Student InterCouncil Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023
UCT 1726, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Agenda

I. Call to Order, Quorum, Approval of Minutes
   Kate Wall, SIC President
   A. In attendance: QR Code Attendance. Zoom: Melissa Liu, Lilac, Naomi Mata, Mary Fuentes

II. Fall Events and Date
    Kate Wall, SIC President
    A. Updates from volunteer date requests
       1. Joint Volunteer Day – February
       2. February 20th - SIC Meeting
       3. March 27th – SIC Meeting
       4. April 5th – Crawfish Boil
       5. April 19th – Dean’s Dinner

III. UT System Meetings Recap
     Kate Wall, SIC President
     A. Proposed Fee Discussion and Vote – Jan 11th
        1. Graduation Fee, Student Services Fee, International Students Fee, Bursar’s Fee,
           Information Tech Access Fee, University Process Fee
     B. UT System Chancellor Meeting
        1. Difficulty in communication

IV. Alumni Engagement
    A. Promotion assistance
       1. Countdown to commencement event and mentoring with alums
       2. Joining Feb meeting
       3. Will probably join 2/25 volunteer day

V. Budget/Project Funding Updates
   Cem Dede, Treasurer
   A. UTHealthCares 
   B. Students serve underserved populations in Houston
   C. Aim – provide health fair: for screening, preventative medicine, distribution of resources and
      community engagement
      UT Physicians Multi-specialty – Jensen’s Clinic
   D. Supported and approved this UTHealth Fair last year that ended up being canceled due to
      COVID
   E. Approved by Council

VI. Spring Events
    Kate Wall, SIC President
    A. Crawfish Boil
       1. Wednesday, April 5, 2023
    B. Dean’s Dinner Proposed Dates
       1. Tuesday, April 11
       2. Wednesday, April 19
       3. Thursday, April 20

VII. Committee Chair Updates
     Each Committee Chair
     A. Student Activities Committee
        1. Volunteer with Houston Food Back – Ruchika
           1. Have to register with them
           2. Voted on volunteering at Food Bank on one evening in March
           3. March 5th
        2. Volunteer with Houston Botanical Garden
1. **February 25th**
   2. Houston Botanic Garden
   3. 20 min from campus, carpooling needed

B. **PR Committee**
   1. SIC Pulse Newsletter – Fall 2022 done!
   2. Finalized Crawfish Boil flyer promo
      1. Waiting for Crawfish Boil meeting to decide on food options and vegetarian options
   3. Houston Food Bank – Ruchika
      1. Need to take poll

C. **Operations Committee**
   1. ULC – did not meet since last meeting
   2. IFC – selected TF Burks Scholarship Recipients
   3. HOOP – no updates
   4. UAC – no updates
   5. Safety Council – meeting on Thursday
   6. Student Services – Auxiliary Added 4th Express bus from 7-11am and 3-6pm

D. **Selection Committee**
   1. Maria Duarte – SON new member (PR Representative)
   2. Naomi Mata – SON new member

E. **Scholarship Committee**
   1. Still waiting for submission of all app reviews
   2. SIC Alumni Committee is also reviewing the Leadership apps

F. **Diversity Committee**
   1. SIC disABILITY Networking Event
      1. Geared towards students to empower themselves in these situations – where to go in these situations
      2. Advocate for students
      3. Want to target higher administration and faculty as well to raise awareness on how to interact with students who need accommodations
      4. Previously “Lunch and Learn: Abilities and Disabilities”
      5. Committee met with Deana Moylan, proposed larger scale event in collab with DEI office
      6. Goal of event:
         a. Identify gaps in student knowledge regarding accommodations
         b. Panel composed of 504 coordinators from each school to give an idea of who the people they’re reaching to are. Allows them to make a connection w the people they’re to reach out to without that fear.
      c. Vendor Fair and Dinner
      7. Location of event: Cooley Center
      8. Timeline of Event: March – Disability Awareness Month
      9. Budget: $2k allocated, should we use all these funds? Deana will also allocate funds for this event?
         a. Need a budget estimate for how the $2k will be used
   2. Humans of UTHealth Social Media Spotlight
      1. Akhila will make nomination form with q’s and send to Kate to disperse to the six schools
      2. Social media spotlight will occur week of Dean’s Dinner
      3. Budget: students send in own pictures?
      4. Ask Public Affairs Office for photography and help with this

G. **International Student Committee**
   1. Created survey and sent to IS Office and discussed with Eric as well.
2. Important because Student Perception Survey will be sent out this year
H. UTSSAC Reps
  1. Melissa won’t be able to attend last SAC meeting

VIII. School SGO Updates ....................... Each SGO Rep
A. SBMI – parking validations should be increased for free parking. Meeting was about increasing funds for student workers.
B. SPH – no updates
C. SON – no updates
D. GSBS – will increase stipend Fall 2023
E. SOD – no updates
F. MMS – no updates

IX. Advisor Announcements and SIC Business
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Nedra Booker, SIC Advisor
Yuliana Nunez, SIC Advisor

X. Motion to Approve November Meeting Minutes – Approved and Seconded
XI. Adjournment - Motion Seconded and Approved at 7:05pm

Next Meeting Date & Time: February 20th, 5:30pm-7:30pm UCT 1505-C