UNT SGA 44th Student Senate Fall 2016 Session
Hale & Cole Administration
Wednesday, September 7, 2016

I. Call to Order [5:36 p.m.]

II. Opening Ceremonies
   a. Pledge of Allegiance
   b. Texas Pledge

III. Roll Call
   a. 32 senators in attendance
   b. 1 arrived late

IV. Guest Speaker
   a. Adrian Cooks, UNT Apple Campus Representative [5:37 p.m.]
      i. Mainframe UNT has changed to new location Union 111, new staff, open environment, new services later this fall
      ii. Services include: trade in, payment plan (to be announced), repairs
      iii. Technology Tuesday classes – sponsored by the Mainframe, Technology Tuesday classes are a series of classes that will go over Apple devices and the Apple Ecosystem. They will cover how to get the most out of the Apple ecosystem and tips in order to effectively use Apple products.
      iv. iTunes U – The largest composite of educational content, including collegiate info. For example, OU created an iTunes U course focused on getting parents and students involved in the Apple environment that also helps parents get engaged and be supportive of students (example that could be applied at the University of North Texas.)
         Posts can be divided into topics or by semester. Keep in mind that each iTunes U course can have multiple contributors.
         Provides checklists for tasks, such as completing financial aid documents.
b. Dorian Escobar, Associate Director for Chapter Development, Kappa Alpha Order [5:43 p.m.]
   i. Here to restart a chapter that was suspended three years ago. Will be recruiting and on campus until December. Here for students, specifically gentlemen, who want to be the founding fathers of a fraternity. Would like to connect with anyone interested, will be around campus on a regular basis.

V. Old Business
   a. August 31st meeting minutes
   b. Approved [5:45 p.m.]

VI. New Business
   a. Appointment [PLEASE NOTE: Secretary Horick opted to only record questions asked and discussion of appointees for the sake of brevity and clarity of the meeting minutes.]
      i. Election Commissioner
         1. John Carr [5:45 p.m.]
         2. Q, Sen. A. Miller: Have you been involved with the election process before?
         3. Q, Sen. T. Miller: Why is this something that you are interested in doing?
         4. Q, Sen. Belokin: How do you plan to handle conflict?
         5. Q, Sen. T. Miller: What does your schedule for the Spring look like? Will you have the necessary time for this position?
         6. Sen. Sanders: Motion to vote by unanimous consent
            a. Approved
   ii. Election Board
      1. Anna Krzwenski
         Praveen Ramarao
         Andrea Allen
         Sofia Echeagaray
2. Q, Sen. A. Miller: If there was a serious conflict of interest, would you be willing to recuse yourself?

3. Q, Sen. Belokin (directed at Freshmen appointees): Do you think you will be able to manage your time in the Spring with this position?

4. Q, Sen. T. Miller: Why specifically do you want to join the Election Board as part of the SGA?

5. Q, Sen. Corpus: Can you speak to your experience and what qualifies you for this position?

6. Point of Information (Sen. Acevedo): How many people are elected to the board?

7. Point of Information (Sen. T. Miller): How are the board members selected?
   a. A, Pres. Hale: They are selected by president. Applications were gathered through the SGA Interest Form. I looked to involve people from a diverse background for appointments.

8. Sen. M. Mercado: Motion to open a period of voting.
   a. Sen. Johnson: Motion to vote via clicker
   b. Vote [6:03 p.m.]: 27 Y, 3 N

iii. Advocate General

1. Alexis Rickmers

2. Q, Sen. Muric: Last year I was unaware that we had an advocate general until the Spring semester. What do you plan on doing to open up awareness about the position?

3. Point of Information, Sen. M. Mercado: Does this position relate to real legal matters or just SGA judicial matters?
4. Sen. Muric: Motion to vote by unanimous consent
   a. Approved

iv. **Supreme Court**

1. Caroline Wright
   Iesha Daboya
   Barri Alexandria
   James White
   Jena Chakour
   Christopher Lee
   Sierra Hanson

2. Q, Sen. Muric (to Appointee Chris Lee): Chris, last semester during the election and voting period, you appeared incredibly biased in support of the Thrive Campaign. How do you intend to rectify that perception of bias?

3. Q, Sen. Talati: I was not aware that there was a judicial system in place. If selected, how do you plan to ensure students are aware?

4. Sen. Muric: Motion to open a period of discussion

5. Sen. Johnson: Motion to set the period of discussion for 5 minutes.


7. Sen. Sanders: Agree that he is a good choice as a nontraditional student

8. Sen. M. Mercado: I have some concerns about Chris, given past occurrences

9. Sen. Johnson: Chris also has right to express his voice as a student and serve in this position.

10. Sen. Sennet: There will be other people on the Court to counteract his opinion if there are any biases. He has been
in SGA, has experience with the Constitution, and led us in a good direction as VP. Although there may be reservations, I feel confident in him.

11. Point of Information, Sen. T. Miller: How is the Chief Justice chosen?
   a. A, Pres. Hale: It is decided internally among the justices.

12. Sen. Sanders: I am unaware of any controversy from last semester, but believe that everyone deserves a chance to start on a clean slate. Any wrongdoing or bias could have proved to be a learning experience.

13. Sen. Muric: We have a checks and balances system and, personal opinions aside, I think we can move along with a clean slate. We must keep in mind that he is both a Board of Regents member and a student. If there were any conflict within the Supreme Court, it would be addressed.

14. Sen. Belokin: We need to keep in mind that we are voting on behalf of the best interest of the students.

15. Point of Information, Sen. M. Mercado: Do we have to vote as a block?

16. Sen. Muric: Motion to open a period of voting

17. Sen. Johnson: Motion to vote as a block, by clicker.

18. Vote: Approved, #Y #N

v. Senators [6:24 p.m.]

1. Lindsey Lotze:
   a. Q, Sen. T. Miller: You sound very qualified and prepared; Do you have any questions or expectations for us?
   b. Q, Sen. Sennet: Motion to vote by unanimous consent
2. Kassandra Cumbie
   a. Q, Sen. T. Miller: Is there anything you are interested in working on if you are appointed? Your answer won’t affect my opinion of you; I’m just curious.

   b. Sen. Johnson: Motion to vote by unanimous consent
       i. Approved

   b. B-F2016-1 [6:31 p.m.]
       i. Discuss and Vote

       ii. Sen. Horick: Motion to open floor for period of discussion

       iii. Sen. Talati: Motion to set time period of 5 minutes

       iv. Q, Sen. Sanders: Is there a limit of any number of Summer senators over the minimum of 10?


       v. Sen. M. Mercedes: I have concerns about interest and attendance

       vi. [VP Cole: Read current Bylaw for clarification]

       vii. Sen. T. Miller: My initial thought is that we need a cap, and I’m thinking 15 or 20. We definitely had interest of more than 10 senators.


       ix. Sen Aguayo: I propose an amendment to require participation in a committee; This summer we had issue with participation of committee members.

       x. Sen. E. Mercado: The cap brings into question who to select if there are more senators interested than seats available.

       xi. POI, Sen. M. Mercado: How is summer senate selected?

           1. VP Cole: Summer senators are selected like an appointment.

       xii. Sen. E. Mercado: Motion to extend the time limit by 5 minutes.
xiii. POI, Sen. Muric: Would this legislation apply to the next leadership?
   1. A, VP Cole: Yes, unless additional legislation was created to change it before Summer 2017 Senators were appointed.

xiv. Sen. Horick: My concern is that with an increase in the number of Senators, we also see an increase the in the number of Senators required to meet quorum. During Summer senate, there was at least one meeting where we only met quorum, and I would like to see measures put in place to encourage more attendance, such as an amendment that requires the establishment of Senate meeting dates prior to the appointment of Summer Senators.

xv. Sen. Johnson: Motion to table this legislation until 9/14 so changes can be made and amendments can be added.

VII. Officer Reports
   a. Chief of Staff [6:41 p.m.]
      i. Last reconciliation for the budget for FY2016 is complete.

   b. Director of Leadership & Development
      i. We have interns!

   c. Director of Administration & Policy
      i. Doodle polls went out for the interest groups and will close this Friday.
      ii. The first Town Hall is Monday, September 12 at 11:30 in Union 332.
      iii. Q, Sen. M. Mercado: Can you promote the town hall?
          1. A, DAP Antony: The graphic goes out next week.

   d. Director of Public Relations
      i. Nametags and college plates are in
      ii. I will be starting The Review again (weekly SGA newsletter)

   e. Director of Student Affairs
      i. Eagle’s Nest Orientation happened yesterday, and there are two slots left. Please apply and encourage others to do the same.
ii. Raupe Orientation is next week, and I am starting to review applications

iii. Please promote the Resource Meetings

iv. Q, Sen. Sennet: I know someone interested in the program who cannot make meetings; what do they do?
   1. A, DSA Jones: Any executive registered on OrgSync can attend.

f. Director of Campus Outreach
   i. BSU is hosting Umoja tonight. Recommend attending.
   ii. Green Pages launching Tuesday; will also begin tabling and marketing

g. President
   i. Thank you to those who attended the retreat on Saturday
   ii. We are moving ahead with plans for voter registration on campus this Fall. More info to come about volunteering and getting deputized.

h. Vice President
   i. There are still three open Senate seats:
      1. Engineering, Business, CVAD
   ii. Please note that the application process takes a little time, but we are eager to fill these seats
   iii. [6:47 p.m.]

VIII. College Reports [PLEASE NOTE: September 7th College Reports will be given internally via the SGA Facebook Group in the interest of saving time during this meeting. Standard College Reports will be resumed next week.]

a. Arts & Sciences
b. Business
c. Education
d. Engineering
e. Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism
IX. Announcements

a. Sen. T. Miller: Sport Clubs across campus have trouble with funding. Despite being athletically competitive, UNT clubs cannot compete with other schools in terms of funding. I will be gathering information about other universities funding of sport clubs, and am requesting help from anyone interested.

i. Q, Sen. Ramirez: Are sports clubs eligible for Eagle’s Nest?


c. Polo and t-shirt distribution

d. Group and Individual photos

X. Adjournment [6:49 p.m.]