

**The University of Texas Medical Branch
Student Government Association Senate
November 18th, 2008**

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes (11/04/08)
- II. Senate Chair Election
- III. SGA Fall Elections Runoff – Sharon Hughes
- IV. After Hours Meeting with Deans – Christof Straub
- V. CPS Toy Drive – Leah Moreau/Christof Straub
- VI. New Items, Other Business
- VII. Announcements from Senators
- VIII. Announcements from Student Life/Student Services
- IX. Next meeting: EMERGENCY November 25th, 2008
Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008

ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVES – Samir Patel, Eric Chiang, Twisha Chakravarty

SAHS – Jennifer Todd

GSBS – Christof Straub, Nina Williams, Luke Koong

SON – Rick Liang, Meredith McGee

SOM – Daneil Oritz, Megan German, Smantha Dellefeld, Sharon Hughes, Vershanna Morris, Michaela Marek, Paul Kumfa

EXCUSED ABSENCES – Phyllis Okolo, Hoa Amy Phan, Nisha Shah, Jenny Jeffers, Leah Moreau, Adam Djurdjulov, Nelum Patel, Queenie Williams, Dustin Porter

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES – Meredith Medlock, Blair Winegar, Bettina Cooper

MINUTES

I. Approval of Minutes (11/04/08)

Samir explained the minutes and approval process. Christof moved to approve the minutes and Nina seconded. The motion passed.

II. Senate Chair Election

Samir explained the duties of the Senate Chair and asked for nominations. Christof nominated himself, Sharon moved to approve him and Nina seconded. We all approved Christof Straub as Senate Chair.

III. SGA Fall Elections Runoff – Sharon Hughes

It has all been taken care of, and our new members will start attending meetings starting this one!

IV. After Hours Meeting with Deans – Christof Straub

The results of this meeting were in an email Erica sent out earlier this week. Jamail Student Center is now open 6am-11pm 7 days a week. The library is still waiting on one door not connected properly to the security system so it is still 8am-5pm. All other buildings are also still 8am-5pm.

V. CPS Toy Drive – Leah Moreau/Christof Straub

We have about 75 kids right now. Two-thirds have already been given to SOM and the rest are distributed among the other schools. The deadline is December 11th to bring in the WRAPPED gifts labeled with the CHILD NUMBER along with the FLYER (with the kid's name).

VI. Announcements from Senators

Eric has been hearing a lot of confusion and misinformation about UTMB in the past couple of weeks. He is thinking that we should contact alumni about helping UTMB out of this post-Ike situation. Erica said that right now with all the layoffs, everyone is distracted but President Callender will be making an announcement soon about where UTMB stands. After that it would be a good idea to move forward with Eric's plan.

Samir has been contacted by University of Pennsylvania Medical School about donating books to us. We all decided that more donations couldn't hurt – we have the room – because some people were not able to find the books they needed from our previous book drives.

VII. Announcements from Student Life/Student Services

The Thanksgiving lunch/food drive is cancelled.

SGA shirts are here!

Upcoming events:

Thanksgiving Lunch - cancelled

Coffee, Hot Cocoa & Donuts – December 1st

Guitar Hero Contest – December 3rd

Bingo Night – December 11th, 5 pm *popcorn/soda provided*

BIG Screen Movie Night – cancelled/moved to spring

SGA Holiday Party – December 16th, 5 pm White Elephant to be discussed

*VIII. Next meeting: EMERGENCY November 25th, 2008 same place, same time
Regularly scheduled: Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008*