

## Meeting Minutes

Spring Senate – Session I

3/05/2019

5:30 PM

Union 381

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- i) Welcome/Call to Order: 5:33PM
- ii) Approval of Minutes: Online Votes
- iii) Officer Reports
  - a. President – Giselle Greenidge
    - i. VPPO and Directors: Interviews for position ongoing  
6 applicants decision should be made by Wednesday evening  
Directors: almost filled 1 open position for Director of Administration
    - ii. Student Success - Financials  
Top five priorities for financial aid and services:
      - 1. Department scholarships database
      - 2. Establishing a financial crisis center
      - 3. Establishing clear and concise workshops
      - 4. Establishing scholarships that renew throughout your degree
      - 5. Establishing the utility of having book vouchers
    - iii. LAD D.C. 3/9-3/13  
Issues Discussing:  
Title IX, Mental Health, and Open Access
    - iv. Transportation (Lyft, extension, airport)
      - Issues with Lyft
      - Construction on library extended
      - Extension of Discovery Park route hours not in demand
      - DCTA airport route has not been finalized but there have been discussions about improving service to the airport
    - v. Awards: award nomination emails have been sent out to all students to submit for honors day on April 26<sup>th</sup> 3-5 pm
    - vi. Grad Stories: stories should be received end of March early April
    - vii. Graduation Deadlines and Finals: Spring 3/8 for final consideration 3/29  
roll-over deadline 5/2 to walk for spring commencement
    - viii. Thesis Manual: students who have already downloaded the manual should re-submit because of updates posted in the manual
    - ix. Graduate Viewbook: prospective students or new student viewbook feedback needed
    - x. Joe Green Hall/Welcome Center: April tour has been requested to view the new building opening

- xi. Dining Services and payment: Cash and credit cards for meal plans at dining locations will no longer be accepted
    - xii. Construction: Hurley/Willis weather setbacks will be complete by early fall late summer as of right now. Fouts Field still under construction
    - xiii. Grad Block Party: UNT Community is invited 5/10 Friday at 5:30-9:30 PM at the Union South Mall/Highland Street. Still in the discussion inviting high school students
    - xiv. Library Services (website): Graduate student access updates in the discussion
    - xv. Coffee Hour and Luncheon: Coffee Hour: 9-11AM GSC Office, Luncheon Thursday B135 at Discovery Park 1-3PM
  - b. VP, Administration & Finance – David Lacy
    - i. Budget: 28,200 w/o Trips that will be booked by the end of this semester
  - c. VP, Programming & Outreach
  - d. Parliamentarian – Haneen Elghazali
    - i. Edits and additions for Constitution and Bylaws: Voting Poll Online
      - 1. Minor Changes other than Elections
        - a. GSC Awards Committee
        - b. Evaluation Process
- iv) New Business
  - a. Governing Document Amendments
    - 1. Elections: Week of 3/18 closes in April
- v) Internal Committee Reports
- vi) Open Floor
  - a. Open Record Update and Tutor Increase
  - b. Graduate Student Research Symposium April 5<sup>th</sup> 9am-2:30pm
    - Ad Hoc Committees need to set dates to finish Language, IRB and Legislative work projects.
    - Bump Up Program and Faculty Women Mentorship should still be meeting
    - SSF HR/Legal Counsel appointments in deliberation discussing equal pay for GSC and SGA.
- vii) Adjournment: 6:57PM