WHEREAS, the officers of the Student Senate play important roles in the functioning of the body,

WHEREAS, the current by-laws fail to clearly define the election procedures for officers and their correctly summarize their duties,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, The following changes be made to the UNT SGA by-laws:

Section 4: Officers of the Student Senate
A) The Vice President shall serve as the Speaker of the Senate as is stated in the Constitution, and will hereby be addressed as the Speaker of the Senate.
B) At the first meeting of each fall semester, the Student Senate shall elect from their own number, by a majority (50%+1) vote, the remaining Officers of the Senate who will manage the business of the Senate for the duration of that fall semester and the following spring semester.
   a. These positions will include Speaker of the Senate, Speaker Pro Tempore, Sergeant at Arms, and Secretary.

Speaker of the Senate
A) C) The Speaker of the Senate shall preside over, direct, and manage the business of the Student Senate.
   a. The Speaker of the Senate retains their Senatorial vote, but will exercise this privilege only to break a tie or when requested to do so by the Senate.
   b. The Speaker of the Senate shall be charged to chair meetings of the Student Senate, maintain accurate records of the Student Senate and the proceedings thereof, to accept legislation for the Student Senate when properly submitted, to coordinate activities for the Student Senate with the other Senate officers, to be the official representative of the Student Senate and to perform any other duties as assigned by these by-laws.
   c. The Speaker of the Senate shall be tasked with ensuring each senator serves at least one (1) office hour per week on school days, either in the SGA Office, in any relevant UNT building, or in the Library Mall given the approval of the Speaker of the Senate, within five (5) business days.
   d. The Speaker of the Senate shall be tasked with ensuring that each
Senator is notified of their absences on a monthly basis via email.

Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate
A) D) The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Student Senate shall be charged with assisting the Speaker in directing and managing the business of the Senate.
   a. The Speaker Pro-Tempore shall preside at meetings of the Student Senate when the Speaker is absent or when the Speaker chooses to cast a non-tie-breaking vote during a meeting that is not a tie-breaking vote.
   b. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be charged to coordinate Student Senate events, to represent the Student Senate when needed, and to perform any other duties as assigned by these Bylaws by-laws or by action of the Student Senate.

Sergeant at Arms
A) E) 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 by-laws or by action of the Student Senate.
   a. The Sergeant at Arms shall be charged 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.
   b. The Sergeant at Arms shall be charged to represent the Senate when necessary and to perform any other duties as assigned by these Bylaws by-laws or by action of the Student Senate.
   c. The Sergeant at Arms shall also be charged to assist the Speaker in training fellow Senators in correct procedure.
   d. The Sergeant at Arms shall preside at meetings of the Student Senate when both the Speaker and Speaker Pro-Tempore are absent.

Secretary
A) F) The Secretary of the Senate shall be charged with keeping the records of SGA, the Student Senate.
   a. The Secretary shall be charged 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 the Speaker of the Senate 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. The Secretary shall be charged to receive and keep track of minutes and/or reports sent by Executive Branch Directors and committee secretaries each week and to perform any other duties as assigned by these by-laws or by action of the Student Senate.

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

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

E. Shall serve as the Chairperson of the Senate Internal Standing Committee

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Rachel Shafer
Honors College, Chairperson of the By-laws Committee

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.

Speaker of the Senate

President of the Student Government Association

Vice President of Student Affairs

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