Student InterCouncil (SIC)
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
University Center Tower (Rm 1726), 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Minutes

ORIENTATION MEETING

I. Call to Order………………………………………………Michelle Martinez-Rivera, SIC President

Meeting started at 5:38 p.m.

Attendance
Patricia Abella, Melissa Bing, Mason Borth, Marian Chen, Kara Dean, Chigozie Dike, John Franzen, Akolananda Ghosh, Morgan Jones, Jillian Losh, Michelle Martinez-Rivera, Ruben Mendoza, Pritul Patel, Margie Sutton, Angie Torres-Adorno, Jocelyn Triplett, Smruthi Vijayaraghavan, Margaret Wang, Anna Xu

Absent
Alixandra Baycroft, Nizar Bhulani, Kayode Olupinyo, Melissa Resnick,

Guests
Mr. Eric Solberg, Associate VP (EVPARA); Mr. Charlie Figari, VP/Chief Auxiliary Officer; Ms. Kathy Rodgers, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs (EVPARA); Dr. Sudhakar Selvaraj, Director, UTH Health Student Counseling Services and Dr. Latanya Love, Medical Director, UTH Health Student Health Services

II. Introduction of Members and Advisors
SIC officers, SIC representatives (school, international and underrepresented groups), and SIC advisors were introduced.

III. University Guest Speakers
a. Student Health & Counseling Services………Dr. Sudhakar Selvaraj and Dr. Latanya Love
Dr. Love and Dr. Selvaraj presented general information regarding student health services and student counseling which are now paired, and located at the UTH Health Professional Building. Dr. Love addressed student questions regarding co-pays, and fees for prescriptions provided by the Student Health Services class D pharmacy. If the visit is of low complexity, there is no charge for the visit as this is absorbed by student fees. If the visit is of moderate complexity, there may be a co-pay depending on your insurance plan, but if you have the student version of BCBS there is an agreement to waive the co-pay, and the visit will be filed through your insurance. The Student Health phone number can be used after hours to reach the answering service to aid with medical questions or mental health related concerns. In the near future a crisis hotline called PROTOCOL will be launched to provide emergency service specifically for mental health related issues. Dr. Selvaraj further elaborated on the role of student counseling services which there is no limit for UTH students at this time. He confirmed the confidential nature of the services stating that unless there is immediate danger to the student, public or if asked of by law enforcement, no information would be shared and this is also true for medical records which have an extra firewall on the EMR system, which adds an additional layer of security.

b. Student Organizations and Leadership…………Mr. Eric Solberg, Associate VP, EVPARA
Mr. Solberg emphasized the leadership capacity in which SIC plays to UTH and the leadership at UTH. He reminded the SIC of the charge by which we were founded and provided insight into the responsiveness of UTH leadership to student opinions and needs.

c. Auxiliary Enterprises………………………..Mr. Charlie Figari, VP/Chief Auxiliary Officer
Mr. Figari highlighted the key role Auxiliary Enterprises (AE) plays within student life at UTH, and the support they provide. AE supports students in many ways, including but not limited to: student health insurance, parking, shuttle service, bookstores, copy machines and printing services, dining/catering, event space (e.g. Cooley Center), recreation center, UTH Health Professional building including student health services and student counseling, and housing. AE also oversees the SIC operating budget and funding of SIC sponsored scholarships.

IV. SIC Icebreaker ………………………………………………Michelle Martinez-Rivera, SIC President
a. SIC members took turns stating their qualities that they can bring to SIC this year. Individually we each have talents, but collectively we can work as a team and accomplish great things.

V. SIC New Business.................................................Michelle Martinez- Rivera, SIC President

a. Role of a SIC Member
The expectations of SIC members were explained by the SIC President.

b. SIC Events Timeline
A tentative timeline of the events for the 2015-2016 academic year was provided.
   Salutation 2015- September 29, 2015
   Fall Event- November
   Community Volunteer Day- February/March 2016
   Crawfish Boil- April 8, 2016
   Deans Dinner- April 2016

c. SIC Projected Budget Plan
SIC Treasurer presented the proposed budget for academic year 2015-2016. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

d. SIC Fall Meeting Dates
SIC Secretary presented options for the fall meeting dates. A vote was taken to select the dates of the fall meetings but not enough votes were received to ensure quorum, so individual dates will be polled to determine the fall meeting schedule via email.

e. Committee Assignments/Co-Chair Selections
SIC Committees were assigned, but there was an error in the file presented so a final list of committees will be sent out via e-mail. Committee co-chairs will be selected by the individual committees once committee assignments are corrected. A final list of committees will be posted to Filr.

f. Committee Expectations
Each standing committee chair presented the expectations for each committee and the goals they foresee as a priority for the year.

g. Project Funding
SIC Treasurer presented the project funding application for the SPH Diversity Fair to be held November 7, 2015. It was suggested that the SIC consider making this a recurring approved funding since SPH holds the fair every year and there is little time at the beginning of the year to approve the event. Discussion raised the concern that all schools will want equal treatment from SIC and this may pose a problem in the future. A motion was made and seconded to allocate $500.00 and a standing approval of the SPH diversity fair project funding request. With 10 votes against and 6 abstentions, the motion did not pass. A second motion was made and seconded to approve $500.00 from the SIC project funding budget line item to fund the SPH diversity fair. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously by the SIC.

SIC Treasurer presented the project funding application for the Boo Bash hosted by SPH, GSBS, and SON. It was noted that since this was not of educational nature and more of a social event it did not qualify for project funding. A proposal was suggested that SIC participate in this event by providing funds, planning and volunteering at the event. A discussion regarding the use of student services fees for events that do not include students from all schools was brought to the table. SIC members advocated for the funding of the event to encourage school collaborative events and SIC name recognition. A motion was made and seconded to allocate $250.00 of the SIC operating budget to support the efforts of the Boo Bash. A vote was called and the motion motion passed with majority vote.

SIC Treasurer will contact the SPH SGO president to determine the best method of funding allocations and SIC involvement.

h. Campus Carry University Committee
Mr. Eric Solberg presented a synopsis of SB11 (Campus Carry) and asked for two volunteers to serve on the committee. SIC members discussed the need for student input from their respective campuses, and requested that SIC use polls from the committee to engage student input. Four SIC members volunteered: John (Matt) Franzen, Jillian Losh, Melissa Bing and Margie Sutton

i. SIC Shirt
T-shirt designs were discussed, and SIC members selected design number 2, which is a navy blue shirt with gold details.

VI. SIC Business Update.................................................Ms. Kathy Rodgers, SIC Advisor
a. **Salutation 2015 Update**
Salutation will be on September 29, 2015. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be distributed via e-mail and members will work with Ms. Kathy Rodgers and Ms. Alixandra Baycroft to determine placement during the event.

b. **Student Regent/THECB Student- Call for Nominations**
The new UT System Student Regent, will visit UTHealth campus and attend Salutation 2015. The EVPARA office will coordinate the visit at UTHealth and will be contacting SIC members individually to attend a student luncheon for that day.
A call for applications will be sent out to all UTHealth students for the UT System Student Regent and The Higher Education Coordinating Board Student positions. The SIC Selection Committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications and making recommendations to UTHealth President, Dr. Colasurdo.

VII. **Adjourn**
a. **Motion to Adjourn**
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.