

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

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Daniel Armitage- Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
 - a. Call him Danny
 - b. Came from University of Memphis after 31 years after he retired as Ass. VP and dean of students
 - c. He manages Union, Dining services, housing, book store, coliseum, gateway center and DP student affairs
 - d. Been asking lots of questions and been going into student focus group meetings
 - e. This building has been up for a year, so he wants to do an evaluation
 - f. His first 7 months
 - i. Hired consulting company to do dining master plan
 - g. He wants understanding with what is going on with housing and dining
 - h. They are in 4th month of design phase of new housing facility that will start being built in February
 - i. He wants to know the needs of community, university
 - j. He has also asked about chewing gum
 - i. They sell 30,000 dollars worth of chewing gum but that caused 20,000 dollars worth of damage
 - k. He wants to make sure good quality decisions are made so better and affordable services can be provided to students
 - l. He is here to answer any questions we may have
 - m. Questions
 - i. Michele
 1. What are housing options for grad students, anything in works?
 - a. More universities moving away from grad students
 - b. They want more space and more privacy
 - c. It is hard to compete in off campus market
 - d. There are rules and regulations affiliated with states that tell UNT what they will allow and what not
 - e. Pets are challenge
 - i. Allergies, damage = all causes issues
 - ii. Is the pet for comfort? Or service?
 - f. If UNT would do it, go buy other off campus places and rebuild them, not build on their own
 - g. What is market? Etc.
 - ii. Ricky
 1. Food options for DP
 - a. For amount of students at DP, they do buy a significant amount of food BUT
 - i. UNT loses money

- b. UNT cannot expand for that reason as there are not enough students to make money
 - c. Therefore, they are look at students, taking surveys and already established a budget to go in and fix up DP food areas
 - d. Housing and dining is REQUIRED to break even in Texas
 - i. They track sales by hour at every location
 - ii. DP does not break even
 - e. If there is a building with food store
 - i. You can almost guarantee 15%-18% of people that go into that building will buy something
 - iii. Avesta- he gave cards to them
 - 1. Union has been PHENOMENAL
 - 2. First four weeks of sales in this building- 1.2 million dollars of sales instead
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Melony Gray is spelled wrong
 - b. Motion- Rachel, 2nd- Derrick
 - c. Favor- 22, Opp-0, Abstain- 0
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President- Seth Ketron
 - i. Parking and transportation meeting was today
 - ii. Had not met in 6 weeks so it was busy
 - iii. Met with Allen Clark, Gary's boss
 - iv. Key things
 - 1. Only give out warnings during finals week
 - 2. Given pricing for permits
 - a. FS= raised to that of eagle
 - i. 250 dollars
 - b. TF= 120 semester
 - c. A/Garage= 650 year
 - 3. Pay by sell will be much bigger thing in January
 - v. 75 dollar weekend permit
 - 1. Dr. Clark says it was news to him but liked idea
 - vi. Overnight Free Parking
 - 1. Shut down but seth suggested that there be special spots for people there at 2/3 in the morning
 - 2. Dr. Clark did like that idea as well
 - vii. Town Hall attendance was abysmal
 - 1. That was scheduled around the normal meeting time in November
 - 2. There were important people there that didn't see a good representation of the GSC
 - 3. Only 8/9 people there and that communicates to administration that grad students do not care
 - 4. We are a minority raising concerns and when there is poor attendance, we won't have a say

- b. VPAF- Kent Souriyasak
 - i. Exec members all underspent this year
 - ii. Travel grants- first round was in October and looking forward to Spring applications
 - iii. There will be two conferences this spring, allowing 4/5 senators or directors- apps to go on conference will be early spring semester
 - 1. If you applied to last conference and didn't get to go, you will be given priority this time
 - iv. Giselle has about 1800 dollars left
 - 1. All extra money will go to emergency funds
 - v. Ricky underspent as well
 - 1. His extra will go towards merchandise
 - vi. We have cushioned about 25,000 dollars
 - vii. Once everything is accepted through Cognos, Christian will send out everything
 - viii. Travel grant apps will reopen in January and after you attend resource meeting, apply ASAP
 - c. VPPO- Giselle Greenidge
 - i. Meeting with dean with college of information this week
 - ii. Library forum in Willis- we will be giving coffee and snacks to grad students
 - iii. UNT will be hosting NAGPS this year- very important
 - 1. Will need volunteers
 - d. VPCM- Ricky Ferguson
 - i. Promotion for events coming up on Facebook and twitter
 - ii. These meetings are open to grad students
 - iii. Last thing: still taking apps for director of communications that is vacant
 - 1. Want to do this right at spring semester
 - e. Parliamentarian- Christian Doyle
 - i. We will be having better system for office hours
 - ii. Seth
 - 1. No office hours required for this and next week due to finals
 - 2. We will probably be doing a scanner system
 - 3. Thank you to all who took the eval form and sent in today
 - a. We will get finalized reports late this week from justices
- V. Internal Committee Reports
- a. Performance, Oversight and Monitoring
 - i. Debbie
 - ii. Real quick, one big thing
 - iii. Get everyone's opinions on what people want to do for food at meetings
 - 1. There will be survey over break for people to fill out
 - iv. After the survey, they will get together with outreach meeting
 - b. External Relations and Outreach
 - i. Caroline
 - ii. There will be a new chair this coming semester
 - iii. Excited for other outreach ideas

- c. Planning and Program Development
 - i. Michele
 - ii. Since fall semester has ended, they want to move onto spring
 - 1. Valentine's day activities
 - 2. Food drive?
- VI. New Business
 - a. Bill F2016-10
 - i. Tyler Yates
 - ii. His political science department is feeling this probably more
 - iii. His students been getting harassed the entire semester
 - iv. Big thing that was interesting was the faculty and grad student teachers did not know what to do with harassment issues coming from election, etc.
 - v. Not lots of training for how to deal with that kind of situation
 - vi. Not a lot of places showing unity on campus
 - vii. Some of his department TA's were harassed
 - viii. Proposing a bill that builds off ally program for LGBT individuals
 - ix. If you want to, and is optional, but getting sticker to put on door or something that lets students know that place is a safe place and can talk about issues like harassment
 - x. Especially as TF, students will come to you and it is a part of what you do
 - xi. Wants campus to come together and have faculty and staff be ready to handle and help in these situations
 - xii. Rachel Metras
 - 1. Since problem seems to be lack of communication and procedures, what does sticker do?
 - a. The election has sparked harassment
 - xiii. Derrick
 - 1. There is a system of protocols for sexual harassment, talk to title 9 coordinator and she will set up meeting with department so everyone knows what is not right and what procedures are to be taken
 - xiv. Michele
 - 1. There is already a care team, so doesn't see the point of the sticker
 - xv. Mary
 - 1. Not many students know that care team exists, so the sticker would help with having the right numbers and names on it
 - 2. Seth
 - a. Think about safe place, the domestic abuse program and that is a good visual so people know where a safe place is even though everyone knows domestic abuse is illegal
 - 3. Melony
 - a. Why a bill needs to be created?
 - i. Seth – because it would be officially represented by the student voice
 - 4. Adi

- a. Together was a political word used, so careful with the use of that word
 - b. We can attach with the UNT program- we care, we count
- xvi. Tyler
 1. The sticker is important so all grad students know these programs exist and UNT cares
- xvii. Tyler Hicks
 1. Motion to vote
 2. 2nd- metras
 3. In favor to vote as bill is- 11, opposed- 5, abstain- 6
 4. Not passed, move to more discussion
- xviii. Joshi
 1. We can talk with office of equality more and use them as a resource
- xix. Jim
 1. Motion to modify
 - a. Wants to see it expanded to other resources like suicide hotlines, etc.
 2. Caroline
 - a. The bill should list all issues that could be helped
- xx. List of things that the sticker could help with
 1. Addiction, depression, suicide
- xxi. Jim
 1. Motion to table
 2. 2nd = Pablo
 3. Favor= 18, opposed = 3, Abstain= 1
 4. Bill will be tabled to February meeting to expand topics and re-do the name
 5. Rick
 - a. Suggests that this bill be aligned with other efforts to make sure double duty is not being done and communication is clearly made
- b. Bylaw Changes
 - i. Seth Ketron
 - ii. Two revisions be proposed
 1. Propose to make agendas paperless in exec and senate meetings
 - a. Motion- joshi, 2nd= derrick
 - b. Favor= 22, opposed = 0, abstain= 0
 2. Proposal to change meeting dates in bylaws
 - a. Motion to add a t in after
 - i. Favor = 21, opposed = 0, abstain – 1
 - b. motion to vote on these together (both fall and spring additions)
 - i. favor = 21, O=0, A=1
 - c. Motion to add the time back into the bylaws for 5:30
 - i. Michele = 2nd

ii. F = 22, O=0, A=0

d. Melony

i. It is kind of confusing

ii. Motion to change language

e. Motion to revert to original language

i. 2nd: Sharod

ii. F = 21, O = 0, A= 0

VII. Open Floor

a. Sindhu Alla

i. Housing and food options in DP

ii. Problem with housing is lack of safety and wants opinions there

iii. Only one cafeteria open at DP and that closes at 3 pm each day and doesn't work on Saturday

1. Kelly = closing at 3 is terrible

Rick= problem for him too

2. Sharod= is delivery possible?

iv. She had meeting with department of engineering

1. Idea was to have vendors to go there at that time

v. Derrick - have pre-prepared meals that only needs 1 or 2 people working

vi. Michele – food trucks?

1. UNT has already looked into food trucks

2. Food trucks is not a profitable venture for the vendors so they are not interested

vii. Michele

1. If you are on the planning committee, they are meeting afterwards

b. Motion to adjourn

i. Kelly

ii. 2nd- metras

iii. Favor= 22

VIII. Adjourn