

Senate Meeting
November 2, 2015
5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

A. Speakers (5:30-6:15)

a. Dr. Christy Crutsinger- Facilitator of the Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force (5:30-5:55 PM)

Sharing information on new student evaluation system (SPOT), rolled out in phases spring and summer, fully implemented this fall semester, fully replacing SETE and more mobile and user friendly, each course has unique survey link so students receive email for each course individually, moved earlier to avoid finals week, benefit of some personalization options, completion of all surveys for a semester enters student into drawing for iPad or dining card, highlight that evaluations do matter and impact teaching quality, SPOT t-shirts available next week in Hurley 105?, every semester committee is continuing to reassess and evaluate system for revisions

b. Dr. Zane Reif, Sr. Director of University Union (5:55-6:15 PM)

Speaking about key issues in new union, moving in November 9th, 7 am to midnight Monday but meeting rooms not open until January, referendum passed in 2012 to support new union as opposed to bringing old building up to code, planning committee included students staff and faculty (grad students included), B&N moving November 23rd or so, floor plans shown to give general sense of building, programs seven days a week a goal of committee, senate chambers on third floor as well as student org offices, no computer labs in the building but will be wireless with printing options, registered student orgs do not pay to use the building and can already make reservations (some get ails regarding paid conference can get complicated but they can work with orgs on this), Nov 9: soft open, Jan: grand opening with events first week of semester, April 14-15: ribbon cutting, alcohol in the union has been a concern in some areas but decision is ultimately the President's decision, previous locations and schools do not see students as ones with issues with alcohol (more concern with staff and faculty) and research can back this up

B. Call to Order/Roll Call/Reading and Approval of Minutes (6:15h)

C. Reports of Officers, Standing and Special Committees (6:05-6:30 PM)

a. President- (5 min)

Presidents meeting went well, invited to be involved with two new task forces, met with Dr. Oppong on new resolutions from last meeting with feedback on how to approach issues, IRB no problems foreseen but student employment issues discussed, met with SGA on referendum for agreement between two bodies (will be referred to External Relations), attended NAGPS conference this last weekend

b. Vice President of Administration and Finance- (5 min)

October expenses, GSC event fund awarded to 3 orgs and have just over \$1,000 remaining for groups (apply thru OrgSync), working on Tour of Colleges with PACS and CAS next

c. Vice President of Communications and Marketing- (5 min)

Absent, out sick

d. Vice President of Programming and Outreach- (5 min)

Trip this week to Texas A&M and Rice to meet with grad councils and network for state LAD (working to connect with UH and SFA), November 18th hopefully 250H in Willis for National Call Congress Day in cooperation with GradsHaveDebt2, share NAGPS event on FB

e. Parliamentarian- (5 min)

Checking emails are correct and committees know when they are meeting, have plan at meetings and meet regularly

D. New Business (6:27-6:57)

Committees break, reconvene 6:43

a. Resolution Fall 2015-4 (Rachel Montes)

Open Access resolution, referred to Performance Oversight and Monitoring

Already approved by faculty senate, Open Access resources already exist at UNT and this resolution gives GSC official stance on the issue

Vote: 22 yeas, 2 abstain

b. Bill Fall 2015-5 (President Valero)

SGA/GSC MOU bill, referred to External Relations

Both governing bodies have worked to identify process for issues effecting all students at UNT, current bill is process identified by SGA and GSC leadership over last few months and is on floor for senate approval

Vote: 24 yeas, unanimous approval

E. Announcements (6:57-7:00 PM)

Senator Salahia: labs at Discovery Park had limited hours and legislation held by GSC earlier in the semester has been moved forward in discussions with admin and hours extended starting next week

Psychology organization (GASP) is having fundraiser at Mellow Mushroom on December 3rd all day for their spring programming

F. Adjournment (7:00 PM)