” The Student Portal will become “My Student Center” where you can register for classes, accepting financial aid, and paying student bills. In May, we had small focus groups with some students and received feedback on it. My Student Center will be coming in October 2018. My Student Center will be mobile friendly, device adaptable, intuitive tile/icon navigation – should be straight forward and 1 click away. You can find it at: students.uthscsa.edu, which will be a single website with vital links and the core things needed to do. The website will have my student center, canvas, knowledge center, live mail…whatever you use on a routine basis, but with fresh content.
- My UTHhealth- intranet- will mirror the content from students.uthscsa.edu once we get them in sync. We will add a “students” link on My UTHhealth website to get to students.uthscsa.edu
- We are also working on the process of navigating to and using the VPN because the VPN protects our system and it’s protecting whatever we’re doing.
- Lastly, here to ask SGA members to be a brand ambassador. Branding my student center to peers, students, etc. brand ambassador newsletters -> 1) students 2) faculty and 3) staff. Send to SGA and the members will then distribute the newsletters around campus. Series of 5 newsletters, sent weekly before October 2018. Ask us questions if needed.
  - Rep Lillian Keith: When is this being released?
  - October 15, 2018. Prior to October 15th, you will utilize and see old system. By the November 1st registration date, you should see and use the new system. Prior information should be turned over to the new system.
  - Vice President Mustafa Mithaiwala: FAQ site if there is a glitch or problem?
- There will be a printed document and videos for troubleshooting.

5:57 PM Exec Updates

Ms. Samantha Yee, Ms. Lauren Parten, Mr. Mustafa Mithaiwala, Mr. Farhan Ahmad

1. Microwaves - purchased splatter guards

Secretary Sam Yee: Email us if microwaves are missing splatter guards (location as well) and whether those microwaves need signs.
Vice President Mustafa Mithaiwala: Burger Burn is September 27 and Chili Cook-Off is October 25.

2. **Burger Burn - hosting MOVE Texas to register students to vote**

Treasurer Lauren Parten: MOVE Texas will be at Burger Burn to get people to vote by having their own table there.

3. **National Voter Registration Day (Tuesday, September 25) - need 20 volunteers to table with MOVE Texas**

   Visit: tinyurl.com/UTNVRD

President Farhan Ahmad: Visit the url link above to sign up to help with National Voter Registration Day. We need 20 volunteers. The URL is to volunteer for a time slot. They will also have volunteers. Once again, Burger Burn will be on September 27 from 4:30-7:30pm. 5-7pm actual event. 4:30-5pm is set up and 7-7:30pm will be clean up.

4. **Pet therapy**

   President Farhan Ahmad: Should we have this more than once a semester?
   - Rep. Maricela Rodriguez: Can we also have massage chairs?
   - Le’Keisha Johnson (Office of Student Life): Student Life does it once per semester. Destressfest uses all resources there. Already a good response.
   - John Kaulfus (Chief Student Affairs Office & Title IX Director): Student Counseling center will eventually move to their final space and wants to incorporate animal therapy there. They will move in over the holidays, but hoping to move in around November.

5. **Donuts & Coffee with SGA**

   - Rep. Maricela Rodriguez: Library would be best place to hold the event.
   - Le’Keisha Johnson (Office of Student Life): Courtyard because ALTC atrium/ lobby area is non-reservable.
   - Vice President Mustafa Mithaiwala: Mix up breakfast foods and have coffee.
   - Rep. Gretel Sanchez: Just have food and coffee in library with no set time.

President Farhan Ahmad: By holding these types of events, we can put SGA out there and have the campus be more aware of who we are and what we do. We are here for the students.

6. **New Student Life staff member**

   - Le’Keisha Johnson (Office of Student Life): Ellyse Sanchez starts Monday
   - Treasurer Lauren Parten: Chili Cook-Off sign out already out and ready for people to sign up to make chili.

6:10PM State of Affairs

Rep. Lillian Keith: Construction noise in class and during exams.
   - Rep. Leah Zubick: Stuff is falling from the ceiling in Dental Building from construction.
• Treasurer Lauren Parten: We gave them schedules, i.e. exams, to whoever is charge of that site. It worked at the end of last semester.
• Vice President Mustafa Mithaiwala: Facilities management are accommodating if you let them know. If it doesn’t get resolved, let us know.

Rep. Maricela: Parking meters were out one day last semester, when I parked in the metered parking area in front of the dental building, and I got charged $30 in June. I called the parking office and they said I parked there for 5 different days.
• Le’Keisha Johnson (Office of Student Life): Talk to Mark Jesse.

President Farhan Ahmad: Roster for contacting people about issues will be available to everyone in the FB group as well as through an email.

Rep. Leah Zubick: We want more vending machines at the Dental School. The ones by the library won’t take credit cards now. Say it ain’t so isn’t that great. There are plenty of potholes in the parking lots. ID scanners in front of library are not working.
• Treasurer Lauren Parten: The school doesn’t receive extra money for parking lots for paving. Paving Merton Miner area right now then zone 3. Contact Chief Parks if you want additional information. Say it ain’t so is installing ventilation hoods right now.
• Rep. Maricela Rodriguez: Are we not taking new ideas to replace Say it ain’t so?
• Vice President Mustafa Mithaiwala: Not right now. Mid-way Fall, they will open up, which was previously mentioned by Andrea Marks. There will be a new menu which is basically revamped from the old menu.
• Rep. Mark Lerma: Chick-fil-a?
• Mustafa: Lancer can’t work with franchises.

Rep. Fatima Dollar: Can the cafes in ALTC stay open for a prolonged time? Someone tried to go in for 1:30pm and they were closed.
• Treasurer Lauren Parten: Should open at 7am and should close at 3pm. Hard to keep it open if no one uses it. We can discuss it further if we do a numbers game and do a survey.
• President Farhan Ahmad: We will look into it.

Rep. Gretel Sanchez: When are the coffee and vending machines able to use in the library?
• Lauren: Putting the machines in the nook. We need a water line and we can get a better date on it.

Reps. Mitch Katona and Emily Henkel: The staff upfront at the student health center have been noted as unprofessional and unfriendly.
• John Kaulfus (Chief Student Affairs Office & Title IX Director): You can talk to Dr. Veve from the student counseling center. Also, you can talk to Tracey Page from School of Nursing as well.

Rep. Rita Villalon: Vending machines and variety?

Rep. Kevin Yeh: Women’s restrooms and unisex should have complimentary products. We should cut ties with Papa John’s because the C.E.O. was making derogatory comments to certain populations.
• President Farhan Ahmad: There are other vendors.
• President Farhan Ahmad: Rep. Kevin Yeh, you can present formally and craft a resolution, then we can talk about it at the next meeting.

Rep: Eric Andrade: 5lb of chili necessary for Chili Cook-Off?
• Le’Keisha Johnson (Office of Student Life): Just make enough to serve everyone. The food won’t be weighed.

6:33 PM Break into committees

6:42 PM Adjourn meeting
• Motion made by Rep. Rita Villalon
• Seconded by Rep. Anna Welling

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed