



The University of Texas at Austin
Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: HLB Conference Room 4.105

Date: Wednesday, May 1st, 2019

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Agenda Items:

- I. Observation of Attendance and Quorum
 - A. Attendance logged digitally [here](#).

- II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (04.17.19)
 - A. Minutes found digitally [here](#).
 1. Approved unanimously.

- III. Task Force Reports:
 - A. Budget**
 1. Deadline for student org funding is 6/30 so they'll be reviewing apps after that
 - a) Incoming MS1s can be considered separately for funding if they come up with their own groups
 2. Needs to know from senate rules surrounding taking funding away, etc. for groups
 - B. Bylaws**
 1. Working on constitution update - section that is going to probably be changed will be sent in an email on Friday
 - C. Coffee Break**
 1. Last one was a success!
 - a) Community First people want to continue the relationship
 2. Next one is 5/21 at HDB - last one of the year!
 - a) Coffee mugs are coming!
 - b) Discussion about what to do with profit - reinvest or donate?
 - D. Communication**
 1. We rolled out Slack for everybody, everyone was invited, ~100 accepted

2. All MS3s have outlook - we're trying to find out about MS2s and MS1s (they don't) and there is a way to reserve rooms and do other things there which are helpful

E. DellMedKnowIt

F. Elections

1. Figuring out UMEC election cycle
 - a) MS2s will apply now for a two-year term during 3rd and 4th year (now because it is the start of the 6th rotation and completing apps during dedicated probably won't happen)
 - b) MS2s applying next week (May 6-13) and MSS Delegates will vote the following week
 - c) MS1s currently on UMEC have option to continue (due to 2-year term structure)
 - d) Unfilled roles will be available for others to apply for
 - e) Delegates will review applications and vote

G. Innovation

1. GSA has released committee positions to all graduate students and should have gone to us via email
 - a) Committees offer us a good opportunity to help make decisions on campus
 - b) Meetings are 2 hours q monthly
 - c) Noah will forward the email to us
 - (1) DESCRIPTION: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bQxDWgiWC_QYJnofsweR5o-ch_RCTjN_g2LRlx_dzXs/edit
 - (2) EMAIL: christina.baze@utexas.edu , CC noahaustinminor@utexas.edu (optional but may help response time)

H. Orientation

1. Outline of outputs created/working on deliverables for orientation.

I. Senate of College Councils

1. No GAs for the rest of the semester
2. Emailing new VP Katherine Lee - they may be changing how they do the budget requesting, I (JoLo) will give you updates if that is the case.
3. Still need to work on the OKRs; sorry, Jonathan (The President/Chair/Whatever of SoCC-TF) has been slacking off, will get on it.
4. We got \$200 for the Torchy's frisbee event
5. Potentially \$1300 for Spring Soiree
 - a) Probably should spend it all... (if we can figure out how)
 - b) We spent \$400 on Snow Much Connection
 - c) Money gets lost if it just sits there

IV. Student Affairs

- A. Steve: How can Student Affairs get a better turnout for the wellness advisory committees and things like that?
- B. Last year we tried making Ad Hoc advisory committees for certain subjects
 - 1. Most we ever had in attendance is 4 students
 - 2. We feel this is not working
 - 3. **Ask/Action: What do you think?**
 - a) Previous burnout from failed events is contributing to the lack of interest.
 - b) Fungal Ball is a success but is the exception and not the rule
 - c) Success of DOCS wellness is because the money comes from somewhere else and it's less frustrating?
 - d) We possibly need a promised deliverable with an agenda before meeting with SA
 - e) Is wellness really best under SA?
 - (1) Can we get a student org to take this?
 - (2) Carrie Baron as faculty sponsor?
 - (3) A lot of people care about wellness - have we not gotten it done because we've tried doing this through SA?
 - (4) What about a journal club?
 - f) What are these Ad-Hoc committees? What type of feedback are they trying to solicit? We need to have more evidence that they put work in before we do, so we avoid expending effort on nothings.
 - g) Gold Humanism Honor Society is just starting - maybe they could spearhead this?
 - (1) Idea behind GHHS is to do something to benefit student body that is an ongoing legacy but isn't a burden
 - (2) But this shouldn't just be limited to GHHS inductees

C. Student Org Fair:

- 1. Weds evening July 3 after 5:30 pm. Will be at HLB.
 - a) Maybe 6-7:30 pm?
 - b) Taylor - Was strange last year
 - (1) Chips and salsa and going to different rooms
 - c) How do we want this to go?
 - (1) Special Events worked on it last year but didn't see their ideas implemented
 - d) Woody - preview weekend 2019
 - e) Bonnie - their org fair was awkward
 - (1) Didn't know which org was where
 - (2) Felt weird walking in late
 - (3) No awareness over everything that was available
 - f) Any other schools do it well?

- (1) More effective when people “go out for drinks” with the org they’re interested in
- (2) Maybe at Scholz?
 - (a) Start at HDB and then “naturally flow over to Scholz?”
- g) Timing sounds like it will work - we’ll be able to field enough people for an org fair
- h) How should we communicate with SA on this - should senate run this or just provide recs?
 - (1) Start by drafting memo stating our ask and opinion and then ask that Orientation TF help out
 - (2) Woody - we could own it
 - (3) MBA org fair is also weird
- i) Orientation task force is temporarily taking this on with general feels by Senate
- 2. How do we want to coordinate/communicate/represent?
- 3. What jobs do we want SA to do? Email to orgs? What other requests do we have (input from those who have worked last year).

V. **Academic/Professional/Personal Development**

- A. Budget questions going forward (Dekoiya): timeline for reviewing requests, when we take action on group neglect of protocol, etc. (discussion expected) (10?)
 - 1. Student Interest Group budget increasing from 10 to 25% for food
 - 2. Revisit the budget twice a semester? Budget task force last year proposed the budget at the end of the Summer 2018 for the entire academic year. They found that the Student Groups which were given more money were not using their funds and newer Student Groups had exacerbated their funds.
 - 3. At what point is a student org non-compliant with Senate?
 - a) Is this a problem?
 - (1) Kind of
 - (a) Not updating officers during transition, for example
 - (i) Maybe this isn’t that big of a deal...
 - (2) When an org is in violation of Senate recs at other schools, they lose their funding
 - (a) Woody - if we do this (having more of a police presence), Senate has to be very intentional
 - (b) Maybe instead, we should use carrots not sticks (incentives for good behavior instead of punishments for bad behavior)
 - (3) Unsure as to what it means to be in compliance and what is the size of the problem

(a) Is there a student handbook and policies for this type of stuff? Maybe we could draft it and present it to SA

(4) Possible solution: offer incentive to increase the funding allocated to each interest group if they abide by the rules.

B. End dates of ILD blocks (Charlotte) (5)

1. If students want to do an elective during spring of MS3 year, someone from leadership from your program has to write a letter (to Beth Nelson? Med Ed?)

VI. **Communication**

A. Jonathan: Senate Wide OKRs (10-15)//timeline for implementation//next steps

1. Time for TF OKR work (10) during meeting

B. Open Time: Slack update?

1. Moving along better than expected
2. Issues
 - a) Push-back regarding advertising events
 - b) Slack RSVPing doesn't link to Google calendar
 - (1) Leonard: we can set this up
 - c) There are limits to event RSVPs
 - (1) Are we hitting those limits?
3. One SB feedback from 5/1/19
 - a) We, as Senate, need to be more clear regarding slack best practices and why we've moved to slack

VII. **Culture of Wellness**

A. Spring Soiree happening in 2 weeks

B. Fungal ball on Friday

C. More cubbies for studying in the school?

1. Less unused chairs and coffee tables and more places where people actually study
2. SA knows that they need more study spaces

VIII. **Student Representation**

A. Student Body Feedback

1. From an MS1, could we begin online reservations for rooms? Like main UT campus?
2. We are working on this by trying to get everyone Outlook accounts - that way you can see and reserve rooms. Stay tuned for more from the Communications Task Force!

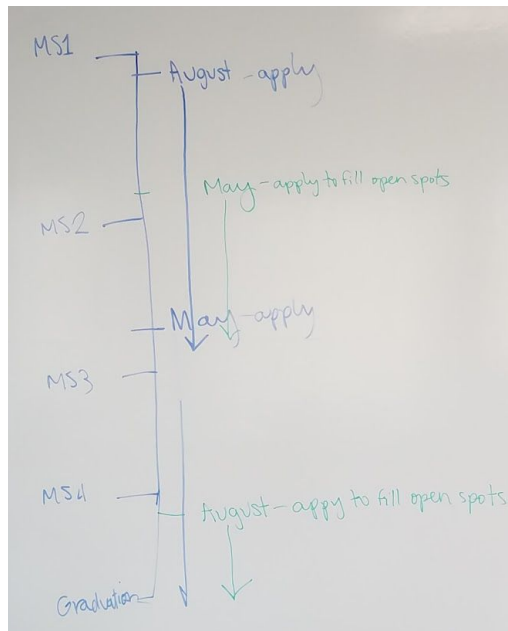
B. Open Time

1. Quick overview of changes to UMEC elections structure (Virginia)
 - a) Ms1 apply August and serve until August of MS2 year

- b) MS2 then apply in May and start term in August of MS3 year.
- c) MS4 have the ability to apply to fill open spots in August and serve until graduation

IX. Violets

- A. To **Communication Task force** on the excellent work on Slack invite
- B. To **Steve Smith** (again) for getting student orgs more money for food!!!
- C. To the **Fungal Ball peeps!** THANK YOU - we are pumped!
- D. Violets to **Jaime...** we miss you
- E. To **everyone who joined on Slack** and are using it - thank you!
- F. To **everyone who submitted SB feedback** via the online form.
- G. To Virginia, beautiful graphics and presentation



X. Action Items

- A. *Brooke and Jonathan: What is the hope, dream, and purpose of feedback on Ad-Hoc committees? We need an idea to be the basis by which we advise on.*
- B. *Dekoia: To SA, what does it mean to be compliant as a student org?*
- C. *Comms TF: Slack best practices*
- D. *Jonathan: Go to class on Friday → Talk a little about slack*
- E. *Jonathan and Brooke: Cubbies*
- F. *Elections TF: send out UMEC application to MS2s on Monday, May 6*
- G. *Orientation TF: Draft Senate desires/thoughts/plans for Student Org Fair and get feedback from Senate, meet with SA to discuss.*
- H. *Events TF: make spending/activity plan for Spring Soiree*