



**Graduate Student Council
Meeting Minutes
Senate Meeting
October 14, 2024
UNT Union 341
Zoom Meeting ID: 853 2010 9984**

Attendance:

- Executive: Bala Kilaru (Pres), Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez (Parl), Keerthi Vanga (VPCM), Lowell Johnson (D-LA)
- Senators: Sam Rahimzadeh, Julia Freund, Bisola Adeyemi, Brittany Rivera, Zachary Gilbertson, Radhika Bansal, Nicole Peterson, Rajiv Adusumalli, Krislyn Massey, Saide Mahama, Dyan Knapp, Sam Sandlin, Heriberto Ramirez, Brendan McGrath
- Public: Taylor Day
- Faculty Advisor: Dr. Joseph Oppong

A quorum of the GSC Senate was seated and the meeting was opened by the GSC Parliamentarian at 5:37 PM.

Welcome to New Faculty Advisor Dr. Joseph Oppong

Welcome to New Senators

New Senator Oaths

Consent Agenda:

- **Items # 1** concerned the approval of minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting. **Minutes approved by the consent of the Senate body.**

Executive Report

- **Items # 1** concerned the GSC Presidential address to the Senate regarding communication with UNT President Keller. GSC President Kilaru provided comments on Student Services Fee updates, mental health fees, transportation concerns, operating hours of food services at Discovery Park. President Kilaru provided updates on GSC affiliated committee assignments and update on the VPAF runoff election date.

Business Agenda:

- **Item #1, 3 Minute Thesis presentation by Dr. Oppong and discussion on how GSC Senators can share this information with their constituents.** Item read into the record by the GSC Parliamentarian. Presentation provided by Dr. Oppong. Discussion

concerning communication with graduate students by Senators Massey, Peterson, Adeyemi, Knapp, Rivera, Sandlin, Mahama, Rahimzadeh, Freund, McGrath, and Dr. Oppong. **No further action at this time.**

- **Item #2, Discussion involving GSC involvement regarding SGA's transportation initiative: "Your Buses, Your Say".** Item read into the record by the GSC Parliamentarian. Updates from GSC Parliamentarian, Director of Legislative Affairs, and GSC President. Discussion concerning involvement by Senators Sandlin, Petersen, Massey, Rivera, Adeyemi, Knapp, McGrath, Adusumalli, and Dr. Oppong. **GSC Senate request additional information from SGA before acting on involvement.**
- **Item #3, Discussion and action involving monthly Town Hall collaborations with SGA for Senator engagement.** Item read into the record by the GSC Parliamentarian. Discussion concerning Town Hall collaborations by Senators Peterson, Massey, Adeyemi. Motion to host a monthly Town Hall with SGA made by Senator Massey. Motion seconded by Senator Rivera. **Motion passed by a majority vote of the Senate.** Senator Massey will create an availability calendar to determine the best time of the month to have the Town Hall.

Senate Comments & Future Agenda Items

- Announcement on standing committee updates provided by GSC Parliamentarian.
- No agenda items suggested.

No further business.

Senate meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM on October 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez, Parliamentarian
October 19, 2024