

Student InterCouncil
Monday, March 28th ,2022
Zoom meeting
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Meeting minutes

Attendance: Kate Wall, Jayanta Mondal, Nour Alia, Sonia Patel, Niharika Neela, Lia Olim, Alexis Conley, Logan Bliss, Mabel Giselle, Meghan Orsak, Melissa Liu, Ruchira Gundlapally, Sharmeen Hamid, Sharmily Roy, Zaid Soomro, Xiao Li, Amber Chen, Angie Hayes, Cem Dede, Clayton Culp, Elia Macha, Angie Hayes, Jordan Swan, Charlie Figari, Yuliana Nunez, Eric Solberg, Tanedra Booker, Derrick Miller, Brynn McGarry, Requita Furlow

1. Call to order, Quorum and Approval of Minutes
.....**Niharika Neela , SIC President**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Niharika established the quorum and the SIC members moved a motion to approve the minutes of the previous SIC meeting and subsequently voted to pass the motion.

2. University Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving.....**Derrick Miller, Senior Director of Annual Giving and University Alumni Engagement; Brynn McGarry, Associate Director of University Alumni Engagement; Requita Furlow, Associate Director of Annual Giving**

Derrick, Brynn and Requita introduced themselves to us and started the discussion with regards to the Annual Giving event. Requita advised the importance of the Annual Giving Day and encouraged the SIC members to spread the word. Brynn announced about the countdown to commencement event that the University Alumni Engagement is organizing for the outgoing class. Derrick also mentioned that he is excited about being a part of the Crawfish Boil for the first time and the University Alumni engagement shall set up a table/booth and shall be giving out goodies too. Niharika mentioned that potentially we could invite the UTHealth alumni to Crawfish Boil from the following year. Also, SIC could promote the pre-commencement events through the SIC social media accounts.

3. SIC Events

A. Speaker Series- Tuesday, March 29, 2022:

- a. Niharika stated that she would be willing to volunteer to do the Q/A session for the upcoming Speaker Series event and Jayanta mentioned that he would be doing the introduction of the Speaker and Sonia would conclude the event and give the survey and thanks. Also, Tanedra detailed that to-date 196 people had already registered for the event.

B. Crawfish Boil - Friday, April 1, 2022:

- a. Niharika specified that the Crawfish boil attendance is compulsory for all the SIC members and that everyone should sign up for the duty list as we expect a lot of people to turn up for the Crawfish Boil. Tanedra mentioned that the SIC members could pick up their shirts directly from Tanedra prior to the event or during the Crawfish boil.

C. Deans' dinner- Wednesday, April 27th, 2022:

- a. Tanedra advised that the scholarship recipients would be invited to attend the Deans' dinner and it shall be an in-person event.

4. Budget/Project Funding Updates.....Kate Wall, SIC Treasurer

Kate announced that the prizes for the Speaker Series event had been approved and other than that there were not any other updates from her side.

5. Committee Updates

A. Standing committees

Nour stated that she is working on promoting the multiple upcoming SIC events and the Student Pulse newsletter contents are being decided and shall be published soon. The Student Activities Committee mentioned that they are working on promoting and organizing and signing up the SIC members for the Crawfish Boil duties.

B. Ad hoc committees:

The Diversity Committee informed us the Diversity and Inclusion Committee had decided that UHealth students shall have an option of using preferred names in their ID badges. The Mental Health Committee mentioned that they would be looking to organize a therapy dog session either towards the end of April or early May.

6. Officer Nominations:

Niharika announced that one could nominate themselves or someone else for a SIC officer position which included the position of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and/or Historian positions. Individuals could nominate either through the Zoom chat and/or through an email to Nedra and Yuliana prior to the commencement of next scheduled SIC meeting. The current SIC officers discussed in detail the benefits and the attached responsibilities of becoming an SIC officer and how becoming an SIC officer helps one to take a leadership role which leads to an enriching experience.

7. Advisor Announcements Eric Solberg, Vice President of Academic and Research Affairs, Charlie Figari, Vice President and Chief Auxillary Enterprises officer

Eric advised that the Academic Council has decided to create a taskforce for Education Technology for each of the UTHealth schools which shall formulate recommendations for the IT department who shall work towards implementing it successfully. Tanedra announced that the official UTHealth app was coming along nicely and she was looking for 3 to 6 students, ideally one from each UTHealth school, to volunteer to test the app before it is widely released.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the SIC meeting was proposed, seconded and approved at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jayanta Mondal.

