

Senate Meeting
October 17, 2016
5:30-7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order- 5:33**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Favor=26
 - b. Motion Carries
- III. Library Services**
 - a. Susan Smith, Scott Jackson and Jeffrey Guintivano
 - b. The areas will be for researching as there are a lot of group areas but not many designed for researching
 - c. There will be video conferencing available too
 - d. Silent Area- just the student and the work.
 - e. BYOD Area- bring your own device. Room for technology, room to write, but still quiet area
 - f. Casual area- area to sit, get into reading and get out of just the normal chair
 - g. Presentation area- group area where you can meet have conferences, video conferences
 - h. Innovation/Technology Sandbox- lots more technology to use, will take ideas from grad students
 - i. Rest of lower level- it is already being upgraded as we speak, whole lower level is to be scholarship driven
 - j. Lots of new furniture coming in and getting to be a great place to study
 - k. They are still looking for feedback and ideas
 - i. Email address for feedback- scott.jackson@unt.edu,
susan.smith@unt.edu
 - l. Scott is assistant dean for facilities, really wants ideas and feedback
 - m. One objection-
 - i. Jason Rhode
 1. Pa system is very very loud
 2. Scott said it is being worked on because as of now, needs to be loud in order for all places in library to hear emergency announcements
 - n. Move to take out Fluorescent lighting?? – Senator Mullins
 - i. Scott- yes, there is an entire movement for there to be LED lighting. They are trying to get rid of fluorescent lighting and this has already been done at Discovery Park
- IV. Money Management Center**
 - a. Paul Goebel= Senior Director
 - i. Center started 11 years ago, October 1st, 2005
 - ii. Program did not exist until he got here
 - b. Last full academic year- over 10,000 students served. Many of which were grad students

- c. Money management skills research- it is not a positive increase, they have not saved money
 - i. Our prices of school, housing, etc. have gone up- skills have not increased
- d. They will open a satellite office in ESSC 110
- e. They are in chestnut right now on penthouse level
- f. He is proud of creating a department/program that is not an 8-5 mentality. They provide services when students are available. Understand student schedules are crazy. They are VERY flexible
- g. They have online resources, presentations, coaching sacrifices, etc.
- h. Encourage peers to let them serve you to help with finances today and for adulthood.
- i. Most sought out services- coaching either for the “today” situation or the “future” situation
- j. They disperse 700-800 thousand dollars in loans each year
- k. Greatest challenge international students face
 - i. Progression towards degree work, they are losing sponsors

V. Officer Reports

- a. President Ketron
 - i. New director of marketing
 - 1. Cynthia
 - ii. We got 100,000 dollars in addition for travel funding
 - 1. Pulled from other resources
 - 2. We will not pursue referendum on tuition for help with this
 - iii. State of council survey concluded
 - 1. Many frustrations, working to try and resolve issues as there were strong opinions
- b. Kent
 - i. We have enough money to approve for 3-4 more student orgs for funding
 - ii. Travel grants
 - 1. Kent just got done with evaluations, hopes to disperse more money as we got more money than expected
- c. Giselle
 - i. We have had two tours of colleges, next up is humanities and business
 - ii. Meeting with TWU Thursday
 - iii. Alumni reunion coming up at UNT on Square
 - iv. Breakfast snacks event- October 21 at DP and 28 on main campus
 - v. North Lakes Park= fun day, will get email soon
 - vi. October 17- coffee hour
 - vii. BBQ – October 19
 - viii. Resume and CL workshop every Wednesday
 - ix. Career center workshops coming up
 - x. GRE and speed reading courses still going on
 - xi. Weekly writing group sessions every Wednesday in union
 - 1. Need help in getting word out
 - 2. Has been poorly attended
 - 3. Need to spread word
- d. Ricky

- i. Commends outreach committee for being in touch with student organizations so we can introduce ourselves and how we can help them to improve visibility and communication

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on Bill F2016-1
- b. Gary, director of transportation
 - i. Purpose in changing stops from back to front was to reduce time it takes to run buses up there
 - ii. It took additional 8-10 minutes for bus to go from front to back, wait and then leave
 - iii. We understand there are more issues as it should have reduced run time but it really isn't
 - iv. They completed study concerning parking and transportation, transportation will have to be a key to helping campus and UNT grow
 - v. 20,000 per space to build parking garage
 - vi. They spent 540,000 last year to pay for engine replacement on buses
 - 1. They are nearing the end of their life again because those engines are a 7-year lifespan, bought in 2012
 - 2. Brand new bus= 450,000
- c. Transit fee in place by UNT = generates 3 million a year for Transportation Department
- d. UNT Transportation pays DCTA
 - i. Pays them for fuel, hourly rate and maintenance- spends 3.1-3.2 million a year
- e. There was a blank page on the website for campus cruiser on Sunday, it was corrected today
- f. Short deal is this- they have a 9-million-dollar budget
 - i. They spend almost every penny on parking and transit
 - ii. They are not funded from tuition or state
- g. He has worked at 5 big time universities and at all 5, it is the same format on how to run transportation system
 - i. Transit and parking = funded from transit sales and parking
- h. They need additional revenue- only place for that is from students
 - i. So please support the bill from Adam
- i. Park mobile will be active on January 15th and senators are guinea pigs
- j. Motion to vote on Bill F2016-1
 - i. Senator Rachel
- k. Second
 - i. Derek Harris
- l. Favor
 - i. 23
- m. Opposed
 - i. None
- n. Abstain
 - i. 5
- o. Motion carries- Bill F2016-1 passed

VII. New Business

- a. Bill F2016-2: Senator Islam
 - i. Move toward optimization of bus usage

- ii. On Saturdays, full buses were being run with 2/3 people on them, so not optimal use of resources
- iii. Take large buses out, use smaller buses on Saturdays and use saved resources to put towards M-F bus usage
- iv. Islam
- v. People have no chance to get on bus from Avenue G because it is full
- vi. Discussion
 - 1. Senator Cotton= any idea how saved resources could be used during rush hour time
 - 2. Money is saved and could be used
- vii. Senator Rhode
 - 1. Lots of support of this bill from Discovery Park
- viii. Motion to Vote
 - 1. Senator Rachel
- ix. Second
 - 1. Senator Sindu
- x. Favor
 - 1. 27
- xi. Opposed
 - 1. None
- xii. Abstain
 - 1. None
- xiii. Motion carries
 - 1. Bill F2016-2 passed

b. Bill F2016-3: Senator Mullins and Rhode

- i. Lots of traffic issues at Chesnutt and union circle and people coming out of wrong way out of FS parking lot
- ii. They have written bill and photos
- iii. They want better signage
- iv. Main area of concern is Union Circle
- v. Very light arrows on street right now, need graphic representation on streets
- vi. Signs and graphics on streets like arrows
- vii. Discussion
 - 1. There hasn't been collision yet?
 - a. Not yet officially but Mullins sees people daily and weekly make wrong turns and go wrong ways
 - b. Rhode- wants to be safe from litigation
- viii. Akibar- does this need to be passed from SGA too?
 - 1. Seth- yes, we have already spoken to them and if passed here, SGA will need to pass too
- ix. Motion
 - 1. Dallas
- x. Second
 - 1. Jayakshith
- xi. Favor
 - 1. 27
- xii. Opposed
 - 1. None
- xiii. Abstain

- 1. None
- xiv. Motion carries
 - 1. Bill F2016-3 passed
- c. Point of clarification- Rachel
 - i. We have one more bill before Adam starts
- d. Bill F2016-4- Karla Villarreal
 - i. November 1st is deadline to submit things to department of transportation
 - ii. Parking is enforced 24/7- cheapest permit is 125 dollars
 - iii. So if only here on nights or weekends- too expensive
 - iv. The bill is to be able to offer cheaper option for night and weekend parking
 - v. Discussion
 - 1. Cotton- lots of crime on campus, so why pay for what is basic safety at night?
 - 2. Kent- this is just another option for a parking pass as the pay by sell will start on January 15th
 - 3. Joshi- free parking on weekends was cancelled this year?
 - a. Seth- yes, and parking meters will be cut out next semester for pay by sell
 - 4. Ricky
 - a. We have pushed back on this as far as free parking on weekends and nights
 - b. What we are trying to do is provide more reasonable second option for everybody
 - 5. Lexi
 - a. Will you be able to park in any lot?
 - i. Seth- will apply for all lots like anything else
 - 6. Dallas
 - a. What time would this be for the pass to be in affect?
 - i. Night time is 5:30
 - vi. Motion to vote
 - 1. Alexia
 - vii. Second
 - 1. Rick
 - viii. Favor
 - 1. 23
 - ix. Opposed
 - 1. 1
 - x. Abstain
 - 1. 4
 - xi. Motion passes
 - 1. Bill F2013-4 passed
- e. Resolutions F2016-1, F2016-2, Adam Miller
 - i. F2016-2 (Done first in order to keep transportation theme going before switching)
 - ii. Clarification
 - 1. Medina
 - 2. Motion to not to exceed 5 dollars an hour

- 3. Second
 - a. Akibar
 - 4. Favor of 4.50 to 5
 - a. 17
 - iii. Opposed
 - 1. 8
 - iv. Abstain
 - 1. 1
 - v. Motion carries to not exceed 5 dollars instead of 4:50
 - vi. Akibar
 - 1. Motion to include that fee has not been changed since 2003?
 - 2. Motion
 - a. Akibar
 - 3. Second
 - a. Ricky
 - 4. Favor
 - a. 26
 - 5. Opposed
 - a. 0
 - 6. Abstain
 - a. 0
 - 7. Motion carries to insert the phrase
 - vii. Senator Vonn
 - 1. Motions to take possibly from line in resolution writing
 - 2. Second
 - a. Rachel
 - 3. Favor
 - a. 25
 - 4. Opposed
 - a. 1
 - 5. Abstain
 - a. 1
 - viii. Motion to approve resolution totally
 - 1. Medina
 - ix. Second
 - 1. Tyler
 - x. Favor
 - 1. 21
 - xi. Opposed
 - 1. 3
 - xii. Abstain
 - 1. 4
 - xiii. Motion passes
 - 1. Resolution F2016-2 passes
- f. F2016-1
 - i. Senator woods
 - ii. Cheaper to buy renewable energy or more expensive?
 - 1. 400,000 a year for year to go renewable energy total
 - 2. 1 mill for carbon neutral a year
 - iii. What is cost difference between what university is using today against the new proposal?

- iv. Clarification- this is a resolution, so just to decide if we, GSC, like the bill to then forward it onto student vote if passed here and in SGA
- v. Motion
 - 1. Tyler
- vi. Second
 - 1. Derrick
- vii. Favor
 - 1. 27
- viii. Opposed
 - 1. 0
- ix. Abstain
 - 1. 0
- x. Motion carried and will be given to SGA

VIII. Open floor

- a. Rhode- outreach committee meeting right after meeting
- b. Medina- your committee will be meeting right after as well
- c. Giselle- turn in food option seats
- d. Debbie- committee is meeting as well
- e. All internal committee groups are meeting

IX. Adjourned=7:00 pm