

Student InterCouncil Meeting Minutes
9/14/09

Attendees: Kari Brewer, Jessica Bowser, Greg Lawler, Stephanie Martin, Sarah Michel, Matthew Potter, Sarah Azhar, Josh Knowles, Sheryl Guiney, Carita Nolan, Matt Vagnoni, Leo Cheng, Proletta Datta, Jessica Jung, Karlos Arcos, Carlos Ramos, Amelia Ubesie

Guest Attendees:

Dr. Richard Castriotta, Interfaculty Council Representative

Ms. Kathy Rodgers, Administrative Services Officer III, Office of EVP Academic Affairs

- I. Call to Order: 5:39PM
Kari introduced Dr Castriotta, a faculty representative from Interfaculty Council.
- II. Approval of Minutes
Kari pointed out Carlos Ramos needs to be added to the list of attendees. The minutes were approved as amended.
- III. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Operation: Although the council members are required to attend all the monthly meetings and at least 50% of SIC events according to the bylaws, the council agreed on suspending the bylaws for Shorae who is taking a medical leave of absence. A second UTSSAC alternate is need in case Shorae cannot attend UTSSAC meetings. We need an alternate for her position for the upcoming UTSSAC meeting. Anyone interested in the position needs to contact Kari by this Wednesday.
 - b. Scholarship: no update
 - c. Finance/Project Funding: 2009-2010 budget proposal was distributed. The budget was approved. We received a project funding application from UT recycling initiative requesting \$500 (\$85 for meetings, \$405 for new bins, \$10 for miscellaneous) to expand the project to laboratory areas at the medical school. Project funding committee evaluated the application (potential benefit 3.25/5, relevance 4/5, participation 4.25/5, rationale for funding 5/5) and recommended funding \$500 for the project. The council approved.
 - d. Public Relations: New member pictures are updated. Also new updated contact information of the officers is available. If anyone needs any changes on the information posted on the website, they need to let Karlos know. If anyone would like to write about events held at their schools, Karlos can help them publish the info in Student Pulse.
 - e. Student Activities: The committee needs to know each school's exam/event dates to avoid setting up SIC events on those dates. The committee will contact Student Affairs for the information. The council members are encouraged to spread words out about the upcoming SIC events. Salutation 2009 went well. All six deans and the president were present at the event. About 150 students attended the event. We were well under budget.
 - f. SIC Selection Committee: no update
 - g. UTSSAC: Next meeting will be 9/25-26. Email Kari if anyone wants to attend the meeting.

- IV. Ad-Hoc/External Committee Reports
 - a. TMCSAAC: TMC social will be held on 10/8 4-6PM at Travisio. There will be refreshment and drinks. Miller Outdoor Theater will promote their events. Metro may be available for Q card purchase at the event. Recycling at TMC is going well. Smoking is prohibited at TMC and the policy will be strictly enforced. The Baylor Ball will be in March at the Minute Maid Park. HCC will offer a free 8-week course 6:30-9:30 PM on Thursdays for people interested in getting a certificate for Harris County Search and Rescue. The details will be posted on the SIC web.
 - b. IFC: Dr Castriotta said most faculty members are concerned about the reduction in library services. IFC is trying to come up with funding and get inputs on what to subscribe. The council suggested granting UT members access to MD Anderson library. He also informed us that an IFC subcommittee is working on writing UT's financial exigency policy.
 - c. HOOP: no update
 - d. UT Serve Committee: no update
 - e. Food Services Committee: no update
 - f. Student Services Committee: No information about capping tuition and fees has been received from the Board of Regent. Once the full committee is assembled, the information will be sent out. Two SIC representatives and two representatives from each school will be in the committee. Town hall meeting will be announced in advance for student participation. Each school is told to get student inputs if there is any change in tuition and fees. Each school will propose its tuition and fee changes, and all the proposals will be put into one proposal. Town hall meeting will be then held. The committee will approve the updated proposal. The proposal will be approved by the president and the board of regent.
 - g. Quality Enhancement Project: QEP is focusing on enhancing student learning and reaccreditation process. The two primary learning outcomes include ethical issues related to professionalism and ethical issues related to patient care. Self-assessment survey will be distributed to each school in October to get inputs on ethical guidelines. The compliance report was out last week. On-site review will be in April.

- V. New Business
 - a. Monthly report from each school: GSBS finished new student orientation. There are no upcoming events. Dental school is still looking for another representative from 3rd year class to serve on SIC. SON has no update. SPH is having a 40 year anniversary gala. The symposium will be held on Friday. SHIS has formed a student alumni committee and is working on getting student involvement in upcoming events.

- VI. Old business
 - a. SIC issues and student concerns: none

- VII. Announcement

The information on Constitution Day is posted on the SIC website. It will be on 10/17/09, 11:30AM-1PM. A reminder will be sent to people who volunteered to have lunch with the student regent.

VIII. Adjourn: 7:05PM

IX. Next meeting: Monday Oct 5, 2009 5:30PM