

# \*\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*\*



## **Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting**

**Monday, February 10, 2025, 5:30pm-7:00pm**

**UNT Union, Room 341**

**Virtual link: Zoom <https://unt.zoom.us/j/84126500791>**

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

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

### **A. 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 January 13, 2025 Senate meeting.

### **B. BUSINESS AGENDA**

1. Discuss and act on the GSC 2025-2026 Executive Election Calendar.
2. Discuss and act on the GSC 2025-2026 Election Commissioner and Election Board.
3. Discuss and act on the proposed changes to the GSC Constitution.
4. Discuss and act on the proposed changes to the GSC By-Laws

### **C. GSC EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT REPORT**

1. The Senate will hear a brief report from the GSC President concerning current GSC events.

## **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**

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.

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

## **ADJOURN**

Posted on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, on the Graduate Student Council website and the GSC Parliamentarian office wall.

*Lowell Johnson*

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Lowell Johnson  
Parliamentarian  
2024/2025 Graduate Student Council



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## Graduate Student Council

### Meeting Minutes

### Senate Meeting

January 13, 2025,

Virtual

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 813 8121 3005**

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#### **Attendance:**

- Executive: Bala Kilaru (Pres), Lowell Johnson (Parl), Aravind Chitiprolu (VPAF)
- Senators: Bisola Adeyemi, Megan Barnes, Kim Brinzoi, Radhika Bansal, Rajiv Adusumalli, Krislyn Massey, Saide Mahama, Dyan Knapp, Sam Sandin, Hamza Ahmed, Amal Alshehri, Sujitha Darsi, Taylor Day, Diksha Diksha, Heriberto Ramirez, Gyrenna Barrera, Julia Freund, Jayce Hanchette
- Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joseph Oppong

**A quorum of the GSC Senate was seated and the meeting was opened by the GSC Parliamentarian at 5:32 PM.**

#### **Consent Agenda:**

- Items # 1 Approval of the November 11, 2024, meeting minutes by Consent of the Body

#### **Business Agenda:**

1. Presentation by the GSC President concerning the upcoming Spring 2025 events.

#### **Senate Comments & Future Agenda Items**

No agenda items suggested.

No further business.

**Senate meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM on January 13, 2025.**

Respectfully submitted January 14, 2025

*Lowell Johnson*

Lowell Johnson

GSC Parliamentarian

February 6, 2025

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

The GSC President completed the election calendar for the 2025-2026 GSC Executive Committee elections. It is included with this memo. GSC By-Laws require the Senate to approve the announcement. As such, the following motion will be required for the Senate to approve the election calendar:

“I move to approve the GSC Election Calendar for the 2025-2026 GSC Executive Committee. The ballot will provide for the election of:

GSC President  
GSC Vice President of Administration and Finance  
GSC Vice President of Programming and Outreach  
GSC Vice President of Communications and Marketing

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A second will be required and the vote will be recorded.

Best Regards,

*Lowell Johnson*

Lowell Johnson, MPA  
Parliamentarian | Graduate Student Council  
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## Graduate Student Council (GSC) General Election 2025 – Timeline

### Election Timeline:

- **Application Process:** March 3 – March 8, 2025, 5 PM.

Spring Break - March 10-16

- **Candidate Announcement:** March 17, 2025
- **Campaign Week:** March 17 – March 23, 2025
- **Town Hall Meeting:** March 24, 2025, from 2 PM to 5 PM
- **General Election Voting:** March 25, 2025, 12:15 AM – March 28, 2025, 12:15 AM
- **Election Results Announcement:** March 31, 2025
  - This includes announcements of runoff election candidates (if applicable).

### Runoff Election (if required):

- **Runoff Campaign Week:** April 1 – April 5, 2025
- **Runoff Election Voting:** March 7, 2025, 12:15 AM – April 10, 2025, 12:15 AM
- **Final Results Announcement:** April 12, 2025

February 6, 2025

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

The GSC President has chosen the following UNT Graduate students to serve as the GSC Election Board and Election Commissioner for the 2025-2026 GSC Executive Committee elections:

**GSC Election Board 2025**

Position	Name
Election Commissioner	Mamatha Reddygari
Board Members	Sai Sri Kanuri
	Saikumarreddy Reddymalla
	Jayakrishna Amathi
	Mohammed Imaduddin Ahmed
	Nikitha Reddy
	Praveen Kumar Deshamone

The Senate is required by the GSC By-Laws to approve the Board. The motion to approve is:

“I move to approve the GSC Election Board and Election Commissioner for the 2025-2026 GSC Executive Committee”

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A second will be required and the vote will be recorded.

Best Regards,

*Lowell Johnson*

Lowell Johnson, MPA  
 Parliamentarian | Graduate Student Council  
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January 31, 2025

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

The GSC President and Executive Committee is requesting the following corrections, additions, and clarifications to both the GSC Constitution and By-Laws. Please note in the copies of both documents sent via email, the strike outs are the verbiage being **removed** and the additions or corrections are in **red**.

The changes being requested are generally cleaning up the language in both documents and consolidating two directorships, Internal and External relations into one directorship titled "Director of Outreach".

Second, clarification of the term of office for the Executive committee members is made. Their office terms are set at June 1 through May 31 of the succeeding year.

Third, clarification is added to the Constitution concerning eligibility of Graduate Students as members in the GSC.

Fourth, in the By-Laws, the GSC President is included as a potential attendee to Election committee meetings.

Attendance at this meeting is of the utmost importance, as changing our governing documents is an important obligation of the GSC Senate.

The Executive Committee will be providing snacks and the new GSC t-shirts. Those who attend online will need to make arrangements to either pick up their shirts or receive them by mail.

*Lowell Johnson*

Lowell Johnson, MPA

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University of North Texas

As a quick reference, the following corrections and clarifications were made to the GSC Constitution:

1. The text below is being added to the Membership Criteria:

## Article III—Non-Discrimination Statement and Membership Criteria

### Section 2-Membership Criteria

Membership in this organization is limited to any graduate student who is currently enrolled at the University of North Texas. **Active membership in this organization will be extended to graduate students who are part of any of the 3 branches of the graduate student council and the graduate students who are actively involved in any of the graduate student council events/meetings.**

2. The following consolidation and correction is made to combine the External Relations and Internal relations Directorships into one Directorship of Outreach:

## Article XI—Duties & Responsibilities of GSC Executives, Directors & Senators

### Section 2—Director Positions and Duties

#### 5. ~~Director of Internal Relations~~

~~a. Responsible for fostering relationships with parties within the university including but not limited to student organizations that serve graduate students, Student Government Association (SGA), and faculty and administration.~~

~~b. Reports directly to the Vice President of Programming and Outreach~~

#### 6. ~~Director of External Relations~~

~~a. Responsible for fostering relationships with outside parties including but not limited to graduate student governments at other universities, local businesses, and elected officials.~~

~~b. Reports directly to the Vice President of~~

~~c. \_\_\_\_\_~~

~~d. Programming and Outreach~~

#### 5. Director of Outreach

**a. Responsible for fostering relationships with both entities outside and inside the University.**

**b. Reports directly to the Vice President of**



The following corrections, additions, and clarifications to the GSC By-Laws are suggested by the GSC Executive Committee:

As a quick reference, the following corrections and clarifications were made to the GSC By-Laws:

## Article II. Nominations, Elections and Appointments of Executive Committee

Section 4:

E. The term of office for the Executive committee shall be June 1st through May 31st of the following year.

Section 4. Director Appointments

A. ~~All elected Executive Committee members, except the President, shall appoint a Director or Directors no later than the end of the first month of their term.~~

~~A. The VP of Administration and Finance shall appoint a Director of Administration.~~

~~B. The VP of Communications and Marketing shall appoint a Director of Communications and a Director of Marketing.~~

~~C. The VP of Programming and Outreach shall appoint a Director of Programming, a Director of Internal Relations, and a Director of External Relations.~~

C. The VP of Programming and Outreach shall appoint the Director of Programming and the Director of Outreach.

D. The Parliamentarian shall appoint a Director of Legislative Affairs.

E. All Directors shall be confirmed by the President no later than one week following their appointment by their respective VPs.

## Article III. Duties & Responsibilities of GSC Leadership

### Section 1: Executive Committee

- a. Reports directly to the Vice President of Programming and Outreach
- B. ~~Director of Internal Relations~~
  - a. ~~Responsible for fostering relationships with parties within the university including but not limited to student organizations that serve graduate students, Student Government Association (SGA), and faculty and administration.~~
  - b. ~~Reports directly to the Vice President of Programming and Outreach~~
- C. ~~Director of External Relations~~
  - a. ~~Responsible for fostering relationships with outside parties including but not limited to graduate student governments at other universities, local businesses, and elected officials.~~
  - b. ~~Reports directly to the Vice President of Programming and Outreach~~

#### K. Director of Outreach

- a. Responsible for fostering relationships with both entities outside and inside the University.
- b. Reports directly to the Vice President of Programming and Outreach.

## **Article V. Rules on the GSC Senate**

Section 3: Senate Standing Committees

C. ~~External Relations Committee~~ **Public Relations Committee**

## **Article VIII. Removal of GSC Leadership**

### Section 1. Removal or Resignation of Executive Committee Members

D. The President shall accept the resignation of executive committee members. The executive committee member will remain in their elected position until the resignation is accepted by the GSC President.

F. The President and/or Executive Committee, on removal or resignation of an Executive Committee member, shall nominate within 14 days a qualified person to serve in the position on an interim basis, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.

## Article XI: Election Code

### Section 2: Election Board

G. All Election Board meetings will be open only to Election Board, ~~the GSC President, if not running as a candidate, members~~ and the GSC Advisor. The Board shall keep written minutes of all meetings, including hearings. Quorum for all Board meetings, including election certification meetings, shall be defined as three Board members plus the Election Commissioner.

**Instructions for action:**

The proper format of the motion to accept the proposed changes for the GSC Constitution is:

“I make the motion the proposed changes to the GSC Constitution be approved/denied.”

The proper format of the motion to accept the proposed changes to the GSC By-Laws is:

“I make the motion the proposed changes to the GSC By-Laws be approved/denied.”

Both motions will need to be independently seconded and then voted on.

**Either motion can be modified to pass or deny any of the items. If you wish to make such a motion, I will be glad to help you do so during the meeting.**

The vote to pass the changes in the GSC Constitution will be 3/4 of the Senators in attendance.

The vote to pass the changes in the GSC By-Laws will be 2/3rds of the Senators in attendance.