

Student InterCouncil Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2022

UCT 1505C

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees: Pragma Sinha, Mary Fuentes, Joan Jacob, Jordan Swan, Gloria Contreras, Devanshi (Dee) Majeethia, Xiao (Lilac) Li, Ruchika Mahala, Logan E. Bliss, Ruchira Gundlapally, Melissa Liu, Jabria (Bria) Pittman, Jaren Salazar, Akhila Parthasarathy, Jayanta Mondal, Cem Dede, Katherine (Kate) Wall, Amber Chen, Chijindu Diokpa, Eric Solberg, Yuliana Nunez, Cynthia Collier, Emily Wells, Tony Murry, Connie Wooldridge

I. Call to Order, Quorum

Kate Wall, SIC

President

II. Technology Solutions Available for Students Wooldridge,

Connie

Associate Vice President of Administrative and Academic Technologies

Emily Wells,

Assistant Director of Enterprise Campus Applications and Academic Technology

Tony Murry,

Director of Data Center Operations-IT Infrastructure

Greg Orcutt

- Touching back on previous brought up issue –
 - Licensing discounts for EndNote – was available on UT Austin Software hub. For students, it's \$114 per license.
 - Located another tool – RefWorks which is free at TMC Library site and has similar functionalities for research
 - Does not have single sign on set up so you have to set up your own account and password
- UHealth ReadyEDU App – still under works and are working on the issues with connections
- Authorized facilities for large data – OneDrive is available for all students. There is some OneDrive space available for various projects and may have some AWS space as well.
- Microsoft Products
 - Can the add ons be paid for?
 - UTHShare – if you're looking for add on for UTHShare that isn't available, contact UTHShare email address, email them and they can start security review process and they'll see if they can make it available to you.
 - Microsoft Office – not available for Mac Users? Make it available? Will touch back on this.

III. Fall Events and Dates

Kate Wall,

President

A. Salutation Mandatory for SIC Students – expecting 300-400 people

1. Wednesday, October 5th 5:30pm-8:30pm, Cooley Center

1. Booths are usually set up for students to visit and talk to the different departments and Student Services at UHealth
2. Each UHealth school is there

3. Outside vendors will be there as well i.e. Metro
2. **Prize options – budget for prizes = \$1,350 (SIC + Presidents Gift Amount)**
 1. Alexa Echo Dot (\$35.99), Kindles, etc.
 2. Parking passes – month free at a UTH garage
 - a. 5 from SIC
 - b. 5 from AE. Auxiliary Enterprises has graciously offered to match the parking passes
 3. Bookstore gift cards
 - a. Bookstore profits stay within the University which allows for more student scholarships
 4. Magic Mirror PhotoBooth - \$450 for two hours
3. Salutation Duty Review and Sign up
 1. Everyone needs to sign up for at least one shift. If you can't make it, email Kate ahead of time.
- B. Wellness Week (Close Out with Sports Day)
 1. Week of November 7-12

IV. **Cizik School of Nursing SIC Rep Discussion**

- A. Want to get someone from School of Nursing who has a couple of semesters left to get on the council.
- B. In the process of voting for new representatives to maintain some consistency.
- C. Put word out to PhD and nurse practitioner students to apply for SIC as well
- D. According to SIC bylaws, all SIC students have to be full-time students.
 1. Maybe consider adding an amendment to bylaws for exception for SON
 2. Eric cautioned that if we start making exceptions by school, other schools will start asking for exceptions as well.
- E. The Dean of SON asked Kate if they had to be full-time.
- F. **How to Propose an Amendment**
 1. Any amendment to bylaws takes at least two meetings to get approved.
 2. Have to draft up a proposal at first meeting → officers/advisors discuss → vote on the proposal at the next meeting

V. **Budget/Project Funding Updates ...**

Cem Dede, Treasurer

- A. Healthcare Innovation Collaborative (HIC) – **approved for \$500**
- B. Frontera de Salud – McGovern School Student Org applied for this to offer aid in the Brownsville area. Only applies for medical students. – **not approved**
 1. Does not benefit all of UTHealth
 2. SIC funding only applies to funding endeavors that benefit every UTH school and its students
 1. Need to educate the student orgs who apply that there are other groups that can provide funding, but it's not us.
 3. UTCares and UT Diversity Fair will be applying for project funding in the spring, so we have 3 more project fundings available.
- C. SGO representatives – please inform your student councils and government organizations about this project funding opportunity and the prerequisites for applying

VI. **Annual Priorities Brainstorming Results**

Kate Wall, President

- A. Top three topics of focus based on survey (in order of priority)
 1. Inter- and intraschool communication
 2. Career development
 3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- B. Top three events of focus

1. Diversity Fair – Diversity Committee
 1. Diversity council
 - a. Mary Fuentes – “should let one school do most of the planning with other schools and SIC help promote it. See if GSBS or McGovern is available to help out as well to make it a bigger production.”
 - i. Last year, SPH took the lead on it and this year we could contribute with funding and see if other schools would be willing to pitch in as well.
 2. Each school probably has a diversity council/organization and we can touch base with them.
 3. Integrate Speaker Series into Diversity Fair
2. Professionalism/career development – add to Student Activities Committee or Student Services Council
 1. Need to think about budgeting – will SAC budget be able to take on career development/advising?
 2. Eric brought up point that each school has their own career and development department and program that is catered to their own needs. May be difficult to create an event that benefits all students as each school and career path/industry has such differences in application process
 - a. Can consolidate clinical activities – nursing, dental, medical
 - b. Consolidate research endeavors – SPH, GSBS, SBI
 3. Possible alternative: Maybe don’t have to curate a large event, but work with each school’s career services department to help “quality control”. Make sure that people are talking to university leadership to make sure they’re aware of the issues students are facing.
 4. Possible alternative: In the past, students did university surveys that highlighted areas of concerns that could be presented to University Leadership. Need for more data to show admin that it’s a pressing issue for students.
 5. Working group to develop a survey and see whether or not it’s a pressing concern. Then, we can make it an ad hoc committee if it’s necessary.
3. Wellness Week – Student Activities Committee
 1. Focus on diversity aspect throughout Wellness Week and Sports Day
 - a. Different recipes from a variety of cultures
 - b. Various forms of exercise

VII. Committee Assignments and Charges

Kate Wall, President

- A. Results of Committee Selections – Posted on Slack and Nedra emailed it to us.
- B. Review of Committee Descriptions/Duties
- C. Introduction of Committee Chairs
- D. Committee Breakouts

VIII. Advisor Announcement and SIC Business

Yuliana Nunez, Sic Advisor

- A. SGO representatives please share what is going on in each school
- B. Please always cc Nedra and Yuliana with anything SIC related
- C. GSBS student representatives are not invited to GSA meetings. Schools are not required to add on SIC reps but are encouraged to.
- D. SOD – Student Center to be starting construction and finished with construction located inside of the Cooley Courtyard to be done by Spring.
 1. Will affect Crawfish Boil and other schools who plan to host events in this space

2. Pinning Ceremony/Networking Event in Cooley Center by School of Nursing in October. SON would like updates.
- E. McGovern has open sessions for organizations to say what they need, but ask everyone else to leave usually. Jordan will email McGovern SGO to include SIC reps.

IX. Motion to adjourn meeting approved at 7:05pm. Committee breakouts to follow.

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