

******PUBLIC NOTICE******



Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024, 5:30pm-7:00pm

******VIRTUAL MEETING*******

Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more council member or graduate student may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

REMOTE OPTION: <https://unt.zoom.us/j/88673104215?from=addon>

A. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Regular Session of the Graduate Student Council Senate

B. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME TO NEW SENATORS

- 1. Brittany Rivera, College of Information**
- 2. Julia Freund, College of Visual Arts and Design**
- 3. Hannah Yohn, College of Information**
- 4. Megan Barnes, College of Information**

C. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. Should the Parliamentarian, a Senator, or the GSC President desire discussion of any item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2024, Senate meeting.

D. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Discuss the new pay scale for T/A, T/F, and Graduate Assistants.

SENATE TRAINING

1. Discuss and review the Texas Open Meetings Act.

SENATE COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The purpose of this section is to allow each Senator, the GSC President and the GSC Parliamentarian the opportunity to provide general updates and/or comments to GSC Senate Members, the public, and/or staff on any issues or future events. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, any GSC Senator, Director, or Executive Council Member may direct that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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**The Graduate Student Council Senate reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters posted on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

Posted on this 15th day of March 2024 on the Graduate Student Council website.

Lowell Johnson

Lowell Johnson
Parliamentarian
2023/2024 Graduate Student Council



**Graduate Student Council
Meeting minutes
Senate meeting
February 12, 2024
UNT Union, Senate Chambers, Room 332**

A quorum of the GSC Senate was seated and the meeting was opened by the GSC Parliamentarian at 5:30 PM.

New members Harum Ahmed and Sam Rahimzadehholagh were introduced.

Consent agenda: Approved by general consent of the body.

Business items Item Discussion and Action taken:

Item #1, Consider and Act on proposed changes to the GSC Constitution and GSC By-Laws:

Motion read into the record.

Hearing no discussion, a motion for approval made by Senator Ortega-Rodriguez, Seconded by Senator Sravan Kumar Reddy Duvvuru. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #2, Discuss the new pay scale for T/A, T/F, and Graduate Assistants. No action taken.

Item #3, Discuss health insurance subsidies for graduate students. No action taken.

Item #3, Discuss the upcoming 2024-2025 GSC Executive election schedule and discussions concerning the new method of Senator selection by individual Colleges. No action taken.

Item #4, Discuss the Spring 2024 events the GSC is planning to sponsor or be involved in. It is difficult for the Organization to be involved in these events without Senate help, so please be ready to step up and help. No action taken.

No further business.

Meeting Adjourned February 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell Johnson

Lowell Johnson, Parliamentarian
February 12, 2024



Memo for discussion

March 15, 2024,

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #1 is a brief follow up discussion concerning the new GA, T/A, and T/F pay schedule located here:

https://vpaa.unt.edu/sites/default/files/documents/9_month_salary_50_fte.pdf.

The plan is not retroactive and takes effect for the Fall 2024 Academic Semester.

Best Regards,

Lowell Johnson

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GSC Parliamentarian

Teaching Fellow

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GSC Senate training

March 18, 2024

My role as GSC Parliamentarian

1. Provide structure for meetings and governing processes.
2. Keep the GSC legal in the eyes of the State of Texas
 - a) Texas Open Meeting Act

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/pia-and-oma-training-resources/open-meetings-act-training>

- b) Texas Public Information Act

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/governmental-bodies/pia-and-oma-training-resources/public-information-act-training>

3. Ensure the GSC Constitution and By-Laws are followed.
4. Roberts Rules of Order
5. Senate committees
6. Central point for all proposed legislation and Resolutions
7. Set the meeting agendas.
8. Verify a quorum is present (No quorum, no meeting)
9. Manage the process of the meetings.
10. Maintain all minutes.



GSC Executive Team Business Meeting, to be followed by a Workshop Meeting

March 19, 2024, 1:30 PM-2:00 PM

Chestnut Hall, Room 104

Agenda

Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more members of the GSC Executive staff or graduate students may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

REMOTE OPTION:

Notice is hereby given of a Workshop meeting of the GSC Executive staff.

Call to Order.

Discussion items:

1. Discussion concerning the upcoming GSC Executive election schedule.
2. Discussion concerning the completion of SOP documents for the Executive positions.

Executive Session

The Graduate Student Council Executive Team reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters posted on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

Reconvene in open session to act, if necessary, on Executive Session items.

Adjourn

Posted on this 15th day of March 2024, on the Graduate Student Council website.

Lowell Johnson

Lowell Johnson

GSC Parliamentarian

2023-2024 Graduate

Student Council



Memo for discussion

March 19, 2024

Most Esteemed members of the GSC Executive Council and Directors,

Item #1 posted on the March 19, 2024, GSC Workshop meeting agenda allows for discussion concerning the upcoming GSC Executive Committee Spring elections. A brief review of the current Senate membership and the ongoing selection process being undertaken by the Colleges to fill their respective open Senate seats will also be reviewed by the GSC Parliamentarian.

Best Regards,

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Memo for discussion

March 19, 2024

Most Esteemed members of the GSC Executive Council and Directors,

Item #2 posted on the March 19, 2024, GSC Workshop meeting agenda allows for discussion concerning the development of an SOP for each of the GSC Executive Officer positions.

Best Regards,

Lowell Johnson

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