



Senate Meeting
March 6, 2017
5:30-7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Call to Order – 5:31pm
 - b. No legislation in today's meeting, we will finish the meeting early.
- II. Officer Reports
 - a. President- Seth Ketron
 - i. Elections:
 - 1. Filing period on Wednesday, Please file for candidacy
 - 2. Toulouse gets the info – minimum GPA is required to serve – guidelines are easy, needs certification
 - 3. Election code meeting for GSC– March 10.
 - 4. Campaign week March 20 - 24
 - 5. General election voting starts on Monday morning, March 27
 - 6. Town hall candidates, March 21- 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, union 382A - encourage you to come and attend – questions can be asked
 - 7. Cohosting with SGA 3:00PM to 5:00PM – no questions
 - 8. SSF committee in the evaluation late April to early may we will – Adi and Cynthia are working on it – we will know about the increase in funding - have a great spring break
 - b. VPAF- Kent Souriyasak
 - i. Brief overview about the expenses – It takes 3 to 4 weeks for UNT to clear, looks good for the events Jan to Feb, \$1000, mix and mingle for the spring semester. All are taken care for the upcoming event.
 - ii. Barbeque event- cook out, swiping the cards –card access is required for the event so that you will know how many students attended. One student

applied from materials science, encourage you to apply now, we ordered some merchandize, some flash drives for the event

- iii. Kent showed all the expenses overview for the FY2017
 - iv. Other expenses are from the conference for 8 students 6 raised hands for DC.
 - v. Austin trip is coming up – two hotel rooms, hostel rooms are expensive Apr 16 to 18 Sunday thru Thursday, everything is covered – talk to Mary about the trip, if you are interested.
- c. VPPO- Giselle Greenidge
- i. Meeting with various officials- not able to get hold of Deans
 - ii. Two webcam meetings today with UT Austin and Texas A&M,
 - iii. Coffee hour in DP 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in B135 on March 27th
 - iv. Jeff will be coming this Wednesday 11PM to 1:30 PM
 - v. We will have GSAC meeting March 29 union 332 A
 - vi. Work shop with career center chest nut 160 5:30 to 730
 - vii. Big event march 25 volunteers required – no location yet
 - viii. GS panel – university of central Oklahoma – panel from 1 to 2 pm Willis 358 – discussion will be centered on daily life about grad school, there will be food and drinks
 - ix. Question from peter– Jeff works for what?
 - 1. Giselle: Jeff works for career center
 - x. Question from Anna– Status on Visas for international students
 - 1. Giselle: LAD to participate with NAGPS, processing visas for international students – this year NAGPS has not updated about their schedule yet – training are on Saturday and sunday
- d. VPCM- Ricky Ferguson
- i. Visibility of GSC, one in GAB, one in Chilton Hall, one in Environmental building – info about GSC
 - ii. Promotional material for Graduate student appreciation week – election materials
- e. Parliamentarian- Ved

- i. Please be present during your designated office hours
- ii. Please sign in the sign sheet
- iii. Take responsibilities to address the issues in your department for legislations.

III. Internal Committee Reports

- a. Performance, Oversight and Monitoring (Senator Kelly)
 - i. Food and other things, meeting today and we will talk about it
- b. External Relations and Outreach (Senator Menking)
 - i. Pushing for the meeting with many graduate students and make them aware of GSC and asking them to join.
- c. Planning and Program Development (Senator Medina)
 - i. Any ideas for the fall please let me know

IV. Old Business – no old business on the agenda

- a. No one wants to discuss
- b. Senator: Dr. Oppong has taken up the case about a denied student in the last Senate meeting

Senator: For students out of state applying for residency- turned her away, resubmit the packet, and supply the funding for the minimum hours worked
What's going on with denial: how many students are shafted, for the residency and all?

Senator Rachel Answers: If you have the same problem like others, please let me know so that we can work it out in a Formal way

Senator: What about the scholarship opportunities?

President: Cynthia is working on the scholarship

President: Adi is working on the dissertation funding, once the proposal is agreed we will talk to Dr. Oppong

V. New Business

- a. Michele -Hiring freeze took place, anyone who is teaching and graduating in may cannot teach in summer.
- b. They will know in couple of weeks about this. Someone is teaching in policy and other stuff even after graduating. Comparison needed with other colleges.

- c. Zikra – president office – graduation block party for all the people graduating in May. There will be lot of things – including food and drinks – needs your opinion
- d. There will be alcohol in a confined area
- e. Interacting with students with alcohol and food
- f. Everybody is invited
 - i. Senator: Will there be still spring Graduation ceremony? Families are going to come, accommodation, there are parking concerns, there is accessibility issues
 - ii. President: Friday 6 PM to 9 PM on May 12
 - iii. Senator: It is a good idea to add only graduate students compared to undergraduate students - Start with only one party. Average person bring only 3 persons
 - iv. President: We still have the graduation ceremony, we moved to Friday evening for all the grad students and undergrad students from Saturday, but the grad student’s ceremony is again on Saturday
 - v. Senator: General population should know.
- g. Zikra: students want lady gaga, but that’s not possible, thinking of a music festival one, instead
 - i. Senator: Is there any free food?
 - 1. Zikra: Food trucks serve in the grass area
 - ii. Senator: Is it open to everybody?
 - 1. Zikra: open to everybody, next time there will be some regulations - but this time everybody is allowed
 - iii. Senator: How do you manage security and safety, especially on the highland village– 8000 is a lot of people – safety concern – we have different things going on
 - 1. Zikra: Has noted it down and is going to discuss in the exec meeting.
 - iv. Senator Rachel: What if rains, is the program going to be cancelled?
 - 1. Zikra : The union is open – problem if it rains – alternative is union building

- v. Is it possible to invite the companies for jobs in the graduation party?
 - 1. Zikra: We will have Sponsorship issues
- vi. Senator Rachel: In the past, the undergrad days she had few companies coming on, there might be some friction with her grand mom if they start looking for jobs during a celebration party
- vii. Senator: we need to get this publicized everywhere, regarding free food and all
 - 1. Zikra: The University will send an email to everybody and to your family to attend

VI. Open Floor

- a. Giselle: Toulouse would like to partner for international graduate students for creative ideas:
- b. UNT international party, another party general event, and welcome everyone type of party.

VII. Motion to adjourn

- a. President
- b. Favor = 26 Oppose -0 Abstain – 0

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.