

Student InterCouncil

Thursday, November 13, 2017

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

Minutes

I. Call to Order & Approval of 10/19/17 Minutes..... Stephen Simington, SIC President

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. The October 19, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the 10/19/2017 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

Attendance: Jeffrey Ackroyd, Emily Barlow, Alem Belachew, Quinten Bolden, Kimberly D’Souza, Pearl Eni, Palak Jalan, Brittan Jewell, Shiping Jiao, Austin Miller, Angie Nguyen, Prithvi Patil, Jacquelyn Randle, Alec Santiago, Megan Short, Stephen Simington, Tristen Tellman, Rachel Treistman, Jennifer Velasquez

Absent: Pritul V Patel, Sayali Tungare, Brenda Saucedo, Brennan Welch

Advisors: Eric Solberg, Vice President for Academic & Research Affairs, Corrin Ordner, Senior Program Manager

II. University Guest Speakers..... Stephen Simington, SIC President

a. Smoking Cessation MD Anderson.....Alex Hurst, MHA, Program Manager

Mr. Hurst discussed the smoking cessation initiative with SIC members. The goal of the campaign is to create a smoke free environment for the entire UT System. Currently, 11 out of 14 total schools are participating in the initiative. Within the initiative’s goals, there are three overarching areas of focus, which are prevention, cessation, and policy proposal and implementation. Mr. Hurst mentioned that this upcoming April 2018, MD Anderson would host its 3rd annual Smoking Cessation Summit. Last year, 20 institutions participated in the event. Mr. Hurst would like for SIC members to consider being a part of the steering committee for this smoking cessation summit. Additionally, Mr. Hurst requested that students help with addressing the challenges that his team has come across in implementing a program of this type. Students can help with creating pathways for increased campus involvement. Additionally, students can help with reformatting the summit to address the specific needs of institutions.

b. Inter- professional Collaboration Course..... Ankita Mirsa, SBMI and Jing Wang PhD Nursing Systems

Dr. Wang spoke to members regarding the implementation of curriculum on mobile and inter-connected health. The goal is to gather data from mobile apps and connected technologies, to gauge how to improve current system designs. There will be a primary care focus on underserved populations and senior services. Dr. Wang requested feedback on whether this program should have face-to-face communication, online teaching concepts (step-by-step protocol), and/or standardized patient encounters for students. Dr. Wang also wanted feedback on overall student preferences with patient advisors and mentors. One of the goals for inter professional development collaboration is to connect students with industry. One way to implement this goal is with inter professional mobile and inter-connected team training.

Currently the only measure of collecting student data is via a survey. Dr. Wang is open for suggestions on ways to improve communication between her team and students. Lastly, Dr. Wang discussed a possible Hack-a-thon in the future with a collaboration with the School of Dentistry and GSBS. Dr. Wang stated that she would send an email for further information regarding this goal.

c. Student Service Fees UpdateEric Solberg, Vice President for Academic & Research Affairs

At the last SIC meeting in October, Mr. Solberg explained the goal for the UT System Board of Regents to create a proposal for an increase in tuition and fees across all campuses. Tonight, Mr. Charlie Figari discussed a proposal for a 5-year plan to increase student funding for student government. The recommendation from the proposal is then presented to the UT System Board of Regents. A motion to increase the student government funds by 10% in fall of 2021 was made by Brittany Jewell, SIC Historian, and seconded. SIC members voted and the motion was approved by majority rule. The subcommittee of the SIC, known as the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC), will meet on December 6th to review proposals regarding student services fees and other central admin fees that impact students.

III. Ad Hoc/External Committee Reports

a. Career Development Committee.....Alec Santiago and Kimberly D’Souza, Co-Chairs

The co-chairs reported the updates of career development committee to SIC members. The committee determined that the Career Fair will take place on February 12, 2018 at the Cooley Center. Alec and Kimberly commissioned members to contact members of their respective schools administration to solicit participation in school specific panels. The committee is in the process of drafting a general invitation to send to schools.

b. Community Outreach Committee.....Quinten Bolden and Prithvi Patil, Co-Chairs

The co-chairs reported the updates of community outreach committee to the SIC members. The community outreach committee chose Ronald McDonald House as the organization to partner with in the fall. The committee proposed to create a one-day mentoring/ school panel event next Spring with a local high school. The committee chose to participate in the Star of Hope Turkey Drive. A doodle poll was sent to members to determine the drop off date of the turkeys. The committee planned to donate eight turkeys.

c. Interfaculty Council Update..... Brittany Jewell, SIC Historian
No updates

d. University Safety Council.....Brennan Welch, SIC Representative
No updates.

e. HOOP Committee..... Megan Short, SIC Representative
Megan Short provided council members with information regarding the University Alcohol Policy. Megan clarified that when promoting university events an organization cannot mention alcohol in any advertisement. Additionally, there is an alcohol permission that the organization must collect and have signed by an advisor and administrative dean.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

a. Student Activities Committee-SIC Sports Day Recap.....Austin Miller and Emily Barlow, Co-Chairs

The co-chairs for this committee provided members with a recap of the event. The event was a success however, the committee proposed that the planning of the event next year to start during the summer to provide ample time for school promotion. It was also mentioned that the in the advertisement, more specific event locations should be posted. Lastly, it was suggested that lunch be served later in the day and in a more organized manner.

b. Public Relations Committee.....Brittany Jewell, SIC Historian

SIC Historian reported the updates of PR committee to the SIC members. The PR committee alongside Auxiliary Enterprises created a SIC brochure to give students additional information about the student governance. Council members were informed that the PR committee is no longer partnering with the Student Corner and will restart the Student Pulse in the Spring. Tristen and Dr. Selvaraj are in the process of creating video content for students to better handle stress during finals and around the holidays. The committee informed members that social media usage has increased by over 300% during this school year.

c. SIC Project Funding.....Alem Belachew, SIC Treasurer

No updates

d. SIC Selection Committee.....Rachel Treistman, Committee Chair

No updates

V. Discussion

A. Housing Committee.....Stephen Simington, SIC President

SIC President stated that during the Spring he would like for members to focus on 3 areas of improvement within student housing recommendations; pest control, security issues and transparency in selection. Members of this committee will be responsible for collecting data on student waiting lists and evaluating the current state of student housing. Committee members selected are Megan, Austin, Jeffrey, Tristen.

B. Shuttle Committee.....Stephen Simington, SIC President

SIC President aims to create a committee to create a proposal to improve the shuttle system for students. Currently, Brittany and Quinten are a part of the committee. Stephen will appoint 2 additional people for this committee.

C. Student Evaluations.....Stephen Simington, SIC President

SIC President commissioned members to report about student evaluations and how their respective schools evaluate professors, each member will report on their school's process by end of year.

VI. End of Semester Reports.....Stephen Simington, SIC President

SIC President stated that he want committee chairs to provide a detailed report on what happened during the Fall semester as well as their plans for the Spring, by the end of this semester.

VII. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.