

Student InterCouncil Orientation Meeting

January 12, 2006

UCT 15th Floor Vision Room

Present: Ms. Heather Anderson, Ms. Lauren Casile, Mr. Adol Esquivel, Mr. John Garcia, Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi, Ms. Shannan Kilpatrick, Mr. Stephen Kry, Ms. Magalie Leduc, Ms. Christy Marshall, Mr. John McAuliffe, Ms. Dorina Papageorgiou, Ms. Julia Shields, Ms. Rose Thelus, Ms. Nancy Tran

Also Present: Ms. Linda Brannon, Mr. Charlie Figari, Mr. Christian Gutierrez

Staff Support: Ms. Betty Vaughan

Mr. Stephen Kry, president, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The question was raised about why the meeting in March was scheduled for the 2nd instead of the 9th and it was noted that the 9th falls during Spring Break. **The motion to approve the minutes carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations: Ms. Christy Marshall

Ms. Marshall reported that the committee has been reviewing the by-laws and has completed Articles 1 through 4. She noted that Article 3, Section 2, relates to selection of minority representatives and said that recommendations about how the representatives could be selected would be presented at a future meeting. She added that Articles 5 through 8 would also be reviewed for possible revision.

Scholarships: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

In Mr. Barrientos' absence, Ms. Hajibashi reported that an email was sent to confirm the membership of the committee, but she received no replies. There was no other report.

Project Funding: Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi

Ms. Hajibashi reported that she has attempted to contact the person who submitted the project funding application, but has not received a reply. She will continue to try contacting that person and will report again. She reported that three applications were for personal travel to conferences, which have historically not been funded by the SIC. The presented recommendations for vote to the SIC membership.

A motion was made and seconded to deny funding to Jennifer Sanner for travel to a conference. There was no discussion and the motion carried with one opposing vote.

A motion was made and seconded to deny funding to Chris Alma for travel to a conference. It was noted that the funding was needed in June. **There was no discussion and the motion carried with one opposing vote.**

A motion was made and seconded to deny funding to Brett Ewald for travel to a conference. There was no discussion and the motion carried with one opposing vote.

She noted that revised guidelines were sent to the members by email prior to the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Project Funding Guidelines. It was noted that the revision clarifies the purpose of project funding and explains why individuals who submit applications are not considered. After some discussion, a vote was taken. **The motion carried with three opposing votes.**

Public Relations: Mr. John McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe reported that he would be scheduling a meeting with the school SGOs about their vision for the new student government office during January and report at the February meeting. He reported that he is working with Mr. Esquivel to develop an online survey related to a student newspaper to find out whether or not students would benefit from a student newspaper, what they want to see in a student publication, and whether or not they would read it on a regular basis. He noted that an online survey would get immediate feedback. There was discussion about the possibility of making the student newsletter an SIC and SGO cooperative effort. Ms. Brannon noted that the News & Views is the only publication with a student perspective. She had briefly discussed the students' need for assistance to Dr. Morris of Public Affairs and he hinted that his office might be able to help. She also suggested that they share the survey with Dr. Chris McKee, Office of Outcomes Assessment, for feedback about the form, etc. It was suggested that a question be included that asked for those interested in working with the newsletter or serving on a board.

SAC: Ms. John McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe reported the Bowling Night activity has been planned for Saturday, February 11, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He noted that the event is family oriented and that no alcohol will be served. The committee has made arrangements for the use of 19 lanes and will providing sodas and pizza. The SIC will be providing two hours of free bowling and free shoes. A flyer is near completion and will be forwarded to Ms. Vaughan soon for dissemination to the UTHSC-H students.

A motion was made and seconded to expend up to \$1,045 for Bowling Night. The motion carried.

Mr. McAuliffe also reported that March 31st has been selected as a possible date for the Spring Mixer.

MediSend: Ms. Rose Thelus

Ms. Thelus reported that she had met with Tricia Norris and visited the space provided for supply collection in the Dental Branch. She noted that most of the supplies have been distributed and that the space needs to be cleaned. She reported that Ms. Norris provided her with folders from past committees. She said that the next step is for the committee to meet and discuss a new collaboration and a new structure for the campus activity. Project Care was suggested as an agency. She asked the members to provide her with any input.

CHASE: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

There was no report.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

UTSAC: Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi

Ms. Hajibashi reported at the next meeting will be February 10-11 and that she would report at the February meeting.

TMCSAAC: Ms. Rose Thelus

There was no report.

IFC: Ms. Dorina Papageorgiou

Ms. Papageorgiou reported the IFC did not meet in December. She also reported that she is preparing a report of SIC activities to present at the January meeting on January 18th.

ICAC: Mr. John McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe reported that the Council did not meet.

Student Fees Advisory Committee

Ms. Casile reported that the committee has met and completed its work. It was noted that student organizations from other components are sending the presidents to the Board of Regents' meeting in February. Ms. Brannon said that she would verify that and get back to Mr. Kry.

Director of Financial Services Search Committee: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

In Mr. Barrientos' absence, Ms. Brannon reported that the committee made its recommendations of the top candidate, but he had accepted a position elsewhere. The search has been reopened and will be expedited to find a candidate from a healthcare environment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Toy Drive

Mr. Kry reported that he and Mr. McAuliffe shopped for toys for toddler and spent about \$100. Ms. Leduc and Mr. Gutierrez shopped for items for adolescents and also spent \$100. Purchases were delivered to UT Police, but the students could not be available for distribution because of the time.

SPH Orientation

Ms. Leduc reported that she and Ms. Thelus distributed a one-page summary about the SIC and that many students appeared to very interested ways to get involved with the SIC. She noted that the two SIC banners are outdated and suggested that new banners should be prepared for use during activities and orientations.

NEW BUSINESS

United To Serve

Mr. Kry provided some background and noted that students from UTHSC-H and MD Anderson collaborate in the planning of this event. He noted that the Office of Community and Education Outreach had facilitated the planning of this event in the past, but the office no longer exists. He stated that the planning committee consists of three subcommittees: Logistics, Communication, and Volunteer Projects. He asked for SIC members to serve on the Planning Committee. The following people volunteered:

Christy Marshall
Megalie Leduc
Nancy Tran
Lauren Casile
Shohrae Hajibashi

Rose Thelus

There was discussion about a possible date and April 22nd and April 29th were suggested as dates connected to National Volunteer Week.

Adopt-A-Block Program

Mr. Kry presented information about an Adopt-A-Block Program, noting that GSBS has participated in this program. The commitment for the SIC would be to select and clean up an area four times a year for two years. A sign, designating the SIC as responsible for that street, could be purchased and erected for \$100. He noted that an application form would be completed with the SIC's top three choices of a five-block strip. He noted that GSBS has a section of Fannin as its adopted block. Cleaning would consist of pickup up litter in common areas. During discussion three sites were suggested: 1) the streets around student housing; 2) Bertner; and 3) Bates. He noted gloves and bags would be provided.

A motion was made and seconded to obligate the SIC to participate in the Adopt-A-Block program for two years at a cost of \$100 for a sign. The motion carried.

Mr. Kry said that he will email the SIC representatives about their preferences for selection of a clean-up area.

Student Issues

Mr. Esquivel raised an issue presented to him by SHIS students about the shuttle not stopping on Pressler. Mr. Figari said that the shuttle now stops on Fannin for riders at the UCT. He asked the students to call him and said that he would get the matter cleared up.

Ms. Anderson said that she has received complaints about the poor lighting on El Paseo near student housing. Mr. Figari noted that lamp posts cost about \$220 each and that his personnel have been talking to the City of Houston for about eight weeks. The City has promised to fix the lights, but nothing had been done at that time. Mr. Figari said that he will follow up and report again to the SIC.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, 2006, 5:30 p.m. in the UCT Vision Room.

NOTE: Meeting Dates for Spring 2006

It was decided that meetings would continue on the second Thursday of each month. The spring meeting dates are as follows:

January 12, 2006

February 9, 2006

March 2, 2006

April 13, 2006

Approved at the _____ meeting.