

Senate Meeting  
October 5, 2015  
5:30 PM

### **Meeting Meetings**

1. Call to order 5:32
2. Invited Speaker: Dr. Geary Robinson, Director, Parking & Transportation Services (5:32 PM – 5:56PM)  
Discussing state of parking and transportation at UNT, growing university but parking grows a little slower, working on parking and transportation master plan to work in conjunction with university master plan, progress takes time and shouldn't be about blaming others but rather collaboratively working towards improvement, need all people possible at UNT to go before Oct. 30 and take parking and transportation survey, final report due January draft in December, workshops in November to continue conversation, goal is to have more options than driving personal vehicles (encourage train and bus use, etc.), goal to create advisory board with members from SGA, GSC, Faculty senate, and Staff council
3. Call to Order/Roll Call (5:56 PM)  
27 senators present, quorum met
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes (5:56– 5:57 PM)
5. Reports of Officers, Standing and Special Committees (5:57-6:21 PM)
  - a. President  
GSC/SGA collaboration referendum process, progress made, final language being finalized then presented before bodies for approval Meeting with Dr. Robinson last week was positive and next meeting soon
  - b. Vice President of Administration and Finance  
Budget update  
Travel grant workshop Monday 10/19 5:30-6:30 location tbd
  - c. Vice President of Communications and Marketing  
New website moving ahead, starting from scratch and new site to be posted next month, asking for support from senators with Drupple  
Tabling events: to encourage more participation and awareness of GSC  
Communications: encouraging participation and sharing through social media, promoting page in Facebook \$23.60 for 881 views and 44 likes sine 9/23/2015
  - d. Vice President of Programming and Outreach  
Tour of colleges – met with engineering, positive experience and tour of discovery park, consider activity field area for students, park area with some exercise equipment for students, shower facilities

Writing group every Tuesday at White House, low attendance recently so requesting advertisement support

Homecoming tailgating this Saturday, encourage students to attend, senators please come and enjoy

NAGPS National Conference coming up

e. Parliamentarian

Make sure you are communicating with committees, meeting once a month

Senator recruitment in progress with exec team, encourage departments to appoint senators (will share list of vacant seats)

f. Campus Carry Taskforce, Senator Jim Dale

No firm dates on town halls, should see more soon, two things moving now: talking points and FAQs on issue, recent events and other schools dealing with same issue, more information to follow

g. Student Innovation Fund for Teaching, Senator Michele Medina

Encourage innovation from students and teachers, The Patio project looking to create outdoor study area near Willis library, wanting feedback from senators on use by grad students, questions regarding outlets and weather, vs. expanding library, innovation dream house for CEOs to come to campus, library The Factory encouraging use and participation

6. Old Business 6:21

a. Resolution Fall 2015-1 (pending further research)

7. New Business (6:21-6: PM)

a. Resolution Fall 2015-2 (6:21-6:44 PM)

Referred to oversight committee

Committees convene 6:21-6:34

Senator Sakinejad presents legislation with addition after committee confers, Jesus reads amended resolution

Discussion: senator brings up point other students at other universities are allowed to work outside appointments, does this have a chance at the administration level Jesus offers information from Dr. Oponng regarding counter argument, senator brings up issue for international students regarding visa issues, salary floor has been stagnant and question future movement of these changing,

Vote: 27 yeas, no nays

b. Resolution Fall 2015-3 (6:44 -6:59 PM)

Referred to external relations committee 6:44-6:53

Committee passes without amendment

Senator Median presents resolution, questions regarding what IRB is, comments from senator regarding need for this change,

Motion to amend resolution to spell out IRB approved unanimously with 27 votes

Director of research compliance has retired so note this may be held up until new person appointed  
Vote: 27 yeas, 0 nays approved unanimously

8. Announcements (6:59-7:00 PM)  
New senators welcomed
9. Adjournment (7:00 PM)