

Student Senate Minutes

October 24, 2007

Attendance:

- Absent were CUB President Carlin, Chi Omega Representative McGrath, and Dr. Fitch

Officer Reports:

President:

- Motion to approve the minutes.
 - Treasurer Aylward made a motion to approve the minutes from last week. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Senator presentations are next week!
- Senate has been informed that students have not filled out their Connect-ED forms. Senate should try to be involved.
 - Treasurer Aylward suggested including the forms with Dorm Storm for Bylaws and Constitution in November.
 - Representative Hunnefeld suggested a website add on when Cisco connects.
 - Representative Miller asked if the seniors will continue to get messages after graduation. Dr. Vickers said it will be deleted.
 - Representative Bitely said a test run should take place.
 - Representative Pyle said students don't want to take them back to Student Life. RA's should collect them.
 - Representative Haumesser suggested putting drop boxes in the halls.
 - Representative Miller suggested having students fill them out when checking in dorms next year.
 - Representative Maxwell asked if the numbers would be re-entered in the system. An electronic check will take care of this.
 - Representative Reiland suggested putting a tab under the "MyMc" portal.
- Remember the UTD commitment. Representative Mecklenborg passed around the forms to sign up for the Senate team.

Vice President:

- Wellness Kick off went well! Over 75 people have signed up and more are continuing! Thanks to those who helped!

Treasurer:

- Appropriations email will be out on Thursday. Forms are due next week by 5:00.

- Treasurer Aylward read a thank you from the Campus Crusade for Christ for the Downhere concert. There were 9 children sponsored and over \$1,000 raised. This will be tripled to \$3,000!!
- The apples for the Homecoming pep rally cost \$314.25.

Secretary:

- A Trustees update was given.
- There have been communication problems and organizations conflicts. Follow through on your commitments!

Amber Davis: gave a Campus Life and Athletics Committee update. The committee is focusing on getting long term coaches for winning records! The housing issue has also been discussed, only a few beds are open. They are looking into other housing options. They said Greek Life is successful and are looking into adding more chapters!

Commissioner Reports:

- Commuter Affairs: Working on a calendar so that students can be involved with campus activities.
- GLBT Affairs: Still recovering from home-coming week. Rainbow alliance really enjoyed participating. The float is part of DW. Banner from national coming out day is also being displayed. The group is also helping with Make a Difference Day.
- Minority Affairs: no report.
- International Affairs: Sergio has a meeting with Christie Burke, Director of the Office. They are working on scheduling an international week. They will bring it to Greek Council so the weeks don't conflict. AIA is having a Halloween party Friday at 8 with movies and pumpkin pie! Also being planned for next semester is a campus wide carnival party.

Committee Reports:

- Campus Concerns: Working individually on issues that are coming up. These issues include: diversity, housing, pride, parking, food.
 - Representative Malone spoke about diversity issues. Some possible solutions are having students attend mandatory seminars on diversity, Senate should sponsor an event. The college should also do more activities during orientation week.
 - Representative Mecklenborg spoke about parking. Possible solutions are: removing landscape in Hermann, no cars for freshman, moving faculty parking further away, opening Hermann and the Gathering Place for red and blue parking.

- Representative Reiland spoke about pride. There is a definite lack of pride on campus. Some possible suggestions are: teaching the alma mater in the FYSE classes, shuttling people to games off campus, having a pep band, singing the alma mater at half time or letting the bells play it.
- Senior Week didn't meet last week, next weeks meeting is for all seniors!
- Constitution and By-laws: November 14th is the dorm storm. Firm details about timing are coming.
- Communications: Working on a "Senate Awareness" week during the Constitution and Bylaws dorm storm.

Other Reports:

- Dr. Chase: Athletic Director candidates are coming to campus.
- Dr. Vickers: no report☺
- Academic Activities Meeting: considering removing J-term programs due to lack of student interest. Email Representative Maxwell with your opinion so he can take them to the Trustees in February.
- **Saturday is Make A Difference Day!**
 - Nick is donating hair to locks of love!
- **Walter wanted to do a mini-survey** about eliminating trays in Gilman.
- Treasurer Aylward moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm.
 - The motion was seconded and approved!