

****PUBLIC NOTICE****



Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2025, 5:30pm-7:00pm

UNT Union, Senate Chambers, Union 332

Virtual link: <https://unt.zoom.us/j/82198901856>

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

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 February 10, 2025, Senate meeting.

B. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Introduce the GSC Executive Officers for the 2025-2026 Academic year.
2. Discuss and Act on the position of Parliamentarian for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.
3. Discuss and Act on the Senate Re-apportionment of seats for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.
4. Discuss and Act on Senate Resolution 25-01.
5. Discuss the Summer Senate and request volunteers.

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

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Posted on this 11th day of April 2025, on the Graduate Student Council website and the GSC Parliamentarian office wall.

Lowell Johnson

Lowell Johnson
Parliamentarian
2024/2025 Graduate Student Council



April 11, 2025

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #1 on the agenda is the introduction and action to accept the GSC 2025-2026 Academic year elected officers. They are:

GSC President: Bhavya Kanyadra

GSC VP of Administration and Finance: Sai Jaswanth Kumar Durgi

GSC VP of Programming and Outreach: Kumar Danman

GSC VP of Communication and Marketing: Aaditi Dharmendra Bhandari

A motion and a second to accept the new officers are required from the Senate, followed by a vote of the Senate.

Best Regards,

Lowell Johnson

Lowell Johnson, MPA

GSC Parliamentarian

Teaching Fellow

ABD PhD Candidate

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University of North Texas



April 11, 2025

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #2 on the agenda is the discussion and approval of a Parliamentarian for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. At this time the GSC President does not have a candidate and encourages the GSC Senate to recruit potential Parliamentarian candidates from their respective constituencies.

At this time there is no action to be taken on the item.

Best Regards,

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Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #2 on the agenda is discussion and action by the GSC Senate on the re-apportionment of Senate seats, based on the Fall 2024 UNT College census. The Information is charted below:

Student College	Fall 2024	Total Fall 2024	Percentage	Total Senate Seats	College Senate Seats	2025-2026 Senate Seat Allocation	Current 2024-2025 Senate Seat Allocation
College of Engineering	2,907	11368	25.57%	55	14	14	11
Brint Ryan College of Business	2,060	11368	18.12%	55	10	10	11
College of Information	1,908	11368	16.78%	55	9	9	9
College of Education	1,085	11368	9.54%	55	5	5	6
Graduate School	850	11368	7.48%	55	4	4	3
College Health and Public SERV	885	11368	7.79%	55	4	4	4
College of Lib Arts and Soc Sc	563	11368	4.95%	55	3	3	4
College of Music	515	11368	4.53%	55	2	2	3
College of Science	379	11368	3.33%	55	2	2	2
College of Visual Arts & Design	98	11368	0.86%	55	0	1	1
Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism	118	11368	1.04%	55	1	1	1

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A motion and a second to accept the new Senator allocations are required from the Senate, followed by a vote of the Senate.

Best Regards,

Lowell Johnson

Lowell Johnson, MPA

GSC Parliamentarian



April 11, 2025

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #4 on the agenda is the discussion and approval of Senate Resolution 25-01, regarding the pay rates for Graduate TA/TF and request for a uniform pay progression policy.

Action on the Resolution will require a motion and a second by the Senate.

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GSC Resolution 25-001
A Resolution Calling for the
Institution of a Pay
Increase for Graduate
Students Employed by the
University of North Texas
as Teaching Assistants and
Teaching Fellows and a
definition of the Entry,
Midpoint, and Top End Pay
Progression

WHEREAS there are over 11,000 graduate enrollments at the University of North Texas (UNT) and,

WHEREAS the continued lack of adequate pay offered to UNT graduate students employed as Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows causes great economic hardship to the employed graduate students and,

WHEREAS UNT relies on graduate student employees to maintain the University's R 1 status.

***THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE
Graduate Student Council Senate at the
University of North Texas:***

Section 1: The UNT Graduate Student Council requests the University of North Texas President to review our petition for economic relief and offer solutions for remedying the current unjust pay scale. We ask the remedy includes definitions and policy procedures for the advancement of graduate student employees through the established tiers in the pay system currently in place.

Section 2: The UNT Graduate Student Council requests the UNT President and Executive Cabinet be ever mindful of the cost of a graduate education at UNT and continue to search for ways to lower those costs, so that the graduate community can be secure in their living arrangements.

GSC President



April 11, 2025

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #5 on the agenda is the discussion concerning volunteering for the GSC Summer Senate. The Summer Senate is a volunteer body of no more than ten Senators who will be available to meet remotely once in June and once in July 2025, to review and act on any pending matters before the GSC Senate, as placed there by the Parliamentarian or the incoming GSC President. The meetings will be properly called and documented public meetings.

No action other than volunteers announcing their desire to participate, via email, to the GSC Parliamentarian no later than May 1, 2025.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Lowell Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "J".

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