

Student InterCouncil Orientation Meeting

October 1, 2005

UCT 15th Floor Vision Room

Present: Ms. Heather Anderson, Mr. Sam Annor, Mr. Siraj Anwar, Mr. Ryan Barrientos, Ms. Lauren Casile, Mr. John Garcia, Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi, Ms. Shannan Kilpatrick, Mr. Stephen Kry, Ms. Maglie Leduc, Ms. Angelica Lozano, Mr. John McAuliffe, Ms. Julia Shields, Ms. Rose Thelus, Ms. Nancy Tran, Ms. Jennifer Frey

Also Present: Ms. Linda Brannon, Mr. Charles Figari,

Staff Support: Ms. Betty Vaughan

Mr. Stephen Kry, president, called the meeting to order and briefly discussed the items in a prepared packet. He invited the attendees to walk over the School of Nursing Building to see the SIC office and to a post-orientation party at Ms. Hajibashi's house that evening. After introductions by all present, Mr. Kry began his presentation about the SIC purpose and its activities. (The presentation can be found on the SIC website at <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/sic/Orientation.pps>.)

The Chairs of the Subcommittees each provided an overview of their committees' responsibilities and activities. Mr. Barrientos volunteered to participate in a panel discussion that will be facilitated by Ms. Brannon and the Office of Development about ways to increase student scholarships.

During discuss of CHASE, Mr. McAuliffe noted that since the Office of Community and Educational Outreach (OCEO) has been closed, the SIC will have to make contact with schools and plan the activities. It was noted that the OCEO had provided the funding for activities in the past. Future activities will require fundraising or use of SIC funds. It was suggested that Dr. Tom Goka (GSBS faculty) be asked to assist because of his work with outreach projects in the Graduate School. Ms. Anne Sturm in the School of Nursing was also suggested as a contact.

Mr. Kry noted that representatives were needed for several affiliated committees. The committees and volunteers were as follows:

Institutional Communications Advisory Committee: Mr. John McAuliffe

Director of Student Financial Aid Search Committee: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

Ms. Brannon and Mr. Figari spoke briefly about their areas and both noted that they have an open-door policy. Mr. Figari announced that The French Corner has just signed a contract with UTHSC as the new food service provider and caterer. He also noted that he is able to provide after-hours parking to students in the UTHSC Professional Building on Fannin at \$30 for six months. Additionally, he noted that he is trying to expand the Child Development Center.

Before breaking into separate committees, Mr. Kry outlined the things each subcommittee should include in discussion.

He also announced the UT System is discussing the discontinuation of United To Serve, but will report again after the next UTSAC meeting. It was noted that United To Serve created the first volunteer effort that has brought all of the hospitals in the Medical Center together.

It was announced that the SIC office now has doors installed. Betty Vaughan said that she would see if keys are available for the inner office now. There was brief discussion about the lack of parking around the SON Student Community Center building and it was noted that because of the parking issue it would be best to continue holding the SIC meetings in the UCT building.

Ms. Hajibashi spoke briefly about the treasurer's report and the budget. She reported that the SIC has is operating budget and oversees the budget for the Student Activities Council, which is the group responsible for social activities. The SAC works with a budget of \$10,000 each year with expenditures approved by the SIC membership.

Meetings were set for the fall semester on the second Thursday of each month. The October meeting, however, was changed to October 20th to allow more time between the Orientation meeting and the next general meeting. Dates will be re-evaluated in December. Meeting dates will be as follows:

October 20, 2005
November 10, 2005
December 8, 2005

The meeting was adjourned and members were again invited to visit the new SIC office and to attend a post-orientation party at Ms. Hajibashi's house.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2005, 5:30 p.m. in the UCT Vision Room.

Approved at the _____ meeting.