



UNT SGA 46th Student Senate Summer 2017 Session
Cole & Umeh Administration
Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Ceremonies

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Texas Pledge

III. Roll Call

IV. Robert's Rules & How to Legislate Introduction

V. New Business

a. Executive Board Approval

i. Muhammad Kara, Chief of Staff

1. I am passionate about serving students on a large scale. I have invested 3 years into the student involvement, ranging from RHA, OTP, UPC. My passion ensures my work ethic to be advanced. While I have not been in SGA directly, I am coming with a back ground of different student related offices. I will be coming into SGA with fresh ideas and witnessing all of it through a new lens. In addition, too, I can rather adapt quickly. I know what needs to be addressed, how to go about addressing them, and making sure those needs are met. I am a huge advocate for making goals a reality, not just my personal goals, but the overall goal of what SGA wants.

Currently I am working on getting the SGA Office as efficient as possible. Which means taking inventory of the closet, and reorganizing it. Rearranging the SGA office, and making the work space more efficient. In addition to preparing and finalizing the budget to be present to the Senate.

ii. Myriah Ford, Intern Program Director



1. As a transfer student I have a different perception of the developmental processes through college and I understand the essential skills needed to obtain lasting impressions. Furthermore, I am open-minded, reliable, strategic, and have the ability to distribute task accordingly. In addition, I myself have been a member of an intern program previously giving me first-hand experience as a participant. I am fully capable to hold the title of Intern Program Director because I am an adaptable and detailed individual.

I want to make sure that every intern is receiving equal benefit from being in the intern program. I will design the meetings to where all major departments are being covered therefore, no one will feel left out in terms of academics. In order to achieve the initial bond between interns and mentors I will have one of the first meetings be designated for impromptu speeches. These speeches can include past personal history, future goals, etc. I will have public speakers come address the interns regarding topics such as Linked in, personality assessments, mock interviews, how to obtain an internship, how to write a resume, team building, conflict management, etc. I will also make sure that there is frequent interaction between mentors and interns to establish a genuine bond. For example, one-on-one meetings will take place twice a month. One meet up should be based on academics while the other will be a social hang out session. There is still more information to be drafted to complete the calendar for the school year.

iii. Devin Thomas, Public Relations Director

1. I genuinely believe that SGA is an integral component of student life on campus. I love UNT and I want to have a



positive impact on this campus. I believe I am qualified for the position of Public Relations Director, because I have experience in various leadership positions and am dedicated enough to this organization to remain neutral and objective on complex issues. I am a journalism major on campus and therefore believe myself to have the skills necessary to perform well in this position. Some ideas I have for this position include

- Updating the website.
- Writing the bylaws in Laymen's terms so that all students can easily read and understand them.
- Establishing media contacts that allow for greater advertisement for SGA.

iv. Noelle Franklin, Communications Director

1. I am a Junior Communications major with minors in Marketing and Merchandising. I have a years' experience working with Photoshop, Indesign, Illustrator, and Flash from a class I took my senior year. I am also interning currently with Ivie Inc., a marketing company, for two months this summer. I plan on better informing the student population about when they can vote on SGA (i.e. President), and what legislation is passed.

v. Michelle Prosser, Student Allocations Director (Eagle's Nest)

1. Hello. My name is Michelle Prosser and I am a senior here at UNT where I am studying a double major in Merchandising & Digital Retailing. I have applied for the position of Student Allocations Director where I will oversee Eagle's Nest, a fund that assists registered student organizations with their programming needs. I applied for two reasons. First, I believe that I am qualified to help assist organizations with



their programming because I have experience with event planning myself. As Sisterhood Director in my sorority I was able to gain experience creating budgets, handling money, and understanding what makes for a good event and a bad event. I believe this will help in allocating funds to appropriate and worthy candidates. Secondly, I believe that this position involves getting to know people and their organizations. Making that personal connection will not only help build a stronger relationship between UNT and its student organizations but also build something bigger for this university: school spirit. I am passionate about UNT and its student and I want nothing more than to see them succeed. Which leads me to two goals that I have created. First, ensuring that the student body is aware and knowledgeable of these opportunities through the use of social media, email, resource meetings, etc. The success of this goal would be measured by the number applications we receive. The second goal is ensuring that money is allocated appropriately and that benefits are had from the events. This involves not only understanding the organization's needs but also giving advice and support in order to create a quality event through collaboration. In other words, I want students to know that we are here to help them. To conclude, I see this position as having more than just a financial impact but a personal one. I see it having a direct role in helping create a healthy and fun campus culture and I want to do my best in pushing that forward. Thank you for your time.

- vi. Isabel Delwel, Student Allocations Director (Raupe Travel Grant)
Hello SGA Senate Members,



My name is Isabel Delwel and I am honored to have been selected for the Student Allocations Director (Raupe Travel Grant) position.

I feel I am qualified for the Student Allocations Director position because I am well versed in the process for applying for grants and funding. As an undergraduate researcher here on campus, I have personally had multiple opportunities to represent the university through conferences and funding is a major part of that. Now, I would like to be on the other side, using my previous knowledge I have gained to help students understand there are multiple ways UNT is here to help them succeed. I am mathematically and financially inclined, so I feel confident in my abilities to fill out budget sheets and keep track of how the funds granted to students are being used.

I believe a major area for improvement we can see in this position is the number of students applying and encouraged to seek these individual student grants out. I would like to improve this by means of outreach and advertisement. I also hope to make the process simple and timely on both the student's side and the SGA's side.

My current goal for the position is to find a way to advertise the availability of these grants offered to all students. I have personally been to about 10 conferences (locally and nationally), and all have been fully funded. None have been funded by the Raupe Travel Grants, because I did not know that it was an option for me. I would love to use my position to better inform all students, especially freshman who are just dipping their toes into opportunities for advancement within UNT. If these students need to travel for said



opportunities, they should know from day one that an individual student travel grant from the SGA is available to them.

vii. Morgan Kelley, Student Concerns Director

1. Experience

I have been on this campus for three years and I have had the opportunity to work closely with academic, professional, social, and science organizations. I have had the chance to gauge student concerns first-hand and I believe that I can bring this experience into the position to better serve the community.

Self-motivated

As a student leader, I know that every role on an executive team is vital and must be carried out to its full potential to obtain the best results. If selected for the position, I would be able to motivate myself to go above and beyond to make sure that the duties that my position calls for are exceeded

Organized

With more than 31,000 undergraduates enrolled at UNT, there is bound to be many concerns amongst students. For this position, I would expect to see someone who has the capability to organize, categorize, and keep up with the incoming grievances. I would also expect the Student Concerns Director to be able to manage his or her time wisely to allow enough time to research the concern and direct it to the proper individual or department in an efficient manner.

viii. Paige Sennet, Outreach Director

1. I apologize that I am not able to be here tonight. I believe I am qualified for this position because I love people and I love



UNT. I want to do my best to inform our students about what is going on while they are on campus and work to change the issues that they are confronted with on campus. I am qualified for this position because while being in different organizations on campus, I have worked hard to address issues that they have and work to change them or inform them of opportunities that they may not be aware of. For example UNT's PBSO was looking for funds for their annual Crawfish Boil. I sat down with their president and informed them of Eagle's Nest that they later applied for.

My ideas for the upcoming semester is overall informing students of opportunities that they are not aware of. By this, I mean going to student organization's meetings and just building a relationship with this. Telling them who I am, what SGA does, and how to get involved. I believe this will build confidence for those who have not be involved before with SGA and will encourage them to be involved. The more people who want to be involved with SGA the better!

Other ideas I have for the upcoming year is recreating the Multicultural Mixer into something more directed towards social issues that I believe students don't feel comfortable talking about due to time and place. I would also like to create an easy way to contact SGA directly. I know emails can be tedious for some and for others, they may not want us to know who they are when directing information. I would like students to feel that their voices are being heard, regardless of how we are hearing them. My idea was along the lines of a messaging number that they could text their grievances to similar to the ones apartment complexes use to get into contact with their residents. I have so many ideas for the



upcoming year and I hope I am given the opportunity to implement them.

As for what I am currently working on, I was recently given the opportunity to go to a leadership retreat called LeaderShape. While there, I was able to make connections and get into contact with multiple organizations such as TRIO, Hard Conversations, Talons, Greek Life, and Orientation and Transition Programs. While there we made arrangements to meet and they would give me the opportunity to tell them about what all SGA has to offer. I have been in contact with them since LeaderShape ended and will continue to contact other organizations so that I can plan to meet with them as well.

Thank you all and have an amazing summer!

ix. Taylor Willis, Governmental Affairs Director

1. Hello! My name is Taylor Willis. My apologies for my absence at the first Summer Senate meeting, but I am currently studying abroad in London, England. Here is a little about myself: This semester I will be classified as a Junior. My major is in Political Science and a minor in Peace Studies. Last semester I was involved in the Student Government Association as a Freshman Intern. My work as a Freshman Intern helped me learn the inner workings of SGA, connect with the campus community, and instilled a love for advocacy.

I have always had a passion for local politics. During the summer of 2015 I served as secretary of a local grassroots political action committee called Amarillo Millennials movement. We worked with other young adults to increase millennial voter turnout and demand that our voices be



heard in local politics and encourage downtown revitalization. I have previous experience with communicating with local political leaders and helping out with city political initiatives. My main intellectual interest is the political sphere. I feel very confident about carrying out the objectives and obligations of the Governmental Affairs Director since I am very passionate about government and politics. I would label myself as a political junkie, I regularly keep up with news and global issues. My goals for this upcoming year are to increase political involvement and knowledge at UNT. With communicating governmental issues that directly affect students at UNT, I thought of the idea of creating a newsletter or video that would be released weekly. I also wish to help keep students up to date with pressing news alert either through social media or email. I want to have meetings with members of Center of Denton, GSC, Staff Senate and Faculty Senate in order to form a bond with them through bi-weekly or monthly meetings with each group. By enhancing the student opinion on governmental affairs and issues I want to gain information through social media polling or by on campus polling. I hope to work with the Senate members to learn about their constituent's opinions on political and governmental matters, as well. If you have any input or questions for me, please email me at sga@unt.edu.

b. Senate Officers Appointment

i. Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate

A) The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate shall assist the Speaker in directing and managing the business of the Senate.



- B) The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall preside at meetings of the Senate when the Speaker is absent or when the Speaker chooses to cast a vote during a meeting that is not a tiebreaking vote.
 - C) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be charged to coordinate Senate events, to represent the Senate when needed, to be a voting member of each internal committee and to perform any other duties as assigned by these Bylaws or by action of the Student Senate.
- ii. Sergeant at Arms
- A) The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate shall be charged with assisting the speaker in maintaining order. They will direct those members who are deemed out of order to correct previous actions, raise points of order during the meeting when correct procedure is not being followed and in extreme circumstances request the Speaker remove the member from the body, to exclusively handle all voting ballots of the Senate, to represent the Senate when necessary and to perform any other duties as assigned by these Bylaws or by action of the Student Senate.
 - B) The Sergeant at Arms shall also assist the Speaker in training fellow Senators in correct procedure.
 - C) The Sergeant at Arms shall preside at meetings of the Senate when both the Speaker and Speaker Pro-Tempore are absent.
- iii. Secretary
- A) The Secretary of the Senate shall be charged with keeping the records of SGA, to call attendance at each meeting, to assist the Speaker in counting votes and call names for all roll call votes, to keep and record accurate minutes of every meeting, to read the minutes when presented in Senate, to bring all appropriate records to meetings and to send all notices of meetings, agendas, legislation and correspondence to all members of SGA prior to each meeting within a reasonable time and to perform any other duties as



assigned by these Bylaws or by action of the Student Government Association.

B) To receive and keep track of minutes and/or reports sent by Executive Directors and committee secretaries each week.

C) No Senator may hold more than one Officer position simultaneously.

D) In the event that an officer is unable to serve or is removed, a successor shall be immediately elected.

c. Legislation Ideas

i. Discussion

VI. **Officer Reports**

a. Chief of Staff

b. Intern Program Director

i. Recently, I have been in the process of choosing mentors for the intern program. I first released the application a few weeks back and today June 7th, 2017 will be the announcement for whether the candidates have been chosen for phone interviews. The phone interviews will take place June 8th-June 9th. Following interviews, I will notify the chosen mentors via phone call by Sunday or sooner. In addition, I will be actively attending the "Get Connected" sessions for freshman orientation in order to start recruiting for the intern application. Lastly, I will begin drafting the calendar for the academic school year starting next week during my office hours.

c. Public Relations Director

i. I have currently been lightly working on promo items, business cards, and t-shirt designs.

d. Communications Director

i. We are working on building relationships with campus and local media outlets. I have also started writing the bylaws in Laymen's terms.



- e. Student Allocations Director (Eagle's Nest)
 - i. I have been reading through the binder given to me and coming up with small adjustments for the application and for the role of my committee members. I am also looking into ways that I can advertise the Eagle's Nest committee to the student body in order to get more applications.
- f. President
- g. Vice President

VII. College Reports

- a. Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- b. Sciences
- c. Business
- d. Education
- e. Health and Public Service
- f. Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Announcements