

# \*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*



## Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024, 5:30pm-7:00pm

UNT Union 341

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Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more council member or graduate student may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

REMOTE OPTION: <https://unt.zoom.us/j/88194923600>

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Regular Session of the Graduate Student Council Senate

### A. CALL TO ORDER

### B. WELCOME TO NEW SENATORS

1. Nithya Grace Biju, College of Business
2. Kim Brinzoi, College of Business
3. Jayce Hanchette, College of Business
4. Zachary Gilbertson, College of Music
5. Radhika Bansal, College of Business
6. Nicole Peterson, College of Information
7. Snigdha Reddy Nannuri, College of Information
8. Rajiv Adusumalli, College of Information
9. Krislyn Massey, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
10. Saide Mahama, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
11. Dyan Knapp, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
12. Sam Sandin, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
13. Vaishnavi Kandyanam, College of Information
14. Bisola Adeyemi, College of Science

### C. SENATOR OATHS

### D. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. Should the Parliamentarian, a Senator, or the GSC President desire discussion of any item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024, Senate Training.
2. Approve the minutes of the September 4, 2024 Senate Training.

**E. BUSINESS AGENDA**

1. Approve the FY25 GSC Budget allocation.
2. Discuss and act on the Special Election Dates for the election of the Vice President of Administration and Finance.
3. GSC Presidential address to the Senate regarding communication with UNT President.

**F. SENATE COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The purpose of this section is to allow each Senator, the GSC President and the GSC Parliamentarian the opportunity to provide general updates and/or comments to GSC Senate Members, the public, and/or staff on any issues or future events. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, any GSC Senator, Director, or Executive Council Member may direct that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda.

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Graduate Student Council Senate reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters posted on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, "Consultation with Attorney" for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

**ADJOURN**

Posted on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, on the Graduate Student Council website.



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Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez  
Parliamentarian  
2024/2025 Graduate Student Council



**Graduate Student Council**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**Executive/Senate Training Meeting**  
**August 12, 2024**  
**ZOOM Link**

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**Training began at 5:30 PM on August 12, 2024.**

**Attendance:**

(Executive) Satya Namala - VPPO, Vesta Stacy- D-LA, Bala Kilaru - President, Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez – Parliamentarian

(GSC Consultant) Lowell Johnson

(Senators) Megan Barnes, Nicole Petersen, Radhika Bansal, Rajiv Adusumalli, Saide Mahama, Sam Sandlin, Snigdha Reddy, Vaishnavi Kandyana, Zachary Gilbertson, Dyan Knapp, Gyrenna Barrera, Hannah Yohn, Kim Brinzoi, Krislyn Massey

**Training agenda:**

Item #1, Training addressed GSC procedures and requirements regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act.

Item #2, Training included the motions of a mock senate meeting with a mock agenda to practice Robert's Rules of Order protocol.

Floor was open for Q&A. Questions answered regarding meeting times, senator hours.

No further business.

**Training adjourned August 12, 2024, at 6:38 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez".

Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez, Parliamentarian  
August 14, 2024



**Graduate Student Council  
Meeting minutes  
Senate Training Meeting  
September 4, 2024  
[ZOOM Link](#)**

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**Training began at 4:02 PM on September 4, 2024.**

**Attendance:**

(Executive) Bala Kilaru - President, Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez - Parliamentarian, Keerthi Vanga – VPCM

(Senators) Bisola Adeyemi, Jayce Hanchette, Nithya Grace

(Public) Vesta Stacy, Lowell Johnson

(Faculty Advisor) Dr. Denise Baxter

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No further business.

**Training adjourned at 5:16 PM on September 4, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez, Parliamentarian  
September 5, 2024

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**Graduate Student Council-142000/200/880002/500 & 630/14250**

GSC President

The Student Service Fee Advisory Committee met March 22, 2024, to deliberate and make allocation recommendations for all SSF budget requests received. Each request has been evaluated and allocations have been made according to the priorities set forth by the committee. The committee, the VP for Student Affairs, and President Smatresk, have approved the following, pending final approval by the Board of Regents in August 2024:

- D5031-Hourly Wages: \$26,880.00
- D5050-Payroll Related Costs: \$537.60
- D5101-Professional Fees & Svcs: \$1,731.20
- D5301-Materials & Supplies Exp: \$2,265.79
- D5360-Rental Exp-Non-Cap: \$1,000.00
- D5371-Printing & Reproduction: \$425.00
- D5461-Scholarships & Financial Aid (function 630): \$20,000.00
- D5501-Other Operating Exp: \$1,200.00

**Total SSF Allocation: \$54,039.59**

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Please plan to provide an itemized budget and keep accurate records of activities to be presented at the next round of SSF hearings in January 2025. This information will help the committee to identify the successes and assess the programming that has taken place in your unit during the last budget cycle.

The SSF Committee, composed of 7 students, 1 faculty member, and 1 staff member, has worked diligently to allocate funding to departments and organizations benefiting students. If you have any questions regarding this letter or anything else SSF related, please contact Kassie Grubbs at 940-565-4924.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth With, Ed.D.  
VP for Student Affairs



September 5, 2024

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #2 on the September 9<sup>th</sup> Senate agenda is a request from the GSC Executive team to approve the election dates for the Fall 2024 Special Elections concerning the replacement of the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF). The seat was recently vacated in August 2024 and the proposed Special Election dates for VPAF replacement are October 8-10, 2024.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez".

**Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez, M.S.**  
Parliamentarian | Graduate Student Council  
Ph.D. Student  
Department of Biological Sciences  
University of North Texas

# Fall 2024 GSC Special Elections for Vice President of Administration and Finance

## Election Board

*GSC Bylaws Article XI, Section 2, Item J*

“In the event that an Election Board is not created with sufficient time to oversee Executive Elections, then the GSC Governance Committee (comprised of the Chairs 19 of the Performance Oversight & Monitoring Committee, External Relations Committee, Planning & Program Development Committee and the Parliamentarian and the GSC President), shall assume the role of the Election Board, excluding any members who are running for Executive Office.”

Proposed Election Board members, approved by the GSC President Bala Kilaru.

<b>Election Board</b>
GSC President
GSC Parliamentarian
Chair of Performance Oversight & Monitoring Committee (Senator)
Chair of External Relations Committee (Senator)
Chair of Planning & Programming Development Committee (Senator)

## Proposed Calendar of Events

*GSC Bylaws Article XI, Section 3, Item B*

“Dates for Special Elections shall be established by an act of the GSC Senate or ballot referendum at least three (3) full academic weeks before the week of the election proposed by the legislation.”

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>18-Sep</b>	All communication about the Fall 2024 VPAF Special Election should be complete
<b>26-Sep</b>	Deadline for receipt of applications
<b>27-Sep</b>	Completion of vetting of applications and notification of candidates
<b>30-Sep</b>	Election Code Acknowledgement due
<b>30-Sep to 7-Oct</b>	Campaign Week
<b>7-Oct</b>	Online Town Hall
<b>8-Oct to 10-Oct</b>	<b>Election Dates</b>
<b>14-Oct to 16-Oct</b>	Possible runoff dates
<b>14-Oct or 18-Oct</b>	Announcement pending if a run-off is required
<b>1-Nov</b>	First Official Day of Office for VPAF