

## Student InterCouncil Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2006

UCT 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Vision Room

**Present:** Ms. Lauren Casile, Ms. Kyler Godwin, Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi, Ms. Shannan Kilpatrick, Mr. Stephen Kry, Ms. Magalie Leduc, Ms. Christy Marshall, Ms. Julie Shields

**Also Present:** Ms. Linda Brannon, Mr. Charlie Figari

**Staff Support:** Ms. Betty Vaughan

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Mr. Stephen Kry, president, called the meeting to order and announced the officers for the 2006-2007 year will be elected at the April meeting. He noted that all officers except two UTSAC representatives, Shohrae Hajibashi, and, possibly, John McAuliffe, will be graduating. Ms. Hajibashi will remain as UTSAC representative since she was elected Historian for the UT System Student Advisory Council for the coming year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Operations: Ms. Christy Marshall

Ms. Marshall reported that there a bylaw revision regarding the selection of minority representatives, which will be delegated to the Office of Academic Affairs, will be emailed to the membership for vote before the next meeting.

#### Project Funding: Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi

Ms. Hajibashi reported that the Psychiatry Student Organization withdrew its application for project funding. She presented another application from in the amount of \$500 from the School of Public Health Student Association to conduct Rape and Aggression Defense Classes during Spring 2006 and noted that questions had been answered and that the committee recommended approval of the project. She said that she would email the application and motion to the membership for vote since attendance was low at this meeting. She noted that there had been no other applications and commented that project funding had not been advertised as well as originally planned.

#### Scholarships: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

There was no report.

#### Public Relations: Mr. John McAuliffe

It was reported that Mr. Esquivel is working on a template for the News & Views. Ms. Vaughan reported that she had met with Mr. McAuliffe and prepared another draft News & Views. She reported that Mr. McAuliffe had proposed a change in name of the newspaper to *The Long Horn*, a play on words referring to the Alpenhorn used in the Swiss Alps. Ms. Vaughan commented that Alpenhorn as come to mean "All is well in the valley" or used as a call to assembly in Switzerland. Concern was voiced about whether Dr. Willerson might be offended by a name so close the logo of UT Austin and suggested that Mr. McAuliffe get an opinion from Public Affairs and/or the Internal Communications Advisory Committee on which he serves. Ms. Vaughan asked the members to email any suggestions for a name to Mr. McAuliffe or to her.

It was reported and the SIC office decorations are being completed and that an SIC banner has been displayed in the front window. It was also noted that School of Nursing students have been visiting the office.

SAC: Ms. Shannan Kilpatrick

Ms. Kilpatrick proposed a budget of \$2,500 for the St. Patty's Day Celebration to feed sandwiches and beer to 200 people.

**A motion was made and seconded to suspend the bylaws so that a vote could be taken on a budget for the St. Patty's Day Celebration. The motion carried with one abstention.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$2,500 for the St. Patty's Day Celebration. The motion carried.**

She also noted that April 20 has been decided for the Spring Mixer and a budget of about \$5,700 would be proposed for the Spring Mixer. The location is still being discussed and will either be in the police station parking lot or the athletic fields. The theme will be something like Olympic games or Casino Night. Ms. Kilpatrick said that she would advise Mr. Figari's office of the plans.

She reported that the Bowling night event was a big success and that extra food had to be ordered.

MediSend: Ms. Rose Thelus

Mr. Kry reported individuals from Project CURE came to campus and cleaned out the storage area in the Dental Branch and that contacts have been found for most schools. The committee would like to find someone at the Medical School to talk to about the project.

CHASE: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

There was no report.

**EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

UTSAC: Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi

Ms. Hajibashi reported she was elected Historian for the coming year and that the group would be presenting its recommendations to the Chancellor at its meeting in May. Some of the recommendations, including ethics classes, random drug testing, a portal for SGO presidents of each component to talk to either other, etc. She also reported that the UTSAC president has suggested preparation of orientation packets for new members because of the small number of meetings during the year and low attendance.

IFC: Mr. Stephen Kry

Mr. Kry reported that he attended the IFC meeting for Ms. Papageorgiou and provided information about the Toshi Nikaidoh Leadership and Services Award.

ICAC: Mr. John McAuliffe

There was no report.

Director of Financial Services Search Committee: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

Ms. Brannon reported that the search committee has received a good number of applications and that the interview process will begin very soon.

United to Serve

Mr. Kry reported that M.D. Anderson will be participating this and that their contribution has been received. He said that he would be contacting staff and students about participating as members of the committee. The event will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. He reported that parking will be available in the MSI parking lots and that the parking lot next to the Dental Branch building will be open until 1:00 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dean's Reception

Ms. Marshall will be organizing the Dean's Reception and has suggested the Marriott. The cost would be approximately \$900, or \$23.95 per person plus a \$100 room charge. This does not include alcohol or parking. She suggested the event start at about 6:00 p.m.

Wrap Up Party

Ms. Casile volunteered to chair a subcommittee to plan a Wrap Up Party for the members in May. It was noted that \$400 was spent last year. Mr. Figari suggested that the UT Housing Club House might be an option for a location.

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

**The next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2006, 5:30 p.m. in the UCT Vision Room.**

Approved at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.