



Senate Meeting
April 3, 2017
5:30-7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Its 5:33 PM, hope everything is well
 - b. Let's all welcome our Guest Speaker, Paul Meltzer.
- II. Paul Meltzer –
 - a. Paul
 - i. Do I need a microphone?
 - ii. Are you guys frustrated with elections?
 - iii. Only 3 positions of elections available, but 4 positions are required
 - iv. Last time ran for president.
 - 1. The gas plant that was construction requires major overhaul
 - v. Anybody register to vote?
 - 1. Senators: Raises their hands
 - vi. District 3 requires, more active co-operation
 - vii. Progressive council to address people's problems
 - viii. Are you frustrated with national politics
 - 1. Debate on Wednesday about every tension situation
 - ix. I went to Graduate school.
 - x. Fiscal responsibilities will be undertaken
 - xi. Would like to resolve everything related to budget
 - xii. Does anybody feels like voting?
 - 1. Senator Rachel: Yes, how do you improve the bus services to students?
 - 2. Paul: Would like to discuss in the council meeting
 - xiii. Candidate running for Denton's District 3 City Council seat

- b. For the time remaining, I would like to take questions:
 - i. Senator Rachel: what are the biggest issues?
 - 1. Paul: I answered that question – Please look up online, preserving neighborhoods, affordable housing - where? I pointed out is cement city – 2 story University City, for tech firms, multistory housing North- historic district compatibility area
 - 2. Second issue is about air quality, worst quality, why is it?, Denton traffic, winds – In 5 years we should have good air quality- neighbor cities has very good air quality
 - a. Children ask me about it – we just don’t want to get bigger but better, when we grow and built a complex it is something better than bigger
 - ii. Paul: What should be on my agenda to represent District 3?
 - 1. Senator: Road work has to be improved
 - 2. Paul: What we did is, taking multiple projects all at once, lake Dallas has the input, you could do it online what is the logic, finish one thing and move on to other
 - iii. Senator: Pedestrians who live in Denton, basic amenities are required
 - 1. Paul: grocery destinations, what our economic walkability, has to be improved distinctively
 - 2. If we can help, performance grocery store more commutable
 - iv. Senator: Not just walkability, we need side walks
 - 1. It came up in the Facebook group, if you can write to me, we talked about boulevard, how can we make the place with more walkable?
 - 2. Visit me at Paul.com, bumper stickers are put around the campus for \$1000
 - v. Paul: Thank you, can I have some food?
 - vi. President: Yes, with pleasure
- III. Guest speaker 2: Survivor advocacy by Renee McNamara
 - a. Master’s degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

- i. Sexual assault awareness, available for all the students
 1. Works in Dean of students office
 2. Dean of students main line
 3. Main role is to work with students impacted by sexual violence, intimate partner violence, you can go to the police or go with them to the police
 4. May be student would miss classes, if not safe
 5. Facilitating room changes
 6. Completing and filing crime victim's compensation applications
 7. Scheduling Counseling, Medical and Legal
 8. That is the primary book, often can be in high school, may resources – can help any one
 9. Going and talking to people – what are healthy relationships, please reach out to me, happy to talk to everyone
 10. We do weekly training for best practices – happy to receive email for help
 11. Ways to get involved UNT committee on the education & prevention of Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence
 12. Send an email to Renee.McNamara@unt.edu for help–calendar of events will be up tomorrow, what are the main things students pay price for? Or you could be a part of any violence
 - a. Senator: counseling only sexual –nonprofit? Or you have any other type of counseling as well?
 - b. Senator: What about People effected by poverty?
 - i. Renee: Lots of resources available for poor people, we do have team for people who does not have food and other resources
 - c. Senator: Is it open to everyone?
 - i. Renee: Open every time and to everybody, I am just an Advocate, I connect to Counsellors.

- ii. Please reach out to time, we are here to help, you all have a wonderful day. Thank you.

IV. Officer Reports

a. President- Seth Ketron

- i. Final signatures of elections should be released this week
- ii. Results will be released
- iii. Participation is expected for the busy schedule
- iv. In terms of candidates, we will soon open for nominations for president
- v. Senator: Next upcoming section?
 - 1. President: Lot of transitions will happen, I will serve as ex-officio

b. VPAF- Kent Souriyasak

- i. Came back from Washington DC, largest expense
- ii. Total expense: \$7981,
- iii. In terms of expenditure, it takes time, next week for the expenditure of various events are going to come up
- iv. Three of us are travelling, Giselle, me and Mary to Austin LAD
- v. Total fund is \$2000 or \$3000
- vi. I am closing the applications for the event fund- if anyone is planning to host this summer, make sure you apply
- vii. Senator: If we have an event in summer, will we receive the fund?
 - 1. Kent: Apply by April you will get by May, I will close everything by the end of this month

c. VPPO- Giselle Greenidge

- i. Microphone
- ii. Grad appreciation events last week, we will be meeting in the dean of college of merchandising on April 21
- iii. Thanks for telling
- iv. Dr. Forney reached out to me
- v. Meeting in Texas Austin April 15 at 5PM
- vi. LAD advocacy summit in April
- vii. So far we have two senators and 5 representatives

- viii. Regular coffee hour in DP
- ix. 3MT in Toulouse, 3minute thesis competition for master students only
- x. Regular CV building, Jeff will be in his office
- xi. International event, taste of the world, opportunity to talk about your culture and food on April 22,
 - 1. Working with the international office
- xii. Grad appreciation week:
 - 1. List of activities: If you come up and support, that will be great, just highlight the events, as well as grad expo in Willis 258
 - 2. On Wednesday we have profession picture day
 - 3. Ice cream social, networking social, we have dance festival scheduled, we are hoping to postpone the event until further notification
 - 4. Any questions?
- d. VPCM- Ricky Fergurson
 - i. Working on flyer Grad appreciation week and taste of world – hopefully this week,
- e. Washington DC trip:
 - i. Senator 1: We talked about sexual assault violence, we are a separate group, I teach history, I always push the students to go to these type of events to know more about US government, met Ted Cruz to discuss about various issues, I highly recommend you to talk to the staff members
 - ii. Senator 2: DC trip is a very good experience for me, we talked about sexual violence, we talked about health insurance, amount of premiere, international students are paying lot of money, we asked them about this, showing concern towards sexual violence and making the campus really safer, I had help with myself, it was a short trip
 - iii. Senator Amit: from department of biology, very good experience , feeling how the constitution works, we get to meet them, they are very friendly, we discussed about sexual violence, health insurance and all, how much money we are paying and how much is actually required

1. Greatly appreciate the team, especially Kent, for managing the finances really well, thanks to everybody
 - iv. Mary: Kent and I, Both of us had an opportunity, things were very different this time, not all grad students can go, they are paying attention, don't feel like you not being heard, they are forced to listen
 - v. Kent: Staffers are the people who can get the things done, they know who you are, they don't have relationship, they are appointed to handle different topics, you will be ahead of the game with the staffer
 - f. Parliamentarian- Ved Tungala
 - i. Please bring up the legislation for the Senate meetings
 - ii. Please sign in the sign in sheet as soon as you enter the GSC office.
- V. Internal Committee Reports
- a. Performance, Oversight and Monitoring
 - i. Debbie: working on travel conferences, how much money is required for the travel conference, we are currently working on it, hopefully next week we will come up with something
 - b. External Relations and Outreach
 - i. Chris: we are doing much of the same: trying to get everything done
 - c. Planning and Program Development
 - i. Last time we talked about by the end of the semester,
 - ii. No comments
- VI. Old Business – No old business
- VII. New Business
- a. Bill S2017-1
 - i. Whoever complains about sexual harassment, it will be heard, the bill will be updated when senator yates is here, if you have any questions please let me know
 - ii. Senator Tyler Hicks
 1. Quick bill, parking lot in Welsh and Maple Lot 41, should I have brought a map? very dangerous, because of narrowness, we will discuss it based on the proposed changes

2. Kent showing the map
3. Green one entrances and entrances/exit – create problem, potential for accidents, I will go ahead and read one
4. Two narrow ways which is entry? And which is exit?
5. As quoted in the bill
 - a. Senator: given the way maple street is, only one way is accessible
 - i. Widen both, have two lanes, I would have them both, I like that idea
 - b. Senator Hicks: Problem is cost and time
 - c. Do we have authority, where the exit and entry is, primary job advise, we can talk in Monday's meeting
 - d. We will bring the same bill next month, when we resolve and vote, people who
 - e. Guys you could ask and have a discussion in may
 - f. President Senator: Thank you senator hicks

VIII. Open Floor

- a. Giselle
 - i. Acrobat, Psychology Department, GASC, Annual symposium - discussing issues on immigration, native's issues on April 21, 1 PM, I can email out to everybody, anyone who wants to be there are welcome to attend
- b. Any discussion from the floor?
 - i. No
- c. Giselle
- d. Will be meeting Union 332, ball room, will have senate meeting and celebration, will be having formal event, taking photos
- e. Jeff from career center – pieces of meeting, Union 344, pizza - couple of other items and events are going to be there

IX. Adjourn

- a. Motion
- b. Favor: 16

c. Oppose: 0

X. Meeting adjourn: 6:31 PM