

## Meeting Minutes- Senate Meeting 9/12/16

Parliamentarian- Christian Doyle

5:33 – Meeting Called to Order

5:34 – Rachel, from Toastmasters

- Rachel is the president of Toastmasters
- Toastmasters is an international club to help people with public speaking
- There are 3 clubs in the area and theirs is at Crumley Hall on campus
- If you join, you receive a manual to work through 10 speeches to help with presentations and speaking skills
- Once completed, the student gets a certificate and which is able to be used for job applications
- For Graduate Students, the same rules apply but can be manipulated
- Toastmasters works with international students as well
- If you are interested, you can join anytime
- They also work on speeches that are spontaneous too
- Where to meet? = Crumley Hall, 12-1 every Monday
- There is an open house next Monday, 9/19, at 12-1 pm in the Crumley Hall Conference room
- The fees are \$60, and there are dues of 50\$ every two years. They have scholarships though to help with both as well.
- The website is [northtexastostmasters.toastmastersclubs.org](http://northtexastostmasters.toastmastersclubs.org)
- Rachel can be contacted at [Rachel.grimes@unt.edu](mailto:Rachel.grimes@unt.edu)

5:40 – Jason, from Transportation Services

- Filling in for head of the department, Gary
- Transportation services are looking for a GA in marketing/communication
- It is posted on career services website

5:41 – Propose Voting Change

- Current documents say that the GSC is a roll call vote when the organization votes on anything
- The proposal is to change it to voice vote
- Motion= Michele Medina
- 2<sup>nd</sup>= Caroline
- Yes = 26
- No= 1 (Michael Cotton)
- The voting change passes from a roll call vote to voice vote

5:43 – Justices Confirmation

- Three Justices are looking to be confirmation from the senate
- Motion to confirm = Adi

- 2<sup>nd</sup>= Peter
- Yes = 25
- No = 0
- Abstain= 0
- All three justices were confirmed

#### 5:46 – Officer Reports

- Seth
  - GSC needs someone to represent staff senate
  - Also need a senator to represent GSC on faculty senate
    - You can contact peter if interested
  - There will be a survey going out soon, topic is undisclosed
- Kent
  - We are looking to donate 20,000 for travel grants
    - That will be the only available option from Toulouse Graduate School
    - It will only be 20,000 instead of 60,000
  - Event Funds
    - 2,000 set aside for Grad student orgs
    - There is no deadline, and you should apply early as the 20,000 might go fast
    - It is only 2,000 per semester
    - Executive team decides where the money goes
  - Programming
    - 24,000 for GSC Events
  - We need to make sure senators volunteer to be considered for money, application is going into OrgSync
  - There is also an unexpected BBQ coming up so we are going to give money to that as well
- Giselle
  - Breakfast/snacks
    - First one at Discovery park this Friday (9/16)
    - There will be one on UNT campus on 9/30
  - She is meeting with the International student orgs
  - Weekly Writing Groups
    - Started last week, but want/would like to see more people
    - It is now in room 339 in the Union
  - Geek Week = this week at discovery park
  - Resume/CV/Cover Letter helps starts this week
  - Tomorrow = speed reading at the learning center
- Ricky
  - Working to keep events going and posting to social media
  - If part of another group, use GSC to help publicize to Grad students
  - Working to do changes with website

- Group picture will wait until GSC shirts come in
- Jayme is working on mission/vision statement
- Christian
  - If you have any ideas for legislation, email me for help and keep working to create legislation improve graduate student experience any way we can
  - The office hours calendar is going around, make sure you sign up and I will get the calendar out soon

#### 5:58 – New Business

- Governing Document Amendments
  - Contingency for Emergency
    - How will notification be sent out? = by email
    - Alvin Akibar = don't come for severe weather, forward email to text
    - Alvin- motions for document to say “in event of severe weather/university emergency”
      - Motion for Alvin's edit = Mattress
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>= Caroline
      - Favor = 28
      - Opposed = 0
      - Abstain = 1
    - Michele
      - Motion to specify backup meetings in calendar as make up date
      - Motion = Mattress
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> = Islam
      - Favor = 29
      - Opposed = 0
      - Abstain = 0
    - Peter
      - What does any meeting mean?
      - Seth = senate meetings
    - Vote on the contingency for emergency
      - Motion = Medina
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>= Akibar
      - Favor = 29
      - Opposed = 0
      - Abstain = 0
  - Bylaws have Erroneous page number
    - Change from error to page 5
    - Motion = Mattress
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> = Jason
    - Favor = 29, Opposed = 0, Abstain = 0
  - Typo with word “representing”

- Motion = Michele, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Jason,
    - Favor = 29. Opposed = 0, Abstain = 0
  - Change External Relations to Outreach
    - Motion = Derek, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Debbie
    - Favor = 28, Opp = 0, Ab= 0
  - Typo with word “Discussion”
    - Motion = Rachel, 2<sup>nd</sup> = Cotton
    - Favor = 28, Opp = 0, Ab = 0
  - Judicial Branch Rules Moved
    - Motion= Midu, 2<sup>nd</sup>= Obi
    - Favor = 29, Opp = 0, Abstain = 0
  - Non-Hearing Meetings for Justices
    - Adding Section
    - Discussion
      - Jason = why meetings have to be closed door
        - Reason = no reason to make minutes public
      - Kent = wants people to remain clear headed
      - Michele = internal committee meetings aren’t publicized either
      - Rick = consistent with supreme court/exec meetings
      - Jim = why are we asking to meet once a month?
        - Seth = because of judicial review
    - Motion= Adina, 2<sup>nd</sup>= Jason
    - Favor= 27, Opp = 0, Abstain = 1
- 6:18 pm = Bill F2016-1, Senator Joshi
  - Background = bus stops at discovery park
  - Problem = current stop is not accessible to everyone due to reasons like weather or handicapped persons
  - Solution = due use the one Joshi is sponsoring and wants that one to be the main DP stop, not the current one
  - Akibar = concern is student parking is in back at the other stop
  - Jason = lots of concern with UNT transportation and what they are doing. Wants both spots open
  - Seth = they are doing their best with good rationale
  - Jason =student body tripled and there is more demand, UNT needs more frequency at stops so this one slows down the bus
  - Islam = students miss first stop though, and then go to 2<sup>nd</sup> to catch bus. With only one stop, there is only once chance to get on bus and then it’s a long wait
  - Jason= ½ mile is saved
  - Christian = there needs to be hard data
  - Jason = yes, DCTA has it
  - Sharod = what is budge for Transportation? Enrollment increased, so where is the money going?
  - Jason = DP demand is very high, transportation money is not increasing

- Sharod = wants to see where the money is going
- Woods = motion to postpone discussion to next meeting (table the bill) until hard data is collected and given to GSC
- 2<sup>nd</sup>= Metras, Favor= 23, Opposed = 0, Ab = 4
- 6:33 – Internal Committees
  - Senators went into internal committees and they elected secretaries and chairs
  - Performance Oversight
    - Exec Member = Kent
    - Chair= Debbie
    - Sec. = Singh
  - Outreach
    - Exec = Ricky
    - Chair = Jason
    - Sec. = Caroline
  - Programming
    - Exec = Giselle
    - Chair = Michele
    - Sec. = Derek
- 6:47- Cotton Hensley = senator for communications department
  - Wants to go over Tuition Benefit Program/cancelation of undecided major
  - Has to deal with fair work labor
  - Used to be 20 TA's for 40 classes
  - Since cancellation, they still work 3/3 schedule and working more than 20 hours a week and no TBP
  - Without TBF, 14 Ta's covering 53 classes
  - Senator Metras has the same problem
  - Cotton is gathering data to log own personal hours of how hours people and himself are working
  - First week he logged, he logged 20 hours without grading
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> week = 30 hours
  - He asked how many are interested in logging labor hours to provide data
    - Going to use drop box for others to record hours
    - 4 or 5 senators raised their hands to help with this
  - Sherad = wants to help and says RAs were supposed to be cut out but if you were teaching, then you should get money
- 6:55- Senator Mullers of Media Arts
  - Union Circle has terrible signage and people are always driving down wrong ways and it is very dangerous
  - Dangerous for people walking because cars and buses are going wrong way
  - He wants to fix signage
  - Seth told Mullers to create legislation for the issue
- 6:59- Seth
  - Feel free to discuss opinions and ask questions with other senators

- 7:00- Motion to Adjourn = Sharod
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup>- Debbie
  - o Favor – 28
  - o Carried
  - o Meeting adjourned