

**The University of Texas Medical Branch
Student Government Association Senate
Sept 2, 2008**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes (7/15/08 and 8/19/08)
- II. Closure of Univ. buildings – Dr. Vince Loffredo
- III. Parking Fee Increase – Christof Straub
- IV. SGA Fall Elections – Samir Patel
- V. New Items, Other Business
- VI. Announcements from Senators
- VII. Announcements from Student Life/Student Services
- VIII. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 (post-Ike!)

ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVES – Samir Patel, Eric Chiang, Twisha Chakravarty

SAHS – none

GSBS – Christof Straub, Nina Williams

SON – Leah Moreau, Rick Liang, Meredith Medlock

SOM – Dustin Porter, Sharon Hughes

EXCUSED ABSENCES – Jeffrey Borgeson, Phyllis Okolo, Adam Djurdjulov, Queenie Williams, Bettina Cooper, Paul Kumfa, Blair Winegar, Vershanna Morris, Michaela Marek, Jennifer Todd, Nisha Shah

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES – none

MINUTES

I. Approval of Minutes (7/15/08 and 8/19/08)

The minutes were approved.

II. Closure of Univ. buildings – Dr. Vince Loffredo

Dr. Loffredo talked to us about what was going with the idea of closing university buildings on Fridays to save energy costs. He had contacted the various school Deans to find out the status of this change. So far, School of Medicine has no plans to close classes on Fridays, School of Allied Health was set to begin closure next week. Since this is same building as School of Nursing there was some concern about how the students were being informed about these changes. We asked Dr. Loffredo to find out if we could get students into a committee that is overseeing these changes.

III. Parking Fee Increase – Christof Straub

Christof brought up the concern for the cost of student parking which almost doubled this year with no significant increase in parking spaces. We decided to find out what the reasoning was behind this increase.

IV. SGA Fall Elections – Samir Patel

Nominations: September 2nd thru 12th

Campaign Week: Septemebr 15th thru 22nd

Election Day: September 23rd

Run-off Election (if needed): September 30th

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