My name is Shellye Tow. I am excited to run for a Graduate Student Council position as a Senator. I am currently a Master of Fine Arts candidate with an emphasis in photography and a Master of Arts in Art History at the College of Visual Arts and Design (CVAD) at UNT.

Currently, our world is rapidly evolving, with an unpredictable future ahead. The Graduate Student Council at the University of North Texas has and will continue to act as an advocate for the graduate student population. In the past, the Graduate Student Council has provided an opportunity, through senators, for the graduate student body to be a part of the decisions that directly affect their lives, education, and experience at the University of North Texas. The Graduate Student Council will be even more important in the immediate future as we seek to reconcile the current and future changes in our world. The GSC Senator position will continue to be essential as graduate students will need to be represented and supported throughout their education and experience at the University of North Texas.

The College of Visual Arts and Design, like the other colleges at UNT, needs a voice to represent the student body. I am certain that I have the experience, motivation, and ability to serve as a senator on the Graduate Student Council. With my military background, I have experience in leadership responsibility and etiquette, strategic teamwork, and management roles. The military educated me about the necessity for leaders willing to act as a voice for a larger body and the importance of supporting the people they represent to their fullest ability. I have held other leadership positions on committees for employers. These committees focused on mediation between employees and employer, employee morale, and conflict resolution.

The University of North Texas strives for excellence and truly cares for their students, faculty, and staff. The world is changing rapidly, and we must all adapt with these changes as they occur. I believe that I am an ideal candidate for the Graduate Student Council, and I will act as a voice for the student body as we navigate these changes. Through clear communication, leadership, and organizations like the Graduate Student Council, the University of North Texas will continue to be a leader in higher education. I look forward to being a part of this influential and essential institution.