

Student InterCouncil

Monday, September 25, 2017

University Center Tower (Rm 1726), 5:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order & Approval of Orientation Minutes..... Stephen Simington, SIC President

Meeting called to order at 5:48 p.m. The September 16, 2017 Orientation minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the 9/16/2017 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Attendance: Emily L Barlow, Alem Belachew, Quinten T Bolden, Kimberly A D'Souza, Jingcheng Du, Pearl Eni, Palak R Jalan, Brittany E Jewell, Shiping Jiao, Michael McGuire, Austin B Miller, Angie Nguyen, Pritul V Patel, Jacquelyn Randle, Alec Santiago, Brenda Saucedo, Megan M Short, Stephen W Simington, Tristen Tellman, Sayali S Tungare, Rachel Treistman, Jennifer M Velasquez, Brennan J Welch

Absent: Prithvi Patil(excused)

Advisors: Kathy Rodgers, Assistant Director for Academic Affairs, Eric Solberg, Vice President for Academic & Research Affairs(out of town), Corrin Ordner, Senior Program Manager (out of town)

II. University Welcome Stephen Simington, SIC President

SIC members were asked to take group photos as well as headshots prior to the meeting. The SIC President welcomed SIC members and advisors. The SIC members who were absent in the last orientation meeting introduced themselves to the SIC group.

III. Standing Committee Reports

a. Project Funding Committee..... Alem Belachew, SIC Treasurer

The SIC Treasurer presented two funding proposals: 1) SPH Diversity Fair; 2) Women in Surgery lecture series.

- School of Public Health will host exhibits, performance and food that will illustrate the diverse cultures represented by staff, faculty and students of UTHealth. The event will be held at the Cooley Center from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm on October 20, 2017. The SIC Treasurer recommended the amount of \$500.00 to fund the 2017 SPH Diversity Fair. The money would help to defray some costs associated with the rental of Cooley Center and the food. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve this funding application in the amount of \$500.00. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.
- Women in Surgery will host three meetings to introduce knowledge required of a woman surgeon. For each meeting, they will invite a guest speaker who can share her experiences in the field she currently practices. The SIC Treasurer presented the request in the amount of \$445.20 from the Women in Surgery to support the costs of food for the three meetings and recommended that the SIC fund the full amount. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve this funding application in the amount of \$445.20. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

SIC members also discussed the suggestions to have student organizations to acknowledge SIC for future sponsored events, such as to make announcement during the event and include SIC logo in the flyers.

b. Committee Selections..... Jacquelyn Randle, Vice President
The SIC Vice President announced the assignment of committee selections. The assignments were made according to members' preferences submitted at last meeting with minor adjustment from SIC Vice President. No other activity was reported for this group at this time.

c. Fall Meeting Dates..... Jingcheng Du, SIC Secretary
The SIC Secretary presented the fall meeting dates which were voted upon by the poll prior to the first meeting. The fall meeting dates will be Monday, September 25th, Thursday, October 19th, and Monday, November 13th. There will be no meeting scheduled for December 2017. The first meeting of next semester will be on Tuesday, January 16th.

d. Public Relations Committee.....Brittany Jewell, SIC Historian
The SIC Historian announced on the goals of Public Relations Committee this year:

- Re-brand SIC as the official representatives for all six schools to the University administration
- Communicate effectively with students from all six schools
- Facilitate SIC goals of community service and inter-professional networking
- Continue to publicize SIC traditional events to encourage more participation (Salutation, Sports Day, Turkey Drive, UTPD Toy Drive, Crawfish Boil)

The SIC Historian then presented the assignment of SIC social media accounts. Brittany Jewell will manage the Facebook account; Brennan J Welch will manage the Twitter account; and Kimberly will manage the Instagram account.

The SIC Historian emphasized the PR priority on mental health. A social media campaign on mental health is now being undertaken to promote awareness and the resources available at our campus. The SIC Historian also emphasized the role of each PR member on Student Corner. Each member of PR should write one article per semester. So far, Brenda Saucedo is working on a mental health advice article and Sayali S Tungare will do a re-cap of SPH Diversity Fair.

e. SIC Student Activities Council/ Sports Day Update..... Stephen Simington, SIC President

The Chairs for SIC committees were announced. SAC Co-Chairs for 2017-2018 will be Austin Miller and Emily Barlow. Mr. Simington proposed three candidate dates for SIC Sports Day: Saturday, October 28th, Saturday, November 4th, and Saturday, November 11th. The rain date will always be the following weekend, except the last date will have a rain day of the following Sunday.

The SIC Secretary will create a doddle pool for the SIC SAC members to vote on the best date.

f. UTHealth Cares..... Stephen Simington, SIC President
The SIC President introduced UTHealth Cares to the SIC group. UTHealth Cares will be hosted by student and with sponsorship from UT Physicians. The official date for UTHealth Cares will be on Feb 3rd, 2018.

IV. Ad Hoc/External Committee Reports

a. Community Outreach Committee/Harvey Volunteer..... Stephen Simington, SIC President

The Co-Chairs for the 2017-2018 Community Outreach Committee will be Quinten Bolden and Prithvi Patil. No other activity was reported for this group at this time.

b. UT System Student Advisory Council (UTSSAC)..... Stephen Simington, SIC President

The SIC UTSSAC representatives (-2017-2018) Mr. Simington and Mr. McGuire gave an overview of UTSSAC and updated the group about the first UTSSAC meeting that took place September 22nd – 23rd. The meeting covered several topics that affected all students across all UT System institutions. UTSSAC representatives compiled a list of student concerns that were UT System wide and later split into four working groups including Academic Success, Student life, Diversity Inclusion, and Graduate and Medical Education. The goal of this meeting was to narrow down the topics in the working groups and develop a plan of action for the next meeting.

The SIC had two positions to consider for 2017-2019 for UTSSAC representatives, and alternate as well as a replacement for Michael McGuire who was stepping down from the SIC. The first position was the one year replacement for Mr. McGuire. Seven SIC members nominated themselves for this position, including Pearl Eni, Palak R Jalan, Quinten T Bolden, Pritul V Patel, Emily L Barlow, Brittany Jewell, and Brenda Saucedo. Each candidate was asked to state their mission for serving on the UTSSAC. The SIC then took a vote for the one year replacement. Palak R Jalan received the most votes from SIC members and was announced by the SIC President as the one year replacement for Mr. McGuire's one year representative position.

The second position was the two-year alternate representative. The first year of this position will be alternate and the second year will be the full representative. SIC members nominated four SIC members for this position, including Megan M Short, Pearl Eni, Pritul V Patel and Brenda Saucedo. Each candidate was asked to state their mission for serving on the UTSSAC.. Megan M Short received the most votes from SIC members and was announced by the SIC President as the two-year UTSSAC representative.

c. TMC SAC Updates..... Jacquelyn Randle, Vice President

The SIC Vice President presented the updates for the Texas Medical Center-Student Advisory Council (TMC-SAC). Two TMC events were introduced: TMC Networking event will be on Tuesday September 26, 2017 at the Third Coast Cafe. The event starts at 5pm and RSVP is required; and TMC SERVES at the Houston Food Bank on will be on October 28, 2017. The next meeting of TMC SAC will be on November 14, 2017.

d. Interfaculty Council Update..... Brittany Jewell, SIC Historian

Brittany Jewell is the SIC 2017-2018 Interfaculty Council Committee representative. She gave a report on the IFC meeting held on September 20th, 2017. A legislative update was given to the faculty on behalf of Mr. Scott Forbes, VP of Governmental Relations, by Dr. Kevin Morano, Associate VP for Faculty Affairs and Development. The most noted item was that the legislative session funding for all health related institutions were cut via reduction in the number of special line items. However, the budget for UTHealth was increased due to the 300 bed HCPC facility. It was also noted that the amount of formula funding (the amount of money spent by the state per student) was decreased. It was also noted that Sam Houston State University and the University of Houston are in plans to each open D.O. schools. This would affect students by having more students competing for the same amount of training spots.

Each of the schools had at least one faculty representative speak about Harvey recovery. It seems that faculty were more affected than students. There are funds available to students in each school, should they need help. The SOD especially noted a huge student turn out to help affected faculty.

V. Old Business

a. SIC Budget Update..... Alem Belachew SIC Treasurer
There were no updates to the SIC Budget at this time. The SIC Treasurer will check with Charlie Figari, Vice President and Chief Auxiliary Officer, for additional budget information for 2017-2018.

b. Salutation 2017 Update..... Kathy Rodgers, SIC Advisor
Ms. Rodgers brought SIC members up to date about the upcoming Salutation event being held at the Cooley Conference Center on Tuesday, October 3rd. She reminded SIC members that they are the ambassadors of the event and need to help the event go smoothly by volunteering their time. Members working at the SIC Booth should encourage students to fill out the SIC Salutation Survey. The registration table will have sign-up sheets for each school, so SIC members at the table will need to check student IDs, make sure students sign in, and ask if they need a parking validation stamp. Ms. Rodgers requested that SIC members sign up and passed around a Salutation Duty Roster. She reminded all members that they are expected to help clean up after the event. It was noted that the drawing for the Kindle HD Fire Tables will take place at 7pm and students must be present to win. SIC members are not eligible for the HD Tablet drawing.

c. Stop the Bleed Campaign..... Stephen Simington, SIC President
The SIC President updated the SIC that UTHHealth will be hosting a unique Inter-professional Student Education and Service Event on November 2, 2017 where students from across the university will be trained on “stop the bleed” techniques and then will participate in the assembly of actual “stop the bleed” kits which will be deployed across the campus. The event will be sponsored by the UTHHealth Student InterCouncil at the Cooley Life Center.

d. Breakout Session..... Stephen Simington, SIC President
The SIC President presented the committee assignments to the members, so a breakout session was convened in order that the SIC members join their committee to meet and greet the other committee members and discuss the charge of the committee.

VI. Announcements
No announcements made.

VII. Adjourn
a. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.