

**The University of Texas Medical Branch
Student Government Association Senate
March 17th, 2009**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes (3/03/09)
- II. Event Proposal –Jeff Pennock
- III. United to Serve Update – Vershanna Morris
- IV. Erica Chance Recognition – Michaela Marek
- V. New Items, Other Business
- VI. Announcements from Senators
- VII. Announcements from Student Life/Student Services
- VIII. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7th, 2009

ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVES – Twisha Chakravarty

SAHS – none

GSBS –Nina Williams, Luke Koong, Jeffrey Borgeson

SON – none

SOM –Vershanna Morris, Michaela Marek, Adam Djurdjulov, Dustin Porter

EXCUSED ABSENCES – Samir Patel, Phyllis Okolo, Christof Straub, Nisha Shah, Jennifer Todd, Nelum Patel, Hoa Amy Phan, Jenny Jeffers, Leah Moreau, Rick Liang, Meredith Medlock, Meredith McGee, Daniel Ortiz, Samantha Dallefeld, Queenie Williams, Bettina Cooper

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES – Eric Chiang, Megan German, Sharon Hughes, Paul Kumfa, Blair Winegar

MINUTES

I. Approval of Minutes (3/03/09)

Tabled because there was no quorum.

II. Event Proposal –Jeff Pennock

Jeff Pennock from the Gay Straight Alliance came to SGA/Budget committee for funding approval. Like last year, the GSA is putting on a film series during the month of April for screening movies that promote awareness of diversity issues such as “sexuality, gender identity, societal assimilation, and hate crimes”. They requested funds to provide pizza and drinks during the four movie screenings. Since there were enough members for approval in the Budget committee, Dustin motioned to approve, Nina seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed.

III. United to Serve Update – Vershanna Morris

Vershanna heard back from the Ronald McDonald House that there will be enough families housed there to serve breakfast to during this event. Eric is in charge of organizing the other event(s) and he will get back to us at the next meeting. The tentative date is in the last week of April (as this was last year) but this is still not confirmed. Ideas were thrown around for possible other events since last year's projects were organized by outside groups that we piggybacked on.

IV. Erica Chance Recognition – Michaela Marek

Michaela has sent out numerous emails on this subject so see those. Summary: \$180 collected, sign the card at Mike Cromie's by Tuesday.

V. New Items, Other Business

Dustin is concerned about the lack of safety/street lighting on campus. He noticed that there are no lights all the way from Jamail to the parking garage on Mechanic. It was proposed that we get someone from Campus Security to come to an SGA meeting so we can talk about this and other issues (ex: the Emergency Call Station – aka box with blue light – is experimentally proven to not work). It also may not be campus security but a city issue, so we should look into that.

VI. Announcements from Student Life/Student Services

Upcoming Events:

SGA Elections

Nominations open: March 16th – March 27th

Campaign – Registration until April 6th

Election – Tuesday, April 7th

Run-off – Monday, April 13th

Basketball IM is over, still working on football, volleyball, and soccer. Also working on setting up a basketball IM championship with A&M. This may work out with the other sports as well, depending on schedules.

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