

Executive Members Present:

- President Bala Sankar Kilaru
- Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez
- Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF) Aravind Chitiprolu
- Vice President of Programming and Outreach (VPPO) Satya Vara Prasad Namala
- Vice President Communications and Marketing (VPCM) Sai Keerthi Vanga

Others Present:

- Advisor Dr. Joseph Oppong
- Associate Vice President/Chief Operating Officer(VP/COO) Dr. Connor Smith
- Director of Administration Syeda Tahniyat Muqtadir
- GSC Ex-President Tiffany Miller

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by VPAF Aravind Chitiprolu.

Business meeting agenda:

1. Discussion regarding the GSC Executive team evaluation.

Discussion: President Kilaru has requested Dr. Joseph Oppong to evaluate the senators. Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez had asked President Kilaru on evaluation process. President Kilaru mentioned that Dr. Joseph Oppong will take care of evaluation process after Thanks Giving break.

Action: No action required.

2. Discussion on GSC Service awards for Senators and Directors.

Discussion: Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez had asked President Kilaru on GSC Service award process. President Kilaru mentioned that will allocate 6 awards, 3 awards for Senators and Directors and 3 awards for Graduate Student Members. President Kilaru also mentioned that will a form a committee with President, Advisor, Parliamentarian, Vice-President, Senator and Director to select the candidates.

Action: No action required.

3. Discussion on GSC Senator Standing Committees.

Discussion: Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez explained about 3 branches Legislative, Executive, Judiciary. Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez mentioned pending issues on Active Standing Committees of GSC and introduced chairs for the respective committees. Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez informed to President Kilaru on planning and programming of Graduate Student Appreciation Week. Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez informed about forming an External Relations committee on January/February for volunteering the Graduate Student Appreciation Week. Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez mentioned that Performance Oversight & Monitoring committee will do the evaluation for the entire Executive Team at the end of March 2025.

Action: No action required.

4. Discussion regarding student athletic fee.

Discussion: Associate VP/COO proposed an opportunity to let this go to a vote. Associate VP/COO mentioned that rise of Athletic Fee from \$17.85 to \$22.00. Associate VP/COO informed that last athletic fee referendum was 2018. The current increased amount would be about \$60 a semester more per student. Associate VP/COO informed that the proposed rise is \$4.15 and compared the fee with other schools (TX state, UTSA) and benchmarks. The comparison is close to average of \$22.00. Associate VP/COO mentioned about cricket ground and assured the support for cricket ground in future. Associate VP/COO informed reasons for increase in fee that are Cost of Attendance, Sports Medicine/Health Services, Expansion of Nutrition/Training Table and Team Travel. Associate VP/COO asked opportunity to take it to the referendum. Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez had discussed potential of a senate meeting on December 4th, 2024/ January 2025. GSC Ex-President Tiffany Miller asked about non-students funding and Associate VP/COO informed that it is doubled. Director of Administration Tahniyat have requested UNT to find a space on campus that can be improved and used for cricket until we have a proper ground for it. Director of Administration Tahniyat also suggested that the university provide cricket equipment for students, just like it does for other sports. Additionally, Director of Administration Tahniyat asked UNT to consider creating a cricket team. Since the USA now has its own national cricket team, there's a chance that one of our students could represent the country in the future, which would be a great achievement for UNT. VPCM Keerthi raised a query on internships and VP/COO informed that there are total 30 paid internships.

Action:

- President Kilaru made a motion to speak Ex-President Tiffany Miller.
- Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez second the motion.
- The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chitiprolu Aravind, GSC VPAF

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