



Senate Meeting
May 1, 2017
5:30-7:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order - President
 - a. Introduction of new Executive members: VP programing & outreach, VP communications & marketing
 - b. Introduction of new VP programming & outreach (Renee) by Seth
 - i. Certificate to Renee and a gift
 - ii. Welcome and we are excited to have you
 - iii. We will have only short discussion for today
 - iv. At 6:11 PM we will call the meeting to order
- II. Officer Reports
 - a. President- Seth Ketron
 - i. Not much, Giselle will get in touch about all the events, excited to see all of you
 - b. VPAF- Kent Souriyasak
 - i. Shows a PowerPoint slide to give a view about all the expenses, events in DP and here on campus
 - ii. Last year \$128K was allocated
 - iii. Whole year spend was \$57K and over \$6k left and I think that is enough for the summer
 - c. VPPO- Giselle Greenidge
 - i. Final three events
 - ii. Sash ceremony – please sign up for the session
 - iii. Next Monday and Tuesday, coffee and cookies are provided with the library, we will appreciate if you could volunteer

- iv. We have a lunch buffet, May 8 at 1 PM in Discovery park. Please help to volunteer and that would be great
- v. Last fall we had 27 events and many senate meetings, we have done a lot for the GSC people, a special thanks to everybody who came up to help, thanks to TGS, UNT libraries and UNT international
- d. VPCM- Ricky Ferguson
 - i. Thanks to everybody for the hard work
 - ii. Communication and social events will be updated on twitter and facebook, we have good attendance, Renee will be taking over the meeting for the next academic year
- e. Parliamentarian- Ved Tungala
 - i. Not much to say, Thanks for having me as a Parliamentarian
 - ii. Started this semester, learnt a lot about GSC and the problems of Grad students
 - iii. Graduating this May. All the best for the future Executive team and thank you very much.

III. Internal Committee Reports

- a. Performance, Oversight and Monitoring
 - i. We have attended a lot of travel conferences, we will have many more travel conferences for the next year
- b. External Relations and Outreach
 - i. We have done fairly well, we have done. Thanks all for the support
- c. Planning and Program Development
 - i. Few words, this semester we have put one lot of charity reception and we continue to do next semester

IV. Old Business

- a. Bill S2017-1 follow up
 - i. Vote on this bill.
 - ii. All in favor: 18
 - iii. Oppose :0

V. Senator Tyler Hicks

a. Sticker Design Options

1. Beginning of this semester, we kind of put a bill on harassment, kind of ideas, suggestions and everything. We have sticker design options everywhere. This would affect everybody.
2. Most of the design options are same. Together, Support, communication, advocate and safe space, Stick near your desks, Horizontal
3. Options would be
 - a. Word choice, horizontal and capital
 - b. Horizontal would be better than the vertical
 - c. Vote for the three individual aspects
 - i. Together:1
 - ii. Communicaiton:5
 - iii. Support:5
 - iv. Safespace:5
 - v. Advocate:7
 - d. This is informal
 - e. Horizontal design: 15
 - f. Vertical design: 1
 - g. Capital: 6
 - h. Lower case:9

ii. Senator Tyler Yates

1. Thanks for reaching out, this is going to go forward and we will continue working on it next year.

VI. New Business

a. Summer Senate signup

- i. We may have noticed, if you are currently serving as a senate you are eligible to serve as a senator
- ii. Senator holding the sign

VII. Open Floor

- a. Anyone want any discussion – none

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn from Kelly
- b. Motion: 17
- c. Oppose: 1
- d. Abstain: 0
- e. Motion adjourned with the business portion of the meeting

IX. Recognition of Dr. Oppong

- a. Congratulates Seth for leading as an effective person
- b. This time has worked most effectively than anybody since I have seen
- c. As the advisor of the GSC, I have to cover them up
- d. Why student should look for meals and also pay the fee
- e. I thank Seth and team for the wonderful job
- f. The success of the organization is effective only after they leave the office
- g. I am proud to say that they have done a great job in structuring GSC
- h. Previous one was struggling
- i. They have done a good job to put everything together.
- j. Seth and your team for taking care of
 - i. Another thing I told them, Students first, politicians and advocates second, you are not a good role model, if you cannot support the student. This leadership has done a great job
 - ii. The new team is going to maintain the same thing
 - iii. I am pleading to you all: Is there a considerable empathy? We had a meeting last week, there were frustrations expressed. We need you
 - iv. I am sitting there, travel grant 60K, we are not giving 20k, they went to the president, all of a sudden we got 20k to work with. I need you to have a great leader, visionary leaders. Some of us in the DP, we are having a very expensive equipment. Some students have to pay for the use that equipment. We wrote a proposal to fund the equipment and almost going to get it
 - v. Let's come up collectively
 - vi. Take advantage of the university resources

- vii. Let's support our leadership
- viii. I am pleading with you for the participation

Seth: Thank you Dr. Oppong, break for 5mins and after that we will have recognition for all the GSC members

Recognition of Senators:

1. Bryan Richardson
2. Abhay Singh
3. Tyler Yates
4. Thomas Gill
5. AVM Islam
6. Sindhu Alla
7. Sameehan Joshi
8. J Tirumalasetty
9. Mark Forn
10. Robert Anderson
11. James Rumer
12. MA Shaiful Amin
13. Kelly Allen – 2 pictures
14. Tyler Hicks
15. Sherard Light more
16. Ana Conrado
17. Alvin Akibar
18. Coleman Sulak

Director recognition

Aditya Ayyagari: Director of programming

Mary Mitchel- Director legislative affairs

Shravya Rao – Director of internal relations

Ved Tungala – Parliamentarian

Kent – VP of administration and finance

Ricky – VP of communication and marketing

Giselle – VP programming and outreach

That's the end: It's been an amazing year. We are distracted at the moment

Ricky: This was an interesting year lots of fun, an amazing year. So much fun, the leadership stands upfront

Still some more cake, you guys can go and grab it

We have the room till 8:00 PM

Thank you all so much