

SGA Meeting Minutes

Date 10/23/2023

Call to order: By Cheyanna Petty at 5:33 pm

Guest Speakers:

1. Name, Title: Jody Randal

- Provided info regarding Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion and how recent laws have changed the way TTUHSC does business. Talked about the new division at TTUHSC that is NOT replacing DEI.
- New Division is called - Division of Institutional Excellence & Culture
- Briefly went over some key components of the new law (Texas Education Code 51.5325) things that are prohibited and exemptions
- Center idea of new Division - is to support the achievement of our learners and team members while transformative thinking and initiatives to further the mission, vision, and strategic plan for TTUHSC. By closely aligning culture and strategy, who we are comes to life in what we do to transform health care through innovation and collaboration.

Q&A

Taylor Goodfellow - define transformative thinking

- Answer - health care is changing a lot everyday, and this institution is changing as well.

Emily Bowling - clubs will be protected, will they still get full fundings even if sharing DEI previous goals?

- Answer - if the student organization is registered, regardless of mission, they still have the opportunities to put on diverse events, events with DEI components. No change to the funding is going to be applied.

Jenna Cramer- I had a professor with a DEI Grant, she had to see all participants by September 1st! So, if research is exempt what does this mean? We can do DEI-based research, but it will likely just not be funded? Thank you so much for presenting and answering questions.

- Answer - Part 1 - there is another law that was passed with this that talks more about funding when it comes to research. So projects that were ongoing that were affected need to be completed by Sept 1. Part 2 - the project end game may still be allowed to occur BUT a portion of the research goes against the way the law is set up can cause issues, the data cannot be collected from one ONE community needs to be collected from multiple communities.

Private message - will TTUHSC still celebrate culture months?

- Answer - big issues by the front office. Moving forward TTUHSC will NOT be celebrating these because of the law set forth.
 - Example of what can do - tomorrow we can post on the TTUHSC Facebook and say "TTUHSC honors Hispanic heritage month"
 - Examples of what we cannot do - set anything up to celebrate it...

- Example of what we can do - organizations can celebrate and set up events with speakers and celebrations, then big TTUHSC can promote those student organizations.

Private message - Can we call TTUHSC a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)

- Answer -yes, being considered this is a Federal Designation NOT done by the state.

Jody asked if students have been talking about this?

- response was mostly people very upset about this from across all campuses
- some students just do not know

Enclosing Jody - our policy has not changed, we are a diverse institution and we are committed to making the best healthcare professionals.

jody.randall@ttuhsc.edu - Feel free to email

Officer Updates:

Cheyanna Petty, President

- Medication clean out
 - Thanks everyone!
- Exec officer trying to come out to each campus to visit with senators
- Welcome new Senators
 - MS1 - Amaka Obiajunwa
 - DPT - Kaison Kirkland
- Reach out to Cheyanna if not on Discord or Google Drive yet!

Jesse Burnett VP of Operations

- Points/absence forms
 - Thanks for filling them out
 - All points are up to date!
- Use meeting minutes forms
 - So we can get good attendance

Mitej Dongarkar, VP of Finance

- First fundraiser - T-Shirt Sale!
 - T-shirt design poll coming out
 - Feel free to drop a design!

David Hurff, VP of Communications

- Follow us on IG/Facebook
 - TTUHSC.SGA
- When legislations are due for Oct 17th meeting is the 11th at 5pm
- Went over the meetings for the rest of the month
 - 17th is committee
 - 31st is a guest speaker
 - November 14th is a guest speaker

Committee Updates:

1. Community Service- Sarah Neal, Chair

- Update- thanks for coming to medication clean out
- Will post table to show volunteer things we have going on throughout the campus
- Student life crew - allows students to volunteer on each campus

2. Operations- Faith Windham, Chair

- Update- no updates on projects or legislations
- Make sure the suggestion boxes are getting checked!

3. Scholarship- Naresh Sah, Chair

- Update-Mitej gave update
- T-shirt Sale is the fundraiser for the fall
- Spring we will be doing the 5K virtual
- PR will be helping w/ T-shirt design

4. Finance- Jacob McQuade, Chair

- Update-went over special projects funds, and how we will go about approval

5. Social- Celeste Olivarez, Chair

- Update-we are working on Senators & Subs events
- We need help from Midland/Odessa/Abilene/Dallas campus to figure out dates
- More updates to come

6. Public Relations- Paul Lie, Chair

- Update-first meeting will be right after this meeting
- Expectation and goals to be talked tonight

Constitution amendments

-Article V

- Cheyanna moved to present the changes to Article V of the constitution
- Sarah Neal Seconds this motion
- Cheyanna opened discussion

- Change 1
 - Election changes from last Friday to being done in April
- Change 2
 - VP of communications additions and removals
- Change 3
 - VP of Operation changes additions and removals
- Change 4
 - VP of Finance additions and removals
- Change 5
 - General Officer Expectations additions and removals

Vote on all changes was 100% Yay

Announcements:

- To submit Legislation please go to HSC Net and submit them through the form.
- Please accept invitation to join the SGA roster on HSC Net
- Go to HSC Net and accept the invitation, if it does not work go to SGA page and ask to join

Open Forum for Legislation

Bradley Engel proposal - getting the same education steps from TTUHSC SHP when also going to medical school.

- Khaja asked for more details - Bradley is going to a different medical school and wants to see if there can be some linking from his medical school to TTUHSC-SHP program, basically trying to get credits approved that have already been completed and MD programs are the same across the board.
- Daisy asked - wants to add MD/MPH with the MSHA (Admin) this way to reach more students, seems to be a good idea.
- Paul asked - are the courses at your medical school not transferring to TTUHSC? We are asking "can we make sure that these credits get transferred?"
- Amaka states - was told cannot transfer a lot of credits from other programs
- Hannah, Daisy, Bennett are interested in helping

Jacalin - School supply update

- Need help from SHP and SOM students to get insight in what they might need
- Bennett happy to help! Jaina willing to send it out also! - both SOM students different years.
- Naresh will send it for GSBS

Lizabeth - Bird Conservation Project

- after a big storm in Lubbock a ton of birds are hurt and need help
- Jaina, Amaka, Stephanie all interested in helping

Saved Rounds (any last minute questions or concerns):

Naresh announcement - we are starting a new student Org for DI events, working on constitution and have filled a form to get this registered. "Spectrum of Unity" is the name.

- Issue is cannot fill officer positions - asking for volunteer to be officers

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion: David Hurff
- Second: Jesse Burnett
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm