

Senate Meeting
November 7th, 2016
5:30-7:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

- I. GSC Group Picture Taken- 5:30-5:35
- II. Call to Order- 5:36
- III. Reading/Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion- Senator Metras
 - b. 2nd-Senator Justin
 - c. Approve- 26, Opp- 0, Abstain- 0
 - d. Minutes approved
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. All senators that went to NAGPS came to front
 1. Very encouraging
 2. Didn't realize power we have to advocate for peers until they went to conference
 3. Get to meet many people and learn from them as well
 4. Our university is in good place compared to many other universities referring to money available for scholarships, grants, and etc.
 5. Fruitful and refreshing knowing plans NAGPS has for graduate student councils across nation
 - a. They are doing a "How To" to make a student organization
 6. UNT has its problems, but we are one of the most blessed Graduate Student Orgs in nation
 - a. Administration doesn't take them seriously, IF they do, they get 5,000
 - b. Ours is 130,000 to feed us during meetings, get merchandise, etc.
 - c. In spring = legislative action days in March
 - d.
 - ii. Transportation meeting last week was messy with fees
 1. Ask that TF parking pass be reduced to what full time faculty pay
 - b. VPAF
 - i. We will be hosting NAGPS meeting in January
 - ii. Starting in January, there will be open position to sit on RAUPE committee
 1. Speak to him if interested to evaluate travel grants
 - c. VPPO
 - i. We met with chairs of social sciences
 - ii. Next Monday is town hall meeting, we have invited 14 admins including president, we want large crowd
 - iii. GSC Alumni reunion is at UNT on the square Friday
 - iv. Pancakes this Wednesday

- v. Community service on thanksgiving
- vi. Unity festival – Saturday November 19th
- vii. Resume help on Wednesday
- viii. Weekly writing group as always
- ix. 3MT on Saturday
 - 1. Adi is participating
- x. New director of internal relations
 - 1. Shravya Rao
- d. VPCM
 - i. Flyer our for pancake event on Wednesday
 - 1. Even on social media as well
 - 2. Need volunteers
 - ii. Alumni/Veterans event on 11th
 - 1. Very receptive to our even and organization
 - iii. Lets get flyers out EARLY for town hall meeting
 - 1. Don't want to have administration here to empty room
- e. Parliamentarian
 - i. WMGF Committee update
 - 1. Lots of money for sustainable projects for UNT
 - ii. Good to see everyone in office
- V. Internal Committee Updates
 - a. Performance, Oversight and Monitoring
 - i. Sindu
 - ii. Discussing budget for each senate meeting, and want to find sponsors for food for meetings
 - iii. They meet every month
 - b. External Relations/Outreach
 - i. Caroline
 - ii. Jason Rhodes, not a senator anymore as he got new job
 - iii. Lots of organizations that have not responded to any of her emails
 - c. Planning and Program Development
 - i. Derek
 - ii. Already looking ahead to next semester for Valentines day
- VI. New Business
 - a. Bill F2016-5
 - i. Rachel Metras
 - ii. An overview, funding is huge issue for Behavioral Analysis
 - iii. 60 students, with only 3 funded positions
 - iv. When students start at UNT, given grant to have in state tuition
 - v. Started to see issues with way registrar office is going about obtaining in state tuition
 - vi. Current policy and procedures to apply for residency were not online
 - vii. Questions
 - 1. Is this problem faced by undergrads too?
 - a. Well if grad students are facing issue, so are undergrads probably too
 - 2. Cotton

- a. Don't we have tuition waivers for Grad students? Is this for grad students not TF/TA?
 - i. Yes but this is not people experiencing the issue
 - 3. Binek
 - a. 1000 dollar scholarship can be renewed on year to year basis
 - 4. Cynthia
 - a. As international student, she tried to apply and they refused here because she need to graduate from high school for 3 years
 - 5. Motion to Vote
 - a. Pablo
 - 6. 2nd
 - a. Carla
 - 7. Favor- 26, Opposed= 0, Abstain = 0
 - 8. Motion Carries
- b. Bill F2016-6
 - i. Rachel Metras
 - ii. Quality of the information given for residency
 - iii. Little background
 - 1. Her department has huge influence on Denton community with people with autism and other disabilities
 - 2. Issue they are seeing, is there is an inconsistency to which instate is awarded
 - iv. Justin
 - 1. Issue of gainful employment
 - a. Fellowships are not gainful employment
 - b. Because he has not worked 20 hours a week as a TF
 - i. But this is a state issue, so baby steps
 - v. Peter
 - 1. Talked to anybody about rationale
 - a. Yes, she collected all appeal documents and application packets
 - b. This is causing issues for more students as well
 - vi. Motion
 - 1. Toby
 - vii. 2nd
 - 1. Alexia
 - viii. Favor= 26, Opposed=0, Abstain=0
 - ix. Motion carries
- c. Bill F2016-7
 - i. Amith Reddy
 - ii. Graduate Student Mandatory Fees
 - 1. There is confusion on what is considered mandatory and non-mandatory fees
 - iii. How much is each charge overage?
 - 1. Depends on department and classes

2. But for her, she was billed three times instead of one
- iv. Sindu
 1. Had same issue with not getting any explanations on fees given to her
- v. Rachel
 1. Motion to make amendment
 - a. Change mention to define
 - b. Motion- Rachel
 - c. 2nd- caroline
 - d. Favor= 24, Opposed= 0, Abstain = 0
 - e. Motion carries to change wording
 2. When you go back to page she had earlier, and look at non-mandatory fees on myUNT, there is no definition of non-mandatory fees
 - a. Students should only be paying non-mandatory
 - b. But there is no definition of what is non-mandatory, then students should have to pay at all because university pays mandatory
- vi. Motion to make grammar changes given by senators
 1. Motion= Rachel
 2. 2nd = Mark
 3. Favor= 24, Opposed = 0, Abstain= 1
 4. Motion carries to make grammar changes
- vii. Motion to Vote on Bill
 1. Kelly
 2. 2nd
 - a. Jay
 3. Favor = 26, Opposed= 0, Abstain = 0
- viii. Motion passes unanimously
- d. Bill F2016-8
 - i. Michael Cotton
 1. Several members of department that live in apartments or houses nearby so they walk 15 minutes during day
 2. They have lot of people that come in at night
 - a. It used to be they could park at night close to their buildings
 3. Now grad students have to pay to park at night and on weekends
 4. Only would include parking lots around academic buildings
 5. His arguments, they shouldn't have made the change to pay to park at night
 - ii. Sharod
 1. Make it specific to all lots because
 - iii. Motion to park without pass in all permit based lots between 9:30 pm and 7 am
 1. Consider together
 - a. Favor = 23, Opposed = 1, Abstain = 0
 2. Motion to carry out change in bill

- a. Sharod
 - 3. 2nd
 - a. Melony
 - 4. Favor = 23, Opposed = 0, Abstain = 1
- iv. Kent
 - 1. Point of clarification
 - a. They are doing park mobile to a lot more lots starting in January
- v. Melony
 - 1. Motion to add time limitation for parking between hours of 9:30 and 7:00 am
 - 2. Time limitation would be 1 hour
 - 3. 2nd
 - a. No second
 - 4. Cannot vote on the motion
- vi. December first is final deadline so this would need to pass to take effect as soon as possible
- vii. Amith
 - 1. Motion to make this only available to grad students with special pass specifically for purpose
 - 2. 2nd= Rachel
 - 3. Favor= 20, Opposed = 2, Abstain = 3
 - 4. Motion carries to add to bill
- viii. Motion to vote = Derek
 - 1. 2nd = Tyler
 - 2. Favor = 21, Opposed = 1, Abstain = 2
 - 3. Motion carries
- e. Grad Student Bill of Rights
 - i. Alvin Akibar
 - ii. He was approached to draft bill of rights for graduate students
 - 1. List out guidelines for students with working relationships with advisors, etc.
 - iii. Peter
 - 1. Other universities have this?
 - a. Yes, other universities and councils have these rights laid out
 - 2. Do they have unionization right?
 - a. Yes, some do
 - iv. Coleman
 - 1. Which universities did you pull from and used to reference this bill of rights
 - a. Alvin does not remember but can pull up if needed for someone
 - v. Mary
 - 1. Did research for this on schools from NAGPS and most those schools had a bill of rights but don't go into responsibilities like this one does

- vi. Ricky
 1. This actually came up when Kent and him were at leadership summit
 - vii. Motion to Vote = coleman
 1. 2nd = sindu
 2. Favor = 22, opposed = 0, abstain = 1
 - viii. Motion carries, and graduate student body has bill of rights and responsibilities
- VII. Open Floor
- a. Cotton
 - i. Bylaw changes were not listed on agenda, can we get plenty of time to look at those
 - b. Sharod
 - i. Do you think it would be beneficial to mentor smaller institution on how to create graduate student organization
 - ii. Giselle
 1. We met with GSC at TWU few weeks ago.
 2. We have been serving as mentor to them and been helping with constitution and bylaws as they had neither
 3. Can be something they do in future
 - iii. Sharod
 1. Can we make it official for other grad orgs to follow?
 - iv. Seth
 1. Something outreach committee can work on
 2. Derek
 - a. Wants to help with this
- VIII. Adjourn- 7:01 pm
- a. Motion – derek
 - b. 2nd- simeon
 - c. Favor= 26, oppsed = 0, abstain = 0