

**Executive Team Meeting Agenda**  
**October 31, 2023, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM**  
**Chestnut Hall, Room 104**

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Pursuant to section 551.127, Texas Government Code, one or more members of the GSC Executive staff or graduate students may attend this meeting remotely using videoconferencing technology.

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Notice is hereby given of a Monthly Business meeting of the GSC Executive staff.

### **Call to Order and certification of a quorum**

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

1. Minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Monthly Business meeting
2. Minutes from October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Weekly workshop

#### **Business Agenda**

1. Approval of the above meeting minutes.
2. Report on the ongoing planning for the upcoming 3MT contest.
3. Present and discuss the Annual Memorandum of Understanding between the GSC and SGA Executive teams.
4. Discussion about 3MT

#### **Executive Session**

The Graduate Student Council Executive Team reserves the right to recess into closed session at any time during 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 act, if necessary, on Executive Session items.**

**Adjourn**

Posted on this 26th day of October 2023, on the Graduate Student Council website.

Vikas Burgupally  
GSC Vice President of Administration  
2023-2024 Graduate Student Council

**Graduate Student Council Executive Committee**  
**Monthly business meeting minutes**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**  
**104 Chestnut Hall**

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**Attendance:** Dr. Denise Baxter, GSC President Sri Lakshmi Thanuja Beeram, GSC Vice President of Administration Vikas Burgupally, GSC Vice President of Programming Dasari Naren Surya Tanju, GSC Vice President of Communications Divi Sai Charan, GSC Parliamentarian Lowell Johnson, GSC-Director of Legislative Affairs Vesta. Nisha Naik Graduate Student.

**Meeting Start time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Weekly workshop meeting.
2. The Weekly Workshop meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, has been canceled.
3. Minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Weekly workshop meeting.
4. Minutes from the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Weekly workshop meeting.
5. September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, GSC Business meeting has been postponed to the next Weekly workshop meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

The executive team members have approved all the meeting minutes.

**Business Agenda**

**Agenda item 1: Discussion concerning possible changes to the GSC Constitution and By-Laws.**

Agenda item 1 was discussed, and No action is required.

**Agenda item 2: Review the social media plan.**

Agenda item 2 was discussed.

Action item: Review the schedule and add more details like when, what time, How, and what resources are needed to plan with the Word file of poster images to get approved.

**Agenda item 3: Review of the upcoming post (3MT).**

Agenda item 3 was discussed

Action item: Follow up with Vesta for the 3MT poster.

No further business.

**Meeting Adjourned October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 3:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Vikas Burgupally,  
GSC Vice President

**Graduate Student Council Executive Committee**  
**Weekly workshop meeting minutes**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**104 Chestnut Hall**

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**Attendance:** Dr. Denise Baxter, GSC Vice President of Administration Vikas Burgupally, GSC Vice President of Programming Dasari Naren Surya Tanju, GSC Vice President of Communications Divi Sai Charan, GSC Parliamentarian Lowell Johnson. GSC-Director of Legislative Affairs Vesta.

**Meeting Start time: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Workshop Discussion**

1. **Agenda item 1:** Discussion about Chit-chat session.  
Agenda Item Discussed  
Action items:
  1. Change the question set.
  2. Get the confirmation on room number and space.
  3. Think about a Travel plan.
  
2. **Agenda item 2:** Approval for swags for chit-chat session.  
Agenda Item Discussed  
Action items:
  1. Get the quotation for the swags required.
  
3. **Agenda item 3:** Introducing Directors to the team.  
Agenda Item Discussed and no Action required.
  
4. **Agenda item 4:** Feedback from Dr. Baxter.  
Action Item: Plan on 3MT event/

No further business.

**Meeting Adjourned September 24th, 2023, at 10:30 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Vik Burgupally, GSC Vice President

## **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<sup>1</sup> 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.**

### **Key Provisions:**

- The SGNGSC Conference Committee will serve as a failsafe auxiliary committee that 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The SGA and GSC advisors must oversee the petition verification process.

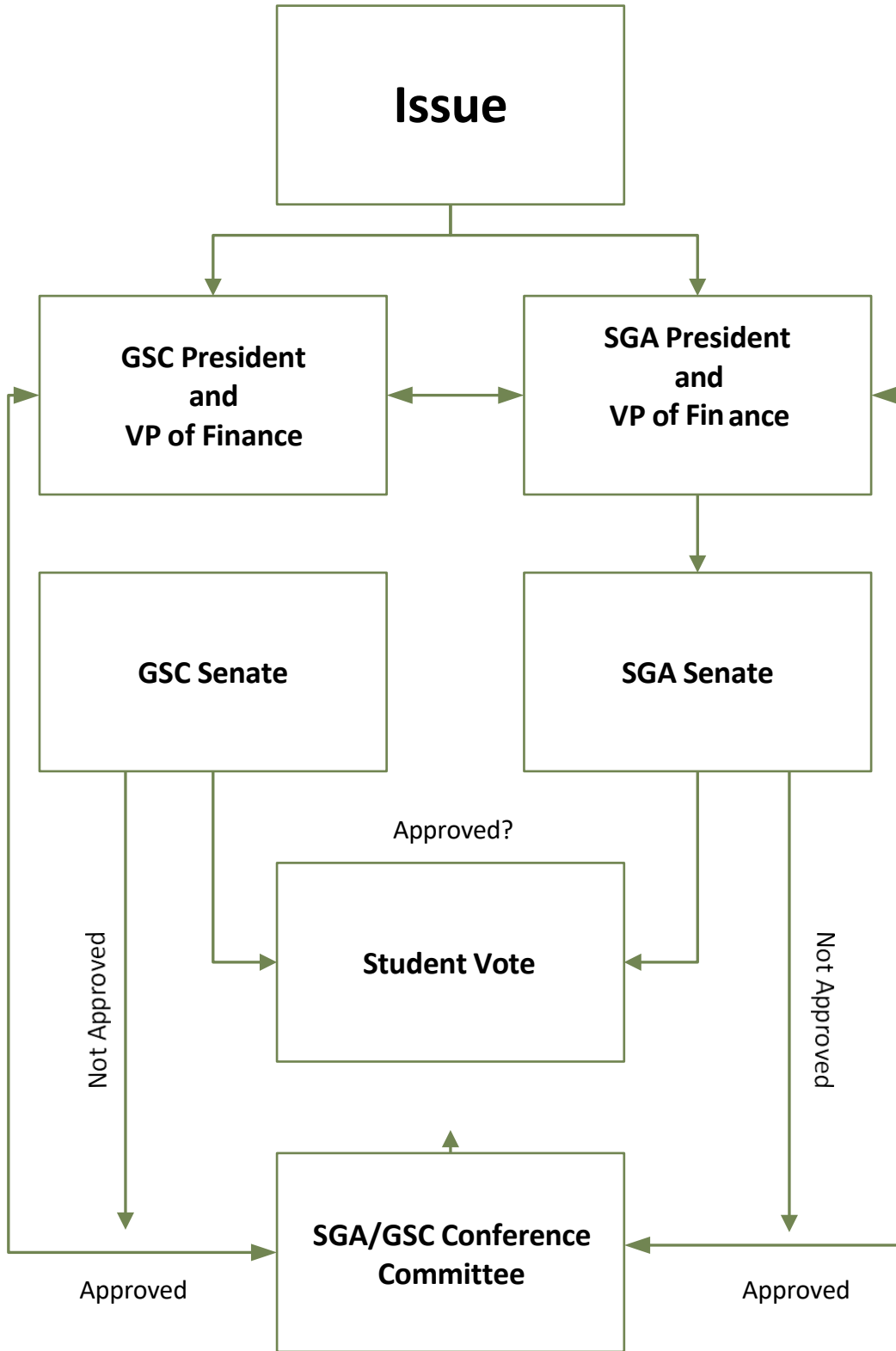
## **Process for Non-Constitutional Referendum Proposals**

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 are authored by either SGA or GSC and revised and edited by the opposite body.
3. If the leadership of both bodies agrees with the referendum wording, the referendum is presented to the SGA and GSC Senates for approval.
4. If the leadership of both bodies does 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 *SGNGSC* 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 *SGNGSC* 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 *SGNGSC* 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

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GSC President

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SGA Vice President

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