

Student InterCouncil
Monday, November 11, 2019
University Center Tower (UCT) Room 1726 (17th Floor)
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Minutes

I. Call to Order & Approval of 10/21/19 Minutes.....Tristen Tellman, SIC President

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. Tristen polled the members for any objections or corrections to the minutes from September 14, 2019. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.

In attendance: Tristen Tellman, Jeffrey Ackroyd, Sonia Patel, Niharika Neela, Rachel Pham, Melissa Yang, Alexandra Alvarenga, Arlene Cortez, Evit John, Rachel Buckley, Rohail Momin, Brittany Trinh, Alexandria Zingg Guzman, Ankita Podichetty, Paul Emeonyi, Jayanta Mondal, Sehej Kaur Hara, Liang Wu, Oluchi Nwaobia, Micaela Sandoval, Anik Banerjee, and Eric Solberg, Yuliana Nunez, Charlie Figari

Guest: Ms. Jennifer Canup, Ms. Meredith Raine, Ms. Brittany Jewell, and Ms. Jennifer Cofer

Absent: Michelle Mun, Kelsey Park, and Alexander Wheeler

II. Advisor announcements..... Eric Solberg, SIC Advisor; Yuliana Nunez, SIC Advisor, Charlie Figari, Vice President and Chief Auxiliary Enterprises Officer

Charlie Figari detailed the disbursement of 12 scholarship from the endowment fund, each at \$750 and awarded on an as-needed basis

III. Information Technology.....Ms. Jennifer Canup, Executive Director of University Web Services

Ms. Jennifer Canup provided the Student InterCouncil (SIC) information on Google Cameo an opportunity for UT Health students to take part in a question and answer virtual session with Google. If video format is successful at university level, the activity could be dispersed to each school.

IV. Guest Speaker.....Ms. Brittany Jewell, Former Student Regent, Peers Against Tobacco and Ms. Jennifer Cofer, Director, EndTobacco Program The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Ms. Brittany Jewell and Ms. Jennifer Cofer provided the SIC with a leadership opportunity for UTH as a health institution to take part with a program to help student tobacco users quite. Ms. Jewell mentioned that the purchasing age for tobacco had been raised from 18 years to 21 years of age. She advised that the goal is to help student tobacco users quit.

Ms. Cofere and Jewell opened the floor for questions. Mr. Eric Solberg suggested the effort could be re-directed to tobacco education for healthcare professionals at each school.

**V. Committee Updates
Student Activities Committee..... Alexandra Alvarenga and Anik Banerjee
Sports Day**

Ms. Alexandra Alvarenga provide a review of the SIC Sports Day event. It was suggested to possibility institute a summer session to start the Sport Day preparation planning to allow more time for advertising of event to increase attendance. Ms. Alvarenga noted that attendance was low and feels that earlier advertising of the event could help.

Scholarship Committee.....Micaela Sandoval
Ms. Micaela Sandoval advised that Ms. Tristen Tellman and she attended another Mercedes Benz event.

Project Funding Committee.....Sehej Hara
Ms. Sehej Hara presented the SIC with the additional information they had requested from the project funding organizations Healthcare Innovation Challenge and AMBR's and opened to floor for discussion and vote. Motion was made to approve funding for each and seconded. Healthcare Innovation Challenge funding was approved with probationary funding for the first of four teach-ins. Empowerment in Science Event was approved conditional upon AMBR's use of publicity resources to reach other schools, collection participant data, and use of SIC logo.

Diversity/Mental Health Committees.....Micaela Sandoval, Tristen Tellman, and Paul Emeony
Ms. Micaela Sandoval advised that Diversity/Mentorship report distribution, still pending and will be distributed once completed. Ms. Sandoval also proposed to the SIC about possibility approaching SPH about partnering with them on their Diversity fair.
A Motion to vote to propose partnership was made and seconded and motion passed.

Community Outreach..... Brittany Trinh, Sonia Patel
The Community Outreach committee reminded members about the volunteer at Houston Food Bank on Dec 9. They advised of other activities they donated turkeys for the Turkey drive and they also partnered with UTPD to donate toys for their Toy Drive.

Student Services Committee.....Sehej Hara, Rachel Buckley
Ms. Sehej Hara advised that they do not have any updates at the moment the next Student Services Council meeting will take place November 20, 2019.

Safety Council.....Rachel Pham
Ms. Rachel Pham advise that she did not have any updates to provide for Safety Council.

TMC-SAC..... Jayanta Mondal
Mr. Jayanta Mondal advised that he did not have any updates to provide for the TMC-SAC.

VI. SIC Business.....Yuliana Nunez, SIC Advisor

VII. Other Business

UTSAC.....Tristen Tellman
UTSAC committees for 2019-2020 academic year are:

1. Academic Success
2. Career Success
3. Environmental Wellness
4. Affordability

Ms. Tristen Tellman reminded committees that SIC draft reports are due date of December 20, 2019

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michaela Sandoval, on 01/21/2020.
Approved by Student InterCouncil on 01/27/2020.