

Student InterCouncil Meeting

Monday, February 20, 2023

UCT 176, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Agenda

I. Call to Order, Quorum, Approval of Minutes

Kate Wall, SIC President

A. Motion to Approve January Meeting Minutes – Approved and Seconded

II. Discussion with Alumni Engagement

Brynn McGarry, Associate Director
University Alumni Engagement

A. Promoting two events

1. Countdown to Commencement – targets all six schools.
 1. Invites all graduates and families to mix and mingle before commencing begins
 2. Houston Health Museum, April 12th at 6:30pm
 3. Registration will open mid-March
 4. Kate will be a guest speaker
2. Giving Day – Tuesday, April 4th
 1. Annual giving day is 24 hour fundraising event to promote donations across students
 2. Student Endowed Scholarship featured as giving option
 3. Aiming for 750 donors
 4. Last year, they raised \$231,527
3. Crawfish Boil
 1. Will invite Alums

III. Budget/Project Funding Updates

Cem Dede, Treasurer

A. Student Clinical Skills Society (SCSS) asked for project funding

1. Medical school will ask for \$600 supply students with the opportunity to increase their clinical skills throughout their medical school journey
2. This event seems to be serving/benefit to only clinical students
3. Discuss at the next meeting

B. Issue that came across for UTHCares event

1. When we give orgs \$500, we expect them to put our logo on their flyers to promote us and to give us more visibility
2. Feb 2nd – emailed us that they could not put SIC logo on their physical flyers
3. Feb 9th – second email said they could not SIC on virtual flyers
4. Feb 10th – was too late to put SIC logo on any flyers
5. Decided to go ahead and honor the \$500 because we had already voted
6. In order to not have future problems, want to highlight these two points
 1. We had no prior problems with UTH marketing department. We are apart of UTH system so it's a strange encounter. Want to see if we can mitigate this issue in the future.
 - a. Mary received this from marketing: “it was a public facing, external event. We should not add another logo outside of the parent institution logos (UTHealth Houston/UT Physicians cobrand). Did receive confirmation from marketing department.
 - b. Can adjust the form so that acknowledgements will be recognized and signed

2. When we approve and support projects, we want to be able to put our name out there so asking to see how we should deal with an issue like this in the future?

IV. Spring Events

Kate Wall, SIC President

A. Volunteer Event

1. Botanical Gardens
 1. February 25th Joint SIC and Alumni Volunteer Event
 2. Only 4 volunteers have signed up
 3. Please sign up by tonight, Feb 20, 2023
2. SIC voted not to have the second volunteer event due to many events happening end of March and early April

B. SIC/disABILITY Network Event

1. Tuesday, March 28th, 2023
 1. **5:00-7:30PM at IMM**
 - a. 5-6PM – Panel with Student Q&A
 - b. 6:15-7:30 – Dinner and vendor fair
 2. Expected attendance: 100 students with max of 150 students
2. Funding for this event will be covered by Deana Moylan and UTH Equal Opportunity Office
3. How can SIC be involved
 1. Attendance
 2. Bring friends
 3. Volunteers before, at, and after event
4. Want questions ahead of time so panel has the ability to prepare but we should also have enough questions asked
5. Trying to find if other organizations exist at other schools so they can also set up booths if need

C. Crawfish Boil

1. **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 (4:30-7pm)**
2. Everything is decided
 1. Will have vegetarian options put on flyers
 - a. Veggie dogs and corn (have to be boil foods only)
 2. Will give out straws and Koozies that we had leftover from last year
 3. Will order an additional 150 sunglasses
 4. Sign ups will be sent out to help
 - a. Set up
 - b. During the event
 - c. And during the breakdown
 5. More tables and chairs will be available this year
3. Budget – should be okay. Shouldn't have to worry about it.
 1. Other offices have said they will contribute
 2. We can graciously take money from Alumni engagement

D. Dean's Dinner

1. **Wednesday, April 19**
2. No updates for now

V. Committee Chair Updates

Each Committee Chair

A. Student Activities Committee

1. See updates about Crawfish Boil

B. PR Committee

1. No updates

C. Operations Committee

1. ULC – meeting is taking place next week
2. IFC – no updates
3. HOOP – did not meet this month. No policies that affect students so no updates
4. UAC – Senior Vice President for Faculty Affairs was the speaker. Hoop 1.86. Emerging AI tools (ChatGPT) could be used/better dealt with at the university level
5. Safety Council – no updates
6. Student Services – no updates

D. Selection Committee

1. Want to make work group so that we can make an inclusive and equitable environment
2. Want to see if theres any interest in these interprofessional collaborations

E. Scholarship Committee

1. Scholarship recipients were selected and notified

F. Diversity Committee

1. See disABILITY event
2. Humans of UTHealth Social Media Spotlight
 1. Akhila will make nomination form with q's and send to Kate to disperse to the six schools
 2. Social media spotlight will occur week of Dean's Dinner
 3. Budget: students send in own pictures?
 4. Ask Public Affairs Office for photography and help with this

G. International Student Committee.

1. Survey was designed and submitted to academic and resaerch affairs in December
2. Will not be rolled out since it falls in same timeline as student perception survey
3. Will meet with Dr. Love on 2/21/23 10:30-11:30am to discuss when would be a good time distribute the survey

H. UTSSAC Reps

1. Ruchika went to the last meeting in Austin
2. ChatGPT was discussed in Austin as well
3. Chancellor of UT Systems asked for student perception of AI and how it would influence education systems
4. Updates on laws
 1. Ending tenure for professors? Not passed. Was just given an update on this...
 2. Bill for ending DEI at institutes to instead fund scholarship? Might not get passed so no need to panic.
 - a. The UT System student body was not happy with this happy. The UT System said they are not allowed to lobby or provide opinions on this topic so they gave very open-ended answers.
 - b. Some data has been given to gov and has been shown to be given to DEI but instead suggest it should go toward students
 3. Chijindu – DEI has been under attack for a while. Since we're a federal institution, we abide by the government policies and unfortunately, DEI is a target for defunding.

VI. School SGO Updates

Each SGO Rep

A. **SBMI** – no updates

B. **SPH** – no updates

1. **Welcome Back Social**

1. Will just be for the 6 SPH campuses. Promote unity across the 6 SPH campuses.
2. 27th – welcoming students with hot drinks, student panel discussing diversity
3. 28th – in-person talk with lunch
4. 29th- virtual talk with gift cards

5. 30th – movie screening representing diversity
6. 31st – cultural food where each campus will pick diff cuisine to collectively share diverse food and culture of all students along with an in person talk
7. Dress code: orange to symbolize how we are all part of one UTHealth
8. Only SPH students can attend this event

C. **SON** – no updates

D. **GSBS** – no updates

E. **SOD** – no updates

F. **MMS** – professional headshot services is offered to their students (professional development)

1. Student health services website is being updated with FAQ page
2. Also one of the therapists left so there may not be many available appointments for student seeking mental health services and counseling

VII. Advisor Announcements and SIC Business

A. Kite Flying Fair

1. Can promote it on SIC social media handles
2. Just wanted to gauge student interest

B. Interfaculty Council

1. Dr. Harrington (IFC chair) reached out wanting to see what we, as students, need and if SIC had any updates to give them
2. 15-20 minutes slot to address them

Nedra Booker, SIC Advsiior
Yuliana Nunez, SIC Advsiior

VIII. Adjournment - Motion Seconded and Approved at 7:15 pm

Next Meeting Date & Time: March 27, 2023, 5:30pm-7:30pm UCT 1726

