S2022-B1 – Senate Standing Committee Event Requirement

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1, Subsection A of the Senate Code of Conduct states, “Senators shall be committed to helping their constituencies reach their full potential to build a better future for the University of North Texas.”

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1, Subsection B of the Senate Code of Conduct states, “Senators are compelled by their duty of office to act in the best interest of their constituencies through active representation and communication between the constituency, their respective Deans, and UNT Administration.”

WHEREAS, The Campus Life and Environment Committee “shall work towards the development of a campus environment that supports the personal, academic, and social needs of students. This includes physical environment, safety, security, campus dining, transportation, and other service areas directly impacting the overall quality of student life at UNT.”

WHEREAS, The Diversity and Inclusion Committee “shall address legislation referrals that were made specifically to identify and/or resolve concerns relating to diversity and inclusion, as well as developing legislation specific to diversity and inclusion reform that is of benefit to the UNT community.”

WHEREAS, The Internal Senate Committee “shall be charged with enforcing the Senate Code of Conduct, adjudication of code of conduct referrals, assisting the Senate on oversight functions, and all other functions which pertain to the integrity of the Senate.”

WHEREAS, The Legislative Affairs Committee “shall be charged with handling referrals related to concerns about the constitutionality of bills, the consistent review of governing documents to edit recommendations, and shall handle all other matters which are no explicitly accounted for in other existing Senate committees.”

WHEREAS, The Student Senate and its committees should always be seeking new, better, and more effective ways to connect, advocate and engage with undergraduate students whom they represent.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, All Senate Standing Committees be held to the changes this document makes to the SGA By-Laws to ensure that the Senate committees are actively meeting and are interacting with the undergraduate Student Body, whom they were elected by to be
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the following additions be made to Article 1, Section 3 of the SGA By-Laws:

N) All Senate Standing Committees will be required to plan and hold one event each semester designed to engage and reach out to the undergraduate students whom they collectively represent.

a) The event should be a minimum of one hour and correlate to the purpose of the committee as approved by a majority of the Senate Officers and/or the Speaker of the Senate.

b) The timeframe to host the event should be after the first Senate meeting of the Fall and Spring semester, but before Pre-Finals/Finals, per University Policy.

c) Once the event has been approved, the committee should discuss resource needs with the Chief of Staff or other designated Executive Staff.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the following changes be made to Article 1, Section 5 of the SGA By-Laws:

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

a) 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 tie-breaking vote.

b) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be charged to coordinate Student Senate events; monitor the creation and progress of Student Senate events initiated by the Senate Standing Committees and to represent the Senate when needed and to perform any other duties as assigned by these Bylaws or by action of the Student Senate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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College of Science

Casey Jimenez
SGA Chief of Staff
In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

Senator Daniel Garcia  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

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