



UNT SGA 45th Student Senate Spring 2017 Session
Hale & Cole Administration
Wednesday, March 29th, 2017

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Ceremonies

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Texas Pledge

III. Roll Call

IV. Guest Speaker

a. Marissa Weddle, UNT Rotaract Club President

- i. Rotaract is an organization that helps students benefit their communities.

V. New Business

a. Read and Question

i. Tax-Free Textbooks Resolution S2017-R2

1. Senator Collins motions to open floor for period of discussion.
 - a. Seconded by Senator Corpus.
2. Senator Collins: Point of information: "Grant and Barrett will look over the bill for wording. It will also be send to the UNT Governmental office since it pertains to a bill that is in the Texas state legislature at the moment."
3. Senator Collins: Point of information: "This piece of legislation is just a resolution, if UNT students can back the bill it would show our representatives that this is something they should vote in favor of."
4. Senator Corpus motions to close period of discussion.
 - a. Seconded by Senator Collins.

ii. Reaffirming Support Resolution S2017-R3



1. Senator Collins motions to open floor for period of discussion. Seconded by Senator Corpus.
2. Senator Collins: Point of information: "SGA should take a stance and do more to let the UNT community know what resources are available. This will also let them know that we are showing our support."
3. Senator Belokin: "Is there a way to specify the executive order by name?"
4. Senator Villarreal- Is this resolution referring to the executive order?
5. Senator Sennet- "not sure what this is for?"
6. Senator Corpus: Point of clarification-: "resolutions are not about creating a solution, they are statements. That is what this is about, SGA making a statement to standing in solidarity."
7. Senator Collins motions to let Ram Prasana speak.
 - a. Seconded.
8. Ram Prasana-: "SGA should look into making the resolution into something like an awareness campaign to promote the resources that we have on campus."
9. Senator Lohse: "We are giving public acknowledgement to the students who need these resources access to them. Go within the UNT community and make sure that all students, staff, and departments are aware of these resources and are interconnected. "
10. Senator Sanders: "We should change the wording of third paragraph, so that it is not seen as UNT is a sanctuary campus."



11. Senator Aguayo: Point of information- "I met with President Smatresk to make UNT a sanctuary campus. UNT met 9 of the 10 requirements, to be a sanctuary campus. "
12. Senator Collins: Point of information- "Yes, the resolution is referring to executive order."
13. Senator E. Mercado: Point of information- "A resolution is saying instead of SGA saying nothing, we are saying this."
14. Senator Sennet: "If we were to approve this we need to be aware of what resources are available and be educated on the offices and what they do. This is going to affect all of us and we need to have the answers. "
15. Senator Lohse: "Would it be possible to make a web portal, detailing all the information so that everything is centralized."
16. Senator Lotze: "We should improve the internal search process to make it easier, to find these resources. Is there a web page? No there is no one page with all these resources and their information."
17. Senator Collins motions to close the period of discussion.
 - a. Seconded by Senator Corpus.

VI. Officer Reports

a. Chief of Staff

- i. \$11,000 surplus for the summer. There will be an SGA banquet on May 3rd.

b. Director of Leadership & Development

- i. The interns will be talking about connections and perceptions. On Saturday, 14 of the interns volunteered during Big Event.

c. Director of Administration & Policy

d. Director of Public Relations



- i. Working on publicizing the elections. Check out the NT Daily newspaper.

e. Director of Student Affairs

f. Director of Campus Outreach

- i. Town hall is April 11th from 7pm to 8pm. 26th of April will be another tabling town hall. She will be going to Cedar Hill high school to speak to students about SGA.

g. President

- i. The Student Service Fee had money leftover and they allocated some of the left over funds to various things that students have been wanting.
- ii. The Lotus Flower memorial is on Tuesday April 11th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

h. Vice President

- i. The Safety tour will start right after the next meeting.

VII. College Reports

a. Arts & Sciences

- i. Senator Collins will be contacting the Library regarding printing credits.

b. Business

- i. Senator Aguayo is working on legislation for a single transferrable vote for SGA elections.

c. Education

d. Engineering

- i. Senator E. Mercado has a meeting with Rec Sports regarding things at Discovery Park.

e. Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism

- i. Senator Lotze: Two study abroad trips are being cancelled due to internal issues. She has set up meetings and will readdress concerns



with the Study Abroad office. There are students who cannot graduate due to these cancelled problems.

f. Music

g. Public Affairs & Community Service

h. Visual Arts & Design

i. Honors

j. Mayborn School of Journalism

- i. Senator Hearn: Working to connect Broadcast Journalism and RTVF to bridge the gap between the two departments.

k. Information

l. TAMS

VIII. Adjournment, 6:43 pm

IX. Announcements