



GRADUATE
STUDENT
COUNCIL

Graduate Student Council

Workshop Meeting, (August 29th, 2023)

Agenda

Location of the meeting: Chestnut Hall UNT

In attendance: Dr. Denise Baxter, Johnson Lowell, Sri Lakshmi Thanuja Beeram, Vikas Burgupally, Dasari Naren Surya Tanuj, Divi Sai Charan, Vesta Stacy, and Laura Beck.

1. Discussion With Laura Beck for collaboration of GSC with Off-campus student activities.

Supporting file for the above agenda item:

Off-Campus Student Services

Part of Student Activities Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) serves as a liaison between students and departments providing services for off-campus, non-traditional, commuter, graduate students, 100% online students, and student parents. OCSS also seeks to raise awareness of these unique student populations by sponsoring several programs and activities to assist students in their overall collegiate experience. Services include but are not limited to resources for locating off-campus housing, information on commuter and transportation services (e.g., carpooling, bus schedules, etc.), as well as coordinating and co-sponsoring events such as Commuter Week, Non-Trad Appreciation Week, and Housing Fairs.

- [Non-Trad Student Guide](#)

Grab & Go

As often as possible, Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) will set up a table near different bus stops and commuter lots located around campus and give out free snacks. Commuter students can grab free food and information on their way to or from class.

- Monday, August 28 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am (Commuter Lot 54)
- Sunday, September 10 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm (Union Circle)
- Thursday, September 14 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (Discovery Park)
- Thursday, October 12 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am (Commuter Lot 40)
- Monday, November 6 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm (Union Circle)
- Monday, December 4 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am (Commuter Lot 54)

Follow us on social media to know where you can find us!

Professional Picture Day

As college students engage in professional activities, such as networking or interviewing for jobs, internships, or graduate programs, they may need a professional headshot. Professional Picture Day is a great way for UNT students to get a free professional-quality headshot. Once your photo is taken or submitted, our team will do the digital touch-ups to make it as high-quality as possible. Then you can use your photo for your professional networking online accounts (e.g., LinkedIn), business cards, or anything else.

- Wednesday, September 6 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm (Union, room 341A)
- Tuesday, October 10 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm (Union, room 341A)
- Thursday, October 19 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm (Frisco campus)
- Wednesday, November 8 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm (Union, room 341A)

Professional Picture Days are open to currently enrolled students on a first-come, first-served basis. You do not need to schedule an appointment. Please make sure you bring your Student ID.

OCSS will email one edited headshot to participants within 2-3 weeks following the event date.

Coffee and Convos

Coffee & Convos is an Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) program is for non-traditional, commuter, and graduate students to an opportunity to engage their professors in conversations outside of the classroom or during scheduled office hours. Getting to know your professors could be vitally important to your academic success and future career opportunities. During your meeting, enjoy coffee and discuss your performance in class, ask for recommendation letters, or discover internship, career, or fieldwork opportunities with a professor directly connected to your chosen career field.

How it works: After completing a quick pre-survey [[link opens Monday, August 21](#)] students will receive a participation confirmation email from OCSS. Students will then pick up a Coffee and Convos packet that includes a voucher, good for themselves and a professor, for a free cup of coffee (or other beverage) at select locations on campus, including Discovery Park. After you meet with their professor, you must complete a quick post-survey then you'll receive a free Coffee & Convos t-shirt!

Campus & Community Resource Fair

The Campus and Community Resource Fair is designed to help UNT's non-traditional, off-campus, and graduate student populations get better connected with resources on and off campus. The Campus and Community Resource Fair is a one-stop-shop experience for students to learn how they can be supported on their academic journey!

- Monday, September 18 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Library Mall)

Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night, held once per semester, is a great way for UNT students, especially student-parents, to enjoy a family-friendly movie and engage with other UNT students, student-parents, and staff. It provides student-parents with a way to involve their children in their college life. Free with current UNT student ID.

- Friday, September 29 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- Event Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Movie:
- Event Location: Eagle Student Services Center, room 255

Non-Traditional and Graduate Student Book Award

Each semester, Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) provides Non-Traditional and Graduate Student Book Award for deserving non-traditional and graduate students. The application opens Monday, October 2. Awards are valued at up to \$300 and are paid directly to the UNT Barnes and Noble Bookstore on the selected students' behalf and may only be used for textbook rentals and class-related supplies. The award amount and number of awards issued are subject to change based on funding availability.

Non-Traditional Student Appreciation Week

UNT is dedicated to engaging our non-traditional students to enrich their journey through higher education. Are you a non-traditional student in search of resources, community, or free food? Non-Traditional Student Appreciation Week, or "Non-Trad Week" is a full week of programming for Non-Traditional Students. It is held every Fall semester. Non-Trad Week events typically include extended departmental office hours, special food offerings, social events, presentations from UNT Departments and special guest speakers, family fun and movie nights, free tickets to a football game, professional-quality headshots, and so much more!

- Monday, October 9

All events are free with a current UNT student ID.

Non-Traditional & Graduate Student BBQ

If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with other non-traditional, commuter, and graduate students while enjoying some great food, then this is the event for you! We will be providing free BBQ (vegan option available) for students with a valid UNT student ID.

- Monday, October 9 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Library Mall or Syndicate if rain)

Please come join us for one of our favorite events of the semester!

Housing Fair

UNT's Housing Fair, held in both Fall and Spring, connects students with representatives from local apartment properties and student-living communities, as well as housing resources, all in one place. With properties bringing floor plans, information about amenities, price breakdowns, and move-in specials, the Housing Fair helps students find housing in the City of Denton. Additionally, UNT departments and community partners participate to provide important information and resources related to living off-campus housing.

- Wednesday, October 11 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (Library Mall)
- Wednesday, March 6th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (Library Mall)

Vendors

Off-Campus housing vendors are invited to participate. Regular registration is \$250, with the deadline to sign up and pay by [tbd]. Late registration is \$300, with the deadline to sign up and

pay by [tbd]. After registration and payment, more information and instructions will be sent to you. If you are a housing vendor interested in participating, send an email to OCSS@unt.edu to be added to the invitation list.

Community Partners

Community partners include UNT Departments and any off-campus non-profit, state, or local government or community agency that can provide valuable information to UNT students related to living off-campus. There is no registration fee for community partners. After registration, more information and instructions will be sent to you. If you are a community partner interested in participating, please email us at OCSS@unt.edu to be added to the invitation list.

Non-Traditional & Graduate Student Social

[Information needed]

- Friday, October 13 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (TBD)

Family Fun Night: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Join us for this semester's Family Fun Night! We will be hosting a Stuffed Animal Sleepover at Willis Library. Kids and parents are encouraged to wear their PJs! Check-in and stuffed animal registration will begin at 5:00 pm and story time will start at 5:30 pm! If you would like to register your child's stuffed animal for the sleepover, pick-up time will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Union Circle.

- Event Date: Friday, November 10, 2023
- Location: Willis Library
- Event Time: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Pick-Up Time: 10:00 am- 12:00 pm, Union Circle.

Upon pick-up, your child's stuffed animal will also receive a diploma for graduating from UNT Stuffed Animal Night School! Also, watch our social media accounts to see what all the stuffed animals do throughout their on-campus sleepover!

Get Connected to Your Campus Community

Getting involved on campus is a great way for you to have a one-of-a-kind Mean Green experience, and Student Activities is here to help you create that experience, via a peer-to-peer service called Involvement Advising. The goal of Involvement Advising is to help you find a campus event, group, organization, and/or department, where you can connect with other students who have similar interests and find your fit here at UNT. During an Involvement Advising appointment, you'll meet with a Campus Life Ambassador (CLA). The CLA team is a group of highly-involved students who will help you create a tailored list of opportunities.

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Campus & Community Resource Fair	Monday, September 18, 2023	4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Library Mall
Family Movie Night	Friday, September 29, 2023	5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	ESSC 255
Spring 2024 Textbook Award Applications Open	Monday, October 2, 2023		
Non-Traditional Student Appreciation Week	Monday, October 9, 2023		
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