

# February 14<sup>th</sup> 2016: GA Meeting

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## Quorum

- 16 Senators recorded present

## Guest Speaker

- Dean Sandy McMakin: Student Success
  - Introduced herself and encouraged senators & guests to introduce themselves
- Told Senate and attendees that Student Success and Campus Life merged in the past year
  - With the hopes of getting Students to understand the relationship between the two (“You are UIW”)
- Student Success is there for the students and reminded to be careful that each of our voices are meant to be used carefully
- UIW proud of distinguishing graduates that have been developed as whole people
  - Encourages Senators and attendees to constantly propose and craft new ideas for the student body
  - Open door policy (feedback, say “hello”, etc.)

## Officer Reports

- President Bloodworth
  - Alumni meeting is tomorrow
  - Sustainability: Paul to give update
  - Presidential Search Committee: Inquired if Senators had further questions about the application
  - Athletic Advisory: Unable to make it due to presidential search
  - Officer applications open til May (will be shortened to allow for campaigning)
- Vice President Mason
  - Development Board: Presentation from Dean of Medical School: Building and Students on board so far; Golf Swing Auction going as planned
  - University Planning Commission: Reiterated that the Commission was dissolved at the last/first meeting; new body will be formed; urged that a student rep. was placed on the board
- Chief of Staff Salazar
  - March 24<sup>th</sup>: UIW Day: Details TBA
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>: University Prayer activities: More to come
- Treasurer New
  - Updated Senate on fun outing logistics (Held at a trampoline park [Thin Air/Altitude])
  - Senator Burns inquired if both places were trampoline parks

- Jacob Bloodworth pushed to vote to approve Senator Benitez as new DPR and Senator Salazar as Chief of Staff
  - Maddie
    - For: 13
    - Abstain: 2
  - Natalie
    - For: 14
  - Approved both Senators for EC positions

## Old Business

- Legacy Fund Bill – Vice President Mason
  - VP Mason reminded the senate that an official vote was taken last Senate meeting concerning the bill, voting against it
    - Senator Burns told VP Mason that he believed keeping it the same but modifying how the fund is used would be in our future SGA's best interest
  - VP Mason reiterated that the Senate desires to just restructure the current Legacy Fund
    - Moved to table bill -> Second by President Bloodworth

## New Business

- UIW Chess Club
  - Not Present
- Student Vision Project Chapter
  - Dylan Salazar
    - Gave background on projects purpose
    - Takes strides to provide glasses/eye care to those who are unable to afford it
    - Chapter would be, tentatively, giving an opportunity to those who might not be given a chance in life otherwise
    - Spoke on how it embodies UIW's mission and values, benefiting the university profile and city as well (and Optometry School)
    - Gave background on personal experience and how this mission has deeply affected him and those around him
  - Senator Parilla inquired how the org would achieve their purpose of collecting glasses and future logistics that could plague them
    - Mr. Salazar affirmed he has spoken to local optometrists and professionals about how to achieve this
  - More senators inquired where the glasses would go and if they could benefit those impoverished here in San Antonio
    - Mr. Salazar affirmed that they would be sent to a locale in the Philippines
  - Dean McMakin inquired why Mr. Salazar desires to have this project spin off from the org. he is already a part of (President Bloodworth reiterated the same question)

- Mr. Salazar believes that establishing it as a stand-alone chapter allows it to be promoted more than if it was under another org.
  - Org vote was tabled
    - Paul Ayala asked for a point of clarification as to what else could be inquired of Mr. Salazar
      - Senators stated that there needed to be a grander purpose for the club other than one “event”
- UIW Republican Association
  - Not Present
- African Student Organization
  - Not Present
- Environmental Society
  - Main goal is to aid with Headwaters and other locales to better understand the environment
  - Senators inquired how to grow awareness about the environment, ideas on how to further proceed with education. Made a point give advice stating that they could potentially do outreach to local high schools
  - Dean McMakin stated that environmental sciences need to have more opportunities in order to better educate, clarifying the orgs potential purpose
  - President Bloodworth inquired if they had already discussed this further with the sustainability scholars & Senators piggybacked saying how would they distinguish themselves from Sustainability Scholars
    - Asked if the orgs purpose was to attract members of the major or the entire campus
    - Asked how the org has even been advertising; implied that they were unaware of its current existence
    - Asked if the purpose was to go out and do service projects via the environment
  - Tabled for further discussion
  - Later stated their mission statement
    - Stated that the ultimate goal was to develop the environmental science department

## Advisor Comments

- Paul Ayala
  - Made Senate aware that the Executive Council met and did not approve the B-Cycle
    - Shared parallel concerns that the Senate raised last semester during discussions
  - All student orgs need to finish training that is the same from last year
    - At least one officer and one member
    - RISK Management plan to be made as well
    - Due by March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - April 15th-May 15th: Student Org Renewal opens
    - Funding is still TBD due to Senate talks

- New Student center contains Org desks and locker which will be on new renewal application
- Spaces still count as communal spaces so all orgs are allowed to utilize space
- RISK Management must be completed first, however
- Non-renewal will impact availability
- Senators inquired what the layout would be and the logistics of when renewal opens
  - Opens at Noon, like last year (Timestamped)
- Black History Month event on Thursday 2/16/2017
  - Final event next Friday (2/25)
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>: Pardi Gras event

### Student Concerns

- Senator Pacheco: stated that the Bridge behind the Natatorium being “rickedy”; inquired if it could be looked at
- Student stated that the last blood drive location and organization was a mess compared to previous times
  - Requested for them to be better prepared

### Organization Announcements

- Dr. Ramsay
  - AT&T 121
  - Talking about the medical school
- April 25<sup>th</sup>: ASA -> first charitable night, going to the 2 charities that they support
- Women’s Basketball
  - Tomorrow @ 5:30 PM

### Adjourned

- President Bloodworth adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.