

Senate Meeting
September 14, 2015
5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order (5:40 PM)
2. Reports of Officers, Standing & Special Committees (5:42 to 6:14 PM)
 - a. President
GSC/SGA working together, progress was made but meeting last week was some movement backwards with questioning referendum that makes GSC official government, advisors currently encouraging both groups to move forward but communication with SGA is at standstill; UNT 3MT event being brought to campus this year; tour of the colleges; external appointments, 8 made currently through email communications; state of the university address, , 2 current openings (Union board, Dr. With's advisory council); state of the Union, GSC represented as student government body; grad student survey results partially available (graphics shown), diagram to be sent to all senators; Union offices for GSC opening Nov 7th across hall from SGA and available space for senate meetings; recent wins: salary increase for this year to account for health care changes, printing credit increase doubled for grad students, reinstatement if bus service for DP on weekends
 - b. Vice President of Administration & Finance
Budget report with percentages per VP, trip for 8 to NAGPS in California, GSC event fund available \$2,000 for grad student orgs to apply for, working with Dr. Oponng for more clarity around travel grants and currently working in workshop and scoring information hopefully this semester
 - c. Vice President of Communications & Marketing
GSC T-shirts design, brochure design, represented GSC at mean green fling and international student orientation, sending out monthly emails to all students, communicating with NT Daily, Sarah working with social media, website updates in progress but must follow UNT platform and format
 - d. Vice President of Programming & Outreach
Thanks for senator support for NGSO and attended new senator orientation; NAGPS LAD in DC fall semester pushed to spring for budget reasons and to support state wide networking initiatives; NAGPS national conference at USC on Halloween weekend; writing group happens every week at Whitehouse with discount for grad students; upcoming events: 9/19 alumni leaders invited to football game with pre-game event, meeting with leaders of grad student orgs a week from Wednesday 12-1 pm with lunch

- e. Campus Carry Taskforce, Senator Jim Dale
SB-11 task force on implementation policy for state bill 11, 22 people attended including faculty, staff, police, housing, etc; twice monthly meetings between now and end of December, series of town hall meetings across campus, 2 each for students, faculty, and staff, overall a lot of learning and best practice research involved, low percentage of university students that have concealed license, little to report yet as first meeting focused on charge, would like to hear from senate and grad students on their perspective to better represent the grad student body
3. Special Orders (6:14 PM to 6:30)
- a. Confirmation of Parliamentarian Nominee
Introduction of Christian Doyle, speaking for 1-2 minutes before discussion and vote
Brian escorts Christian out of room, discussion among senate and vote
Yeas have it unanimously
 - b. Standing Committee Appointments
4. Old business: (6:30 to 6:40 PM)
- a. Bill Summer 2015 – 4
Committees met, chairs, secretaries and meeting times selected
Call back to order at 6:41
Legislation amended by committee to add letter c. option regarding coordination with internal and external directors
No discussion, moved to vote
25 yeas, unanimously approved
5. New business: (6:40 to 6:50 PM)
- a. Bill Fall 2015 – 1
Read by Jesus (sponsoring senator absent)
Referred to external relations committee
Chair of committee moves to hold legislation pending further research, committee approves absentee online voting
6. Announcements (6:50 to 7:01 PM)
- Senator Crotty moves to create committee or refer to committee to investigate online tutoring options for accounting lab and other grad student support services remotely
- Vote for creation of committee:
Yeas 27, nays none, unanimously
Referred to planning and programming development

Senator Henning opportunities for work, Senator Greenridge advertising parent organization for grad students

7. Adjournment (7:01 PM)