

Student InterCouncil Orientation Meeting

October 20, 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. Kyler Godwin, Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi, Ms. Shannan Kilpatrick, Mr. Stephen Kry, Ms. Magalie Leduc, Ms. Angelica Lozano, Ms. Christi Marshall, Mr. John McAuliffe, Ms. Tricia Norris, Ms. Dorina Papageorgiou, Ms. Julia Shields, Ms. Rose Thelus, Ms. Nancy Tran,

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

Staff Support: Ms. Betty Vaughan

Mr. Stephen Kry, president, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and welcomed the members.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Mr. Kry began introductions and asked everyone to tell something about themselves. After introductions, he started a committee sign-up sheet around and encouraged those who had not already done so to sign up for two committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations: Ms. Christy Marshall

Ms. Marshall reported that the committee will review the by-laws and that changes were made in the spring that would be posted soon to the online *Handbook of Operating Procedures* (HOOP) http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/admin_fin/planning/pub/hoop/app_b/sic.html. She said the committee needs more members.

Scholarships: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

Mr. Barrientos reported that the committee will review the selection process for the Toshi Nikaidoh Leadership and Service Award scholarship. He noted that they hope the changes will increase the number of applications. He noted that this committee also needs more members.

Project Funding: Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi

Ms. Hajibashi reported that the committee has revised the guidelines for Project Funding Applications and provided a draft copy for review by the membership. A vote to accept the revised guidelines will be proposed at the November meeting. She reported that there are four project funding applications being considered that they will be presented at the next meeting. She also noted that Project Funding needs more publicity.

Public Relations: Mr. John McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe reported that the committee will concentrate on trying to publish the News & Views on a monthly basis and try to include links to event calendars all over the medical center. There was some discussion about the SIC office and how it can be used to provide student information since the outer office is also for the use of the school student governance organizations.

Ms. Vaughan reported that she has contacted the appropriate person in the School of Nursing and requested keys for the SIC officers. She will advise when they are available.

SAC: Mr. John McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe reported that a Fall Bash is being planned and that last year's event was very successful with over 175 students attending. The committee is looking at November 4, 5, and 19 as possible dates, with the 19th being the best choice so far. He also invited members to join this committee.

MediSend: Ms. Rose Thelus

Ms. Thelus reported that the SIC has collected surplus supplies and has been able to store them in a room at the Dental Branch. The committee will begin its work by locating an inventory of those supplies and by considering suggestions for another organization, preferably based in Houston, with which to work. The committee will work on reorganization and it's name will be changed since the SIC is no longer working with MediSend International. Tricia Norris, who was a member of the committee last year said that she would continue.

CHASE: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

Mr. Barrientos reported CHASE conducts events on campus to introduce selected high school students to health care professions. He said that the committee had not met at that time. He noted that he has information about schools interested in CHASE. There was discussion about locating the files from the Office of Community and Educational Outreach, which was closed, and considering CHASE as an SIC outreach project. During discussion about a budget, it was noted that CHASE could be considered an SIC outreach project and, therefore, have a line in the SIC budget.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

UTSAC: Mr. Sam Annor and Ms. Shohrae Hajibashi

Mr. Annor reported that the UTSAC Student Advisory Council meets quarterly in Austin and that the representatives each serve on two of the Committees. Mr. Annor serves on the Academic Affairs and the Finance and Legislative Committees. Ms. Hajibashi serves on the Student Involvement and Campus Life, and the Health and Graduate Affairs Committees.

Mr. Annor reported that the UTSAC has been considering accountability for fee increases and the transfer of credits within the UT System campuses.

Ms. Hajibashi reported that because UTHSC-H is not a single campus, most of the recommendations of the Campus Life committee do not apply. She also reported that the Health and Graduate Affairs committee is discussing development of a database of graduate schools in the UT System and their programs. She also reported that the United To Serve event no longer having support at the System level is still being discussed and will be reporting the outcome after the meeting in early November.

TMCSAAC: Ms. Rose Thelus

There was no report. The next meeting will be Monday, November 7th. She will report at the November meeting.

IFC: Mr. Stephen Kry

Mr. Kry reported that the Interfaculty Council is similar to the Student InterCouncil. He reported that the meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month from 11:30 to 1 p.m. in the UCT building and lunch is provided. Mr. Kry asked for a representative to serve as the SIC liaison to the IFC. No one volunteered at this time.

ICAC: Mr. John McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe reported that the committee has not met since August, but that focus groups were being gathered to discuss what can be done to look at consolidation of the different periodicals on campus. Ms. Kilpatrick commented that she had attended one of the focus groups and that the groups decided that each publication has its own purchase and consolidation might not be feasible. The groups were to gather input and that she would advise any outcomes.

Student Fees Advisory Committee: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

Ms. Brannon reported that the Student Fees Advisory Committee will be meeting in November to review proposed fee changes. She also reported that UT System has mandated that proposed fees will be submitted every two years and that we will be required to get input from parents, alumni, community representatives, etc. before being submitting fee changes to the Board of Regents. A town hall meeting will have to be scheduled. Fee changes are being solicited at this time from the schools.

It was suggested that students be informed about what the fees cover. Ms. Vaughan noted that System is also requiring documented justification for tuition and fee changes as well as affordability data.

Ms. Lauren Casile volunteered to serve on this committee.

Director of Financial Services Search Committee: Mr. Ryan Barrientos

Mr. Barrientos reported that the committee would meet on October 24th at which there will be discussion about criteria, logistics, meeting times, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kry asked that the members sign up for two committees and noted that committee discussion will take place on Blackboard.

Salutation Survey Report

Ms. Marshall reported that there were 50 responses to the Salutation Survey and she prepared a report that will be posted on Blackboard. She noted that about 98% of the responses scored the event as above average to excellent. Concern was expressed that there were no students from the Dental Branch present. It was noted that students were not present because of a very busy exam schedule and the many other activities of the dental student organizations at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Budget

Ms. Hajibashi presented a draft budget and explained the entries. After some discussion, the budget was approved for the year.

Career Testing

Mr. Kry reported that a former SIC members had raised a question about career testing and career counseling for students at UTHSC-H. Ms. Brannon said that Student Counseling Services does career counseling and testing and noted that at the Health Science Center, focus on career counseling is done primarily in the schools and that we lack centralized information. It

was noted that the SON students are invited brown bag meetings to discuss what is available to students. It was commented that this would be a good topic for an article in the News & Views. Ms. Brannon said that she will provide an update at a future meeting. She also noted that funding would be a issue.

Thanksgiving Dinners

Ms. Christy Marshall proposed that the SIC spend \$150, as it has done in the past, to purchase Thanksgiving dinners for Magnificat House and Loaves & Fishes. A fundraising project and/or a food drive was also suggested in addition to the \$150. Mr. McAuliffe said that he would start a discussion on Blackboard about possible fundraising ideas.

Student Regent

Mr. Kry reported that a request for applicants for Student Regent was sent out to the students of the Health Science Center and that eight (8) applications have been received. The officers and school student governance organizations will select the top five (5) to submit to the Chancellor by November 1. Those five people will be identified in a News & Views article.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Ms. Marshall reported that Barnes & Noble will again hold its Book Fair on December 1-3, with 25% of proceeds going to UTHSC-H scholarship funds. Purchasers can select the school to which they wish to donate. She said that the planning committee has asked for an SIC representative to serve on the committee. Ms. Shannon Kilpatrick volunteered to serve on this committee.

It was also noted that musicians and gift wrappers are being asked to volunteer for different times during the Book Fair.

There was discussion about adding the SIC to the list to receive scholarship donations and it was the consensus of the SIC that the SIC should be omitted from the list so that more money could go directly to the schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American Heart Association Heart Walk will be held on Saturday, November 5th downtown at Sam Houston Park. The students were encouraged to join a team and walk.

Tulane students are sponsoring a 10K run on November 20th downtown.

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

The next meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2005, 5:30 p.m. in the UCT Vision Room.

Meeting dates will be as follows:

November 10, 2005
December 8, 2005

Dates will be re-evaluated in December.

Approved at the _____ meeting.