

****PUBLIC NOTICE****



GRADUATE
STUDENT
COUNCIL

**Graduate Student Council Special Assembly
Meeting with the Student Government Association
Monday, October 28, 2024, 5:30pm-7:00pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 83835886544**

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/83835886544>

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. WELCOME TO NEW SENATORS

1. Diksha Diksha, College of Health and Public Service
2. Taylor Day, College of Science

C. NEW 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 October 14, 2024 Senate Meeting

E. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. SGA's transportation initiative: "Your Buses, Your Say" presentation by SGA President Dozier.
2. Discussion and action involving GSC involvement in the SGA's transportation referendum/initiative: "Your Buses, Your Say".

F. UPDATES, 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

H. ADJOURN

Posted on this 23rd day of October 2024, on the Graduate Student Council website.



Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez
Parliamentarian
2024/2025 Graduate Student Council



**Graduate Student Council
Meeting Minutes
Senate Meeting
October 14, 2024
UNT Union 341
ZOOM Link**

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



October 19, 2024

Most Esteemed GSC Senators,

Item #2 on the October 28th Special Meeting agenda is a request for discussion and action on SGA's transportation initiative: "Your Buses, Your Say". Items to discuss:

- 1) Will GSC participate in this transportation initiative?
- 2) How should GSC Senators share this with their constituents, if at all?
- 3) What materials or items of information from various University offices/departments are needed (if any) for GSC to be involved? Who will complete these tasks?
- 4) Should an ad-hoc committee of GSC Senators be formed to work on this?

Items to act on:

- 1) GSC participation in the transportation initiative.
- 2) Depending on the action concerning #1, the delegation of tasks across GSC Legislation and Executive branches.
- 3) Depending on the action concerning #1, creation and assignment of ad-hoc committee.

Best Regards,

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

Celeste Ortega-Rodriguez, M.S.

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