I. Call to Order……………………………………………………………Alix Baycroft, SIC Vice President
Meeting started at 5:36 p.m.

Attendance
Pamela (Patricia) Abella, Alixandra Baycroft, Nizar Bhulani, Melissa Bing, Mason Borth, Marian
Chen, Chigozie Dike, Gina Duong. Alokananda Ghosh, Katherine Langston, Jillian Losh, Pritul Patel,
Camille Range, Margie Sutton, Morgan Jones Thigpin, Angie Torres-Adorno, Smruthi
Vijayaraghavan, Anna Xu

Absent
John (Matt) Franzen, Swati Goyal, Michelle Martinez-Rivera, Melissa Resnick, Jocelyn Triplett,
Margaret Wang

Guests
Dr. George Stancel, EVP for Academic/Research Affairs (EVPARA), Mr. Charlie Figari, VP/Chief
Auxiliary Officer; Ms. Kathy Rodgers, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs (EVPARA); Mr.
Gregory Orcutt and Ms. Carly Walker, Information Technology; Ms. Dennie Clemons and Mr. JR
Bright, UT House Medics

II. Approval of SIC Minutes
The agenda was suspended to allow for more SIC members to arrive. Once quorum was established, a
motion was made to approve the January meeting minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. University Guest Speakers
a. CANVAS……………………………………………………………………Mr. Gregory Orcutt
CANDAS is used as a learning management system (replacing blackboard) was implemented in
Summer of 2015. They are looking for feedback regarding courses that use the internet presence
of CANVAS that enhance or harm the educational experience. How are the best ways they can
reach students to provide this input. Several suggestions were made as to the best avenues to
achieve this including the crawfish boil, SGO presidents and the potential to hold a town hall, an
article in the pulse newsletter, faculty and TA perspective, and individual constituents. Free give
aways from CANVAS can be provided to those who give feedback.

b. UT House Medics……………………………………………………Ms. Dennie Clemons and Mr. JR Bright
An overview of the UT House Medics program was provided. UT House medics partners with
Rebuilding together Houston to repair and fix up a house of an elderly, and often disabled person
of our Houston community. This year they have received two houses that need repairs and SIC
will co-sponsor the event this year. All volunteers are welcome.
The deadline to register is April 8th, and the sooner you register the better. Online registration is at:
www.uth.edu/house-medics.

IV. Standing Committee Reports
a. Community Outreach Committee…………………………………… Mason Borth
Following the UT House medics presentation, it was announced that the student competition will
be held on April 16th, but participation is encouraged for both days (16th and 23rd).

b. Student Activities Council……………………………………………Margie Sutton
An update regarding the crawfish boil was provided. Flyers and give aways have been finalized,
entertainment options have researched, we are still waiting for the crawfish quote since it is
still early in the season, and things have been put into place regarding the alcoholic beverages and
additional rental of the Cooley Center. Discussion regarding allowing a table to gather feedback of
CANVAS to set up and pass out gifts at the crawfish boil in exchange for feedback. It was decided
by a show of hands that we will consider other avenues for gathering feedback regarding
CANVAS and not interfere with the student event of crawfish boil.

c. Scholarship Committee…………………………………………………..Margie Sutton
The e-mail notice was sent out to all students and applications are due by March 18th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Rodgers has organized the SIC alumni committee to review the Hajibashi memorial leadership award.

d. Project Funding Committee.................................................................Smruthi Vijayaraghavan
The project funding committee will table the Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA) project funding request until more information is gathered regarding the other funding sources that will be provided for their cause.

e. Operations Committee.........................................................................Alix Baycroft
A copy of the previously submitted bylaw revisions that required additional changes by the legal affairs department. These will be presented at two meetings, before voting on the final version during the April 2016 meeting.

V. Ad Hoc/External Committee Reports
a. UTSSAC............................................................Angie Torres-Adorno and Alixandra Baycroft
A copy of the final recommendations that were sent to the UT Board of Reagents will be sent electronically. A summary of the recommendations will be attached to the minutes.

b. IFC TF Burks Scholarship Committee........................................Alix Baycroft
Three students have been selected to receive the IFC TF Burks Scholarships from different schools. The recipients will be

VI. Old Business
a. Budget Update...............................................................Smuthri Vijayaraghavan, SIC Treasurer
A current copy of the budget was provided in the meeting packet with the approved changes from the January meeting. It was suggested to re-allocate the funds from the Fall Bash to crawfish boil since the first event did not occur. A motion was made to re-allocate the $4,000.00 previously approved for the fall bash to the crawfish boil budget raising the total budget for the crawfish boil from $11,000.00 to $15,000.00. The motion was seconded and approved.

VII. Announcements
a. Zika Virus e-mail..............................................................Dr. George Stancel
An email sent out from Dr. Stancel and Dr. Collasurdo regarding student travel to countries affected by the Zika virus. All student travel on University business is forbidden to all countries on the CDC watch list. SPH group global health is planning a trip to Haiti but this would not be allowed if UTHealth sponsors it and UTHealth provides funding.

b. TMC Library Building Update.......................................................Dr. George Stancel
UTHealth put in a bid to purchase the TMC Library Building, and the Board of Regents approved the arrangements last week pending curing of the building. If the deal goes through, the building will continue to be used as a library space.

c. SIC Spring Meeting Dates.............................................................Margie Sutton, SIC Secretary
The March meeting will be held on Tuesday the 22nd and the April meeting is scheduled for Monday the 18th. A volunteer was requested to take meeting minutes for April as Margie will be out of town for a scientific conference. Marian Chen volunteered.

VIII. Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.
The meeting adjourned at 7:10.