



Summer Senate Seats Bill F2016-B1

WHEREAS, Summer Senators, in order to enact the ambitious change necessary, require assistance;

WHEREAS, Senators are empowered by recognition of their efforts to enact change on campus and their abilities are amplified by appointment to the Summer Senate;

WHEREAS, the Summer Senate selection process, while still requiring confirmation from a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full Senate, is observably biased;

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, A Student Referendum be placed on the ballot during the Fall SGA election to approve the following Student Constitution amendment to Article IV, Section 9;

A) The Summer Senate shall consist of at least ten (10) Student Senators who have been elected by the Student Body to serve a regular Senate term, which includes the Spring semester immediately preceding or the Fall Semester immediately following the Summer Term in question.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The above constitutional amendment take effect immediately if approved by the Senate and Student Body.

Respectfully Submitted, Senator

Adam Miller

College of Engineering

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.

[Signature of Speaker of the Senate]

Speaker of the Senate

10/20/2016
Date

Presidential Action:

Vetoed
Approved

[Signature of Grant M. Hale]

President of the Student Government Association

11/11/2016
Date

[Signature of Vice President of Student Affairs]

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date



Vice President for Student Affairs

February 24, 2017

Dear Barrett:

Thank you for your patience as I reviewed and signed SGA's fall legislation. You will notice there are a couple of pieces of legislation I have not signed. The reasons for this are outlined below:

F2016-B2 – Transportation Fee Increase Referendum

As we have discussed, this increase was not supported by the Vice President for Financial and Administration in large part because it was not needed. The Transportation office has undergone quite a bit of change in the last year and before we pursue a fee increase, we owe it to our students to adjust to these changes and better understanding what is truly needed.

F2016-B3 – Carbon Neutrality Fee Referendum

Similar to above, the implementation of this fee was not needed at this time. We were able to accomplish the goal of the legislation for much less than what was requested with existing funds. The partnership with the We Mean Green Fund helped us accomplish this, along with support from the university. Additionally, given the legislative climate it would have not been in the best interest of the university to pursue a new fee.

I would be remiss if I did not also ask that when SGA pursues the implementation of a new fee (or even an increase), senators include the administration in your planning and discussions. When we are involved in the process, in some instances we can meet the needs and desires of students without transferring the financial burden to students.

Although I signed *F2016-R1 – Pets on Campus Resolution*, I want to note that my signature is acknowledgment that I will ask Housing to consider this option. Ultimately, it will be up to them to weigh the positive and negative impacts of more pets on campus.

As for the other pieces of legislation, I will be sure to speak with the appropriate staff to ensure they understand the needs of SGA and encourage further research on the feasibility of suggestions. Thank you for the work SGA put towards the undergraduate student body last fall. I look forward to what you accomplish this spring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth With".

Elizabeth With, Ed.D.

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