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University of North Texas

Graduate Student Council Assembly Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2023 5:30 PM Room 385
Union, 1155 Union Cir, Denton, TX 76203

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

REMOTE OPTION: https://unt.zoom.us/j/89985069143?from=addon

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

B. CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUROUM

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Official recognition of the newly elected Senators
2. Consider and act on approval of an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding concerning joint events, operations, and shared space between GSC and SGA and the funding required to execute the agreement.
3. Approval of the GSC 2022-2023 budget.

D. BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Consider and act on a proposal by the GSC President to purchase GSC name tags for all Senators, Directors, and Executive staff. The total cost of the items is not to exceed $200 without Executive committee review and approval.

2. Consider and act on a proposal by the GSC President to purchase polo type shirts for the Executive Committee member. The total cost of the items is not to exceed $400 without Executive committee review and approval.

3. Consider and act on a proposal by the GSC Parliamentarian to enter the University Of North Texas Graduate Student Council into a three year membership agreement with the American Student Government Association. The total cost of the three-year membership is not to exceed $2200 without Executive committee review and approval.

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

F. COUNCIL COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The purpose of this section is to allow each Council Member the opportunity to provide general updates and/or comments to fellow Council Members, the public, and/or staff on any issues or future events. Also, in accordance with Section 30.085 of the Code of Ordinances, at this time, any Council Member may direct that an item be added as a business item to any future agenda.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

I.   ADJOURN

**The Graduate Student Council 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.

Posted on this 30st day of January 2023, at 2:00 PM, on the Graduate Student Council website.

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Lowell Johnson, Parliamentarian

2022/2023 Graduate Student Council

College	Last	First	Department	Standing Committee
College of Business (8 Seats)				
College of Business, Seat 1	Areo	Olubusola	Business Analytics	Performance
College of Business, Seat 2	Raju	Arpitha	Business Analytics	Outreach
College of Business, Seat 3	Gonthina	Pramila Tejasree	Business Analytics	Outreach
College of Business, Seat 4	Reji	James	Finance	Performance
College of Business, Seat 5	Howlett	Zachary		Performance
College of Business, Seat 6	Ellappareddy	Sai Lahari	Finance	Performance
College of Business, Seat 7	Mukadam	Sayali Suhas	Financial Mathematics	Outreach
College of Business, Seat 8	Pham	Heily		Outreach
College of Education (5 Seats)				
College of Education Seat 1	Aaron	Cassandra	Educational Psychology	Outreach
College of Education Seat 2				
College of Education Seat 3				
College of Education Seat 4				
College of Education Seat 5				
College of Engineering (5 Seats)				
College of Engineering Seat 1	Paulson	Elsa	Computer Science	Outreach
College of Engineering Seat 2	Yadala	Rupesh Sai	Computer Science	Performance
College of Engineering Seat 3	Yelamareddy	Mahendar Reddy		Performance
College of Engineering Seat 4	Osipalli	Prem kamal		Performance
College of Engineering Seat 5	Megaraj	Vidyasagar	Electrical Engineering	Outreach
College of Health & Public Service (5 Seats)				
College of Health & Public Service Seat 1	Hardin	Dionna	Public Administration	Outreach
College of Health & Public Service Seat 2	Chang	Rebecca		Outreach
College of Health & Public Service Seat 3				
College of Health & Public Service Seat 4				
College of Health & Public Service Seat 5				
College of Information (8 seats)				
College of Information Seat 1	Powduri	Tharun		Outreach
College of Information Seat 2	Govindula	Divya	Information Science	Outreach
College of Information Seat 3	Poola	Vishnuvardhan Reddy	Information Science	Performance
College of Information Seat 4				
College of Information Seat 5				
College of Information Seat 6				
College of Information Seat 7				
College of Information Seat 8				
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (5 Seats)				

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Seat 1	Brea	Pedro	Philosophy	Outreach
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Seat 2				
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Seat 3				
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Seat 4				
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Seat 5				
College of Merch, Hospitality & Tourism (4 Seat)				
College of Merch, Hospitality & Tourism Seat 1				
College of Merch, Hospitality & Tourism Seat 2				
College of Merch, Hospitality & Tourism Seat 3				
College of Merch, Hospitality & Tourism Seat 4				
College of Music (4 seats)				
College of Music Seat 1	Coelho	Julia	Music	Performance
College of Music Seat 2	Lu	jinjing		Outreach
College of Music Seat 3				
College of Music Seat 4				
College of Science (5 Seats)				
College of Science Seat 1	Silva	Supuni		Outreach
College of Science Seat 2	Ortega-Rodriguez	Celeste		Performance
College of Science Seat 3				
College of Science Seat 4				
College of Science Seat 5				
Toulouse Graduate School (2 Seats)				
Toulouse Graduate School Seat 1	Kristie DeLuna	Kristie		Outreach
Toulouse Graduate School Seat 2	Evelyn Robert-Yayock	Nkechi		Performance
Toulouse Graduate School	Pandaraboina	Harshitha		Performance
College of Visual Arts & Design (4 Seats)				
College of Visual Arts & Design Seat 1				
College of Visual Arts & Design Seat 2				
College of Visual Arts & Design Seat 3				
College of Visual Arts & Design Seat 4				

Memorandum of Understanding
On
Student Body
Referendum Process

Ballot referenda for any legal purpose may be proposed by a two thirds simple majority vote in each of the Graduate Student Council Senate and the Student Government Association Senate, or by a verifiable petition[1] of 5% of the members of the Student Body.

A referendum will pass if it meets the following criteria:

- **A simple majority (more than 50%) of undergraduate and graduate votes combined.**
- **All proposed referenda must be submitted at least 4 weeks from the start of the semester and at least 4 weeks prior to the end of the semester.**

<u>Key Provisions:</u>

- The SGA/GSC Conference Committee will serve as a failsafe auxiliary committee who only convenes in the event the GSC and SGA leadership cannot come to terms with the writing, wording, or intent of any given referendum.
- Any SGA or GSC Constitutional changes may go straight to a referendum vote from their respective bodies.
- Fees that would be assessed to only one of the student bodies (undergrad or grad) may go straight to a referendum vote from their respective bodies.
- Issues only affecting one of the student bodies may go straight to a referendum vote from their respective bodies.
- If the Student Government Association or Graduate Student Council decides the issue affects the entire student body, the issue goes through the process outlined below.
- All other referenda must go through the process outlined in the chart below.

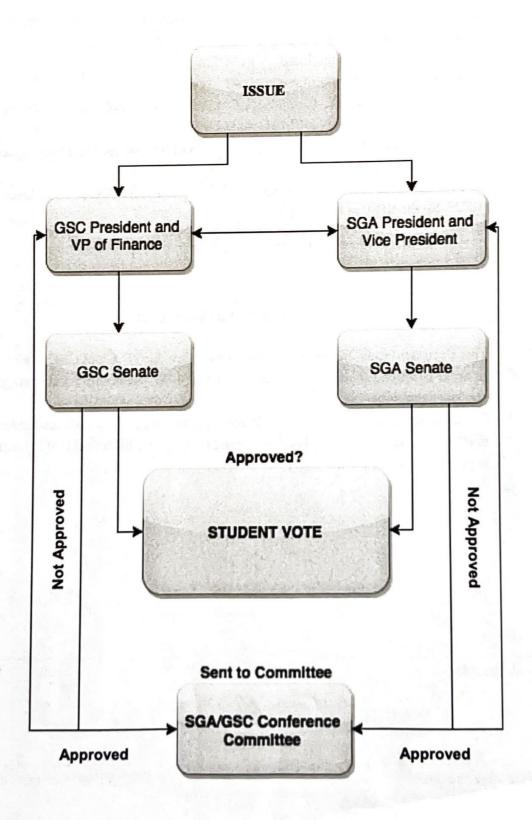[1] The SGA and GSC advisors must oversee the petition verification process.

Process for Non-Constitutional Referendum Proposals

1. The issue is discussed between the SGA President, SGA Vice President, GSC President, and GSC VP of Administration & Finance.
2. The phrasing and terminology of the referendum is authored by either SGA or GSC and revised and edited by the opposite body.
3. If the leadership of both bodies agree with the referendum wording, the referendum is presented to the SGA and GSC Senates for approval.
4. If the leadership of both bodies do not agree with the referendum wording, they must present it to the SGA/GSC Conference Committee within 24 hours for further deliberation. It must then be represented to the SGA and GSC Leadership within 5 business days.
5. If the referendum is approved through SGA and GSC senates, the referendum is proposed to the University of North Texas Student Body.
6. If the referendum is approved through only one senate, it must be presented to the SGA/GSC conference committee.
7. In order for the referendum to pass, it must receive a simple majority (more than 50%) of undergraduate and graduate votes combined. If it does not receive more than 50% of the votes, it fails.

Process for Referendum Party Complaints

1. In the event of a violation of the election/ referendum party code, a complaint shall be submitted to the Election Board Commissioners of SGA and GSC.
2. The SGA Election Board Commissioner and the GSC Election Board Commissioner will work to schedule a hearing, and hold said hearing within 72 hours from the time the complaint was submitted.
3. The SGA and GSC Election Boards shall meet in conjunction, with two (2) members of the GSC Election Board and three (3) members of the SGA Election Board. Quorum for this meeting shall be no less than five (5) members of the combined SGA and GSC Election Boards.
4. The SGA and GSC Election Board Commissioners will work together to compile and release the meeting minutes from the hearing to both the SGA and GSC websites.

Flowchart of Referenda Deliberation

Structure of the SGA/GSC Conference Committee

1. The SGA/GSC Conference Committee shall consist of (4) four delegates directly appointed by the SGA President and GSC President.
   a. Two delegates appointed by SGA President
   b. Two delegates appointed by GSC President
2. The role of the SGA/GSC Conference Committee is to deliberate and amend any referenda
   a. Should the SGA and GSC Leadership not be able to come to an agreement with the referendum wording
   b. Should the proposed referendum be sent to the SGA/GSC Conference Committee by the SGA or GSC senates.

Amending this Document

1. This document must be reviewed and renewed by the SGA and GSC leadership annually.
2. In order to amend this document, the SGA and GSC leadership must first discuss the proposed amendments.
3. Once the amendments have been created and agreed upon by both leaderships, this document must be presented and approved by both the SGA and GSC senates at the beginning of each fall semester.

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SGA President   GSC President

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SGA Vice President   GSC VP of Administration &Finance

Account	Budget	Actuals (1/1)	Balance	ALLOCATE
D5101 - Professional Fees & Svcs	$ 1,731.20	$ 750.00	$ 981.20	$750/move to materials
D5251 - Travel	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ 5,000.00	
D5301 - Materials & Supplies Exp	$ 9,265.79	$ 342.60	$ 8,923.19	
D5360 - Rental Exp-Non-Cap	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ 1,000.00	
D5371 - Printing & Reproduction	$ 425.00	$ -	$ 425.00	
D5501 - Other Operating Exp	$ 1,200.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,000.00	Identify $200
B5060 - Non-Personnel Costs	**$18,621.99**	**$ 1,292.60**	**$17,329.39**	**Category**
**$500 is not allocated, rollover from 22fy	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ -	unknown
Social Media Content Manager (help ensure content integrity)	$ 1,550.00	$ -	$ 1,550.00	D5101
FUND REQUEST FORM - https://tgs.unt.edu/gsc/resources/event-fund	$ 2,000.00	$ -	$ 2,000.00	
NAGPS Spring Advocacy Summit & Legislative Action Day (March 25th)	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Libraries End of Semester Event: FALL 2022	$ 200.00	$ 181.00	$ 19.00	D5301
Libraries End of Semester Event: SPRING 2023	$ 200.00	$ -	$ 200.00	
Non-Trad Week (OCSS) BBQ - FALL 2022	$ 750.00	$ 750.00	$ -	D5301
Non-Trad Week (OCSS) Social - FALL 2022	$ 150.00	$ -	$ 150.00	
Non-Trad Week (OCSS) BBQ - SPRING 2023 (April 12)	$ 750.00	$ -	$ 750.00	
Non-Trad Week (OCSS) Social - SPRING 2023 (April 13)	$ 150.00	$ -	$ 150.00	
Graduate Student Appreciation Week (April 10)	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ 1,000.00	
Swag, co-sponsorship	$ 3,000.00	$ 300.00	$ 2,700.00	D5301
3MT	$ 2,000.00	$ -	$ 2,000.00	
GSC Elections in April and November	$ 2,500.00	$ -	$ 2,500.00	
UNT badges for GSC (Tshirts, polos)	$ -	$ -	$ -	
GSC President's Reception	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Campus Services Open House (January 25 4-5pm)	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Graduate Students Orientation Week	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Summer Workshop: speaker/training: How to write legislation	$ 3,500.00	$ -	$ 3,500.00	
Grad Preview (March 11)	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL	$ 371.99	$ 1,731.00	$ 16,519.00	

ASGA QUICK FACTS

1 **ASGA's Objective**
We aim to provide all SG officers and advisors with networking, research, and information resources to make them more effective, ethical, and influential leaders on their campuses.

2 **Association Overview**
ASGA was founded in the spring of 2003 when the editors of *Student Leader* magazine, a national publication for campus leaders, determined that there was a need for an organization devoted exclusively to serving Student Governments.

Prior to ASGA's official launch on March 17, 2004, the ASGA team gathered data from more than 225 Student Government leaders and advisors in order to develop our services and resources. ASGA now has nearly 1,500 member institutions, produces 11 SG training conferences, and consults with hundreds of SGs nationwide.

3 **What We Do**
To help Student Governments improve, ASGA provides:

- SG-specific leadership training and resources for officers and advisors
- SG research and analysis, which can be conducted on your behalf regarding a specific issue
- Examples of SG precedence, which we can compile to support your positions
- Access to thousands of SG articles, documents, assessment tests, and profiles of successful programs
- Membership in the largest SG-networking community in America
- Training conferences throughout the nation
- Multiple forums to share experiences and discuss pressing issues with peers
- Personalized advice from top SG experts

Every SG is unique and has its own problems and needs—many of which stem from the size and type of school itself. We take those differences into account when providing resources and making recommendations.

4 **Professional Competence**
ASGA's administrators have assembled an experienced group of SG advisors, student affairs professionals, and former SG leaders to speak at ASGA's conferences and serve on the "ASGA Experts" panel. Using our collective knowledge of SG trends, precedence, and best practices combined with more than 300 years experience in the field, we help SGs maximize their productivity during their limited time in office.

5 **Increased Effectiveness & Productivity**
ASGA members utilizing our resources have increased voter turnout at student elections, revamped SG documents and procedures, instituted successful new programs and services, increased attendance and participation, improved their images on campus, successfully negotiated for more funding, and worked more cooperatively with their administrations. We can provide an outside, objective view on your SG that will help you adopt positive changes and accomplish more realistic goals.

6 **Benefits of Membership**
Having a strong and evolved SG on campus isn't just about providing leadership opportunities for students and allowing them to manage some on-campus programs. It can help a school with recruitment, retention, as well as improve student and alumni involvement. Belonging to a professional association that exclusively serves SGs allows you to:

- Commiserate and learn from peers nationwide
- Learn about trends and best practices
- Get new ideas and tested solutions to problems
- Stay on the cutting edge of research in the field
- Avoid re-inventing the wheel, which ultimately saves you time and money
- Guide student leaders who act professionally and within university guidelines

Student affairs departments often belong to professional groups such as NACA, ACUHO, and NIC. ASGA is the SG-focused equivalent of those organizations, connecting and serving hundreds of SGs across the nation.

7 **Contact Info**
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