



Graduate Student Council Executive Meeting

Monday, August 5, 2024, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Virtual Meeting – ([Link](#))

Meeting link :

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Executive Members Present:

- Parliamentarian Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez
- Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF) V. S. Sai Kanaka Raju Bonam
- Vice President of Programming and Outreach (VPPO) Satya Vara Prasad Namala
- Vice President of Communications and Marketing (VPCM) Sai Keerthi Vanga

Others Present:

- Advisor Dr. Denise Baxter
- Consultant Lowell Johnson
- Director of Legislative Affairs Vesta Stacy
- TGS Program Project Specialist Ward Victoria

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by VPAF Bonam.

Consent agenda:

Items #1 and #2 consent agenda included the approval of minutes from the April 23, 2024 and July 29, 2024 business meetings. VPAF Bonam made the motion for the approval of business meeting minutes, and VPCM Vanga seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Business meeting agenda:

1. Discussion regarding office hours and working procedures for GSC executive members

Discussion: Dr. Baxter thanked the committee for sharing their proposed office hours and noticed that the entire committee is scheduled to be in the office at the same time. She reminded the committee of the Texas Open Meeting Act and asked them to ensure that an agenda is posted in advance of any meeting where a quorum is present. The GSC executives decided to table the discussion until a new schedule could be proposed. Additionally, the new schedule will distribute their in-office time to better serve the graduate population.

Action :

- No action required for this discussion.

2. Discussion and action regarding the FY2025 budget review

Discussion: The Student Service Fee (SSF) committee awarded the GSC \$54,039.59 for the 2025 fiscal year. The GSC reviewed the SSF committee's proposed allocation of funds. Dr. Baxter advised the committee to consider the budget and propose how the funds can best serve the graduate community.

Action :

- VPCM Vanga made a motion to accept the SSF committee allocations and prepare a detailed budget to present to senators at the September Assembly Meeting.
- VPAF Raju seconded the motion.
- The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

3. Discussion And action regarding the formation of a GSC judiciary committee and selection of its members

Discussion: Consultant Lowell consulted the GSC regarding the Judiciary committees and suggested considering the UNT Debate Team, the Department of Political Science, and the Department of Public Administration. Lowell offered to contact these departments concerning their possible participation.

Action:

- Celeste made the motion to table item #3 for the September 9th executive meeting.

4. Discussion and action regarding the appointment of GSC executive members to GSC affiliated committees.

Discussion: Dr. Baxter advised the Executive Committee to learn more about the various UNT committees upon which GSC serves. The committee discussed the Affiliated Committees spreadsheet and the need to contact each affiliated committee chair to learn more about each respective committee's meeting times and location for the upcoming school year. VPCM motioned to table the discussion until the next Executive Committee meeting on August 12.

Action:

- VPCM Vanga made the motion to table the discussion until the next executive committee meeting on August 12, 2024.

Adjournment:

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bala Sankar Kilaru, GSC President

August 9, 2024