January 17, 2019

Dear Dominique:

Thank you for your patience as I reviewed and signed a couple of SGA’s bills from the fall. While I have now signed them all, I want to provide some additional thoughts on two pieces:

F2018-R1 – Food Pantry Name Change Resolution

This resolution is evidence that the impact Rodney made on our students mirrors the impact he made on faculty and staff at UNT. We, too, have brainstormed ways we can honor his legacy and help ensure future generations of students know his name, if not his direct impact. While I cannot guarantee we will name the Food Pantry after him, we will take your resolution into consideration as we make decisions on how we can best honor him. We want to ensure the greatest impact of our decision.

F2018-B2 – Frisco Constitutional Addition

I encourage you to think through how to best include students taking classes at Frisco into the SGA infrastructure. While the number of students taking all of their classes at Frisco is growing, a lot of our students still take classes at both our main campus and the Frisco campus. I encourage you to think through what will qualify a student for this senator seat and the relationship it has with the New College seat already established.

I will be sure to speak with the appropriate staff on-campus to ensure they understand the needs and desires of SGA and encourage further research on the feasibility of suggestions from all fall legislation.

Thank you for the work SGA put towards the undergraduate student body last fall. I look forward to what you accomplish this spring.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Elizabeth With, Ed.D.
WHEREAS, there are UNT students who only take classes at UNT Frisco,

WHEREAS, currently there are students from a variety of schools and colleges enrolled at Frisco,

WHEREAS, they do not have direct representation, currently, in the Student Senate,

WHEREAS, allowing Frisco to be apportioned Student Senate seats ensures that those students who take only Frisco classes are represented within the Student Government Association.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, this election take place within the fall semester.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the following changes be made to the UNT SGA Constitution:

Article IV - Student Senate
Section 2: Composition of the Student Senate
A) The Student Senate shall consist of 45 Senators.
B) Student Senate seats shall be apportioned to each school, college, or academy and the Frisco campus of the University of North Texas according to student population as reported in the most recently published Viewbook by Data Analytics and Institutional Research and in accordance with the Student Government Association Bylaws.
C) Each school, college, or academy of the University and the Frisco campus shall be apportioned at least one Student Senate seat.
D) The Frisco campus shall be apportioned one Student Senate seat.
E) Non-voting delegations to the Student Senate with otherwise full procedural rights shall be accepted from the following organizations: Eagle's Nest, the Residence Hall Association, the Graduate Student Council, the Faculty Senate, the Staff Council Senate, the Freshmen SGA Interns, and the office of the University of North Texas President.

Respectfully Submitted,
Muhammad Kara
President
Food Pantry Name Change Resolution F2018-R1

WHEREAS, Rodney Mitchell was an integral member of the University of North Texas, and dedicated his life to the service of students through his work with TRIO, Upward Bound, and as the Associate Dean of Students,

WHEREAS, Rodney Mitchell played an important role in the creation of the UNT Food Pantry,

WHEREAS, The University of North Texas community would like to honor the memory and service of Rodney Mitchell,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Dean of Students strongly consider changing the name of the UNT food pantry located on the Denton campus to Rodney T. Mitchell Food Pantry,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Dean of Students,

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Rachel Shafer
Honors College

Luis Avila
UNT student

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

Date

Date

10/15/18

10/12/18

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WHEREAS, the Texas State Legislature does not provide for a substance abuse prevention and treatment statement in syllabi.

WHEREAS, sixty percent of college students aged 18-22 consumed alcohol in the past month, with two out of three engaging in binge drinking in the past month (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2015).

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas is well equipped to assist students with substance abuse issues through resources such as the Substance Abuse Resource Center, the UNT Collegiate Recovery Program, Eagle Peer Recovery, and Recovery Housing, among others.

WHEREAS, every student of UNT is enrolled in a class, therefore every student receives a syllabus.

WHEREAS, the addition of language that informs students of resources to cope with substance use issues can lead to higher quality of life outcomes for students and achieving the Collegiate Recovery Program’s objectives for a substance-free and responsible-use campus climate.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the following language be added to course syllabi:
“UNT is committed to creating an environment that encourages responsible use and recovery from substance use issues. Substance use issues can take many forms, and UNT has confidential resources to help you such as the Substance Abuse Resource Center (SARC) and the Collegiate Recovery Program. If you or someone you know is experiencing a substance use problem, you can contact SARC at sarc@unt.edu and the Collegiate Recovery Program at 940-369-5358, recovery@unt.edu or find more information about our resources at www.speakout.unt.edu.”

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this bill be sent to the University President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Graduate Student Council, Dean of Students, Substance Abuse Educator Coordinator, and the Coordinator of the Collegiate Recovery Program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Shafer
Honors College

Sarah E Ramirez
College of Health and Public Service

Shawn Howard
F2018 – R2 – UNT Parking Pass Payment Arrangement

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas is an ever evolving, accommodating and inclusive institution, serving over 38,000 students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas does not currently offer a payment plan and or deferred payment method for parking passes.

WHEREAS, Implementation of such plan and/or method could be extremely advantageous to all students and would be a progressive accommodation especially for students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the University of North Texas implements a payment plan and or deferred payment method for all parking passes.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution be sent to Bob Brown, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, Allen Clark, Associate Vice President for University Information Services, Christopher Phelps, Senior Director of Transportation Services, and the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Kennedy Edward Montgomery
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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Date:

President of the Student Government Association

Date:

Vice President of Student Affairs

Date:
WHEREAS, the rules and regulations concerning Student Government elections which are included in the bylaws not only lack clarity and consistency, but also serve a separate purpose from that of the bylaws,

WHEREAS, candidates, Referendum Parties, and persons wanting to participate in the Election Board currently have to refer to the bylaws to receive information about SGA election matters,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, The following changes be made to the UNT SGA By-Laws In order to approve the creation of a separate Election Code document:

Article V: Rules on Elections Article V: Election Code
Section 1: General Provisions Section 1: Rules on Elections
A. Student Government elections will be conducted in accordance with the official SGA Election Code. The Code outlines all rules pertaining to elections and candidacy, as well as the structure and function of the Election Board.
B. The Student Government Election Code will be subject to revision only by the Election Board upon majority approval of the Student Senate.

A. This section shall apply to all aspects of the electoral process for the Student Government Association (SGA) of University of North Texas at Denton. Candidates for any election, opponents/proponents for any referenda on the ballot (“Referendum Parties”), and members of the Election Board shall be responsible for the regulations provided herein. Ignorance of these regulations shall not be an acceptable defense in response to any violation in any election, either by the candidates or Referendum Parties themselves or by individuals campaigning on behalf of a candidate or Referendum Party.
B. These regulations are subject to interpretation only by the Election Board, interpretation of which is subject to review only by the SGA Supreme Court. Additionally, any liberties of interpretation given specifically to the Election Commissioner are subject to review by the SGA Supreme Court. No other member of SGA or the Election Board is authorized to provide interpretations of the Election Code.
C. Candidates and Referendum Parties may contact the Election Commissioner for the purpose of consultation pertaining to the election. The Election Commissioner shall be contacted via UNT e-mail, and the Election Commissioner will make reasonable attempts to respond to queries within one (1) business day. D) The Election Code is intended to provide for the fairness, equity, and efficiency of all SGA elections with respect to candidates, Referendum Parties, and voters. In the absence of established guidelines, rulings concerning elections should be made with this principle in mind.
for the campaign infractions of their campaigners and volunteers even if the candidate/Referendum Party did not specifically direct the offending action.

B. Candidates may only begin publicizing their campaigns after the Election Code meeting has been satisfied and on the date set forth by the Election Calendar. Referendum parties may only begin publicizing their campaigns on the date set forth by the Election Calendar. If candidates or Referendum Parties are found publicizing their campaigns in any way before the above dates, it is grounds for disqualification.

C. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall abide by all University policy, which supersedes Election Board mandates and Election Code regulations.

D. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall not damage any University property and shall be responsible for any damage caused by said candidate’s/Referendum Party’s campaign materials.

E. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall not unduly disrupt the normal activities of the University.

F. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall assume responsibility for the accuracy and truthfulness of their statements and campaign materials.

G. No University, State, or public funds may be used by Candidates. For candidate campaigns, this includes the utilization of employee work time. No Candidate may solicit campaign assistance from an employee during the employee’s work hours. Referendum parties shall be limited to spending no more than $650 in state or student fee funds for campaign purposes.

H. The Election Commissioner and Election Board members have the right to solicit the names of all members of a campaign from the affiliated candidate or Referendum Party.

I. All posters and signs must be placed in accordance with University policy and may not exceed 18” x 24” inches.

J. No more than 20 ground signs may be placed on campus, but other promotional items are not limited in quantity.

K. Each candidate and Referendum Party shall be responsible for the removal of their campaign materials from public areas and buildings by the Monday following the final election report. Failure of Candidates and Referendum Parties to remove their materials may result in a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Subsection 2: Rules on Presidential Campaigns

A. President/Vice President candidate teams may spend up to 1000 dollars on their campaign:

a. An additional 300 dollars may be spent in the event of a run-off election.

B. A typed expense report must be filed with the Election Board at the close of polling. These reports must include itemized receipts of all purchases made pertaining to the candidate team’s campaign.

Subsection 3: Rules on Senatorial Campaigns

A. Senatorial Candidates may spend up to 300 dollars on their campaign:

a. An additional 100 dollars may be spent in the event of a run-off election.

B. In the event of a dispute, candidates must be able to provide a typed expense report to include itemized receipts of all purchases made pertaining to the candidate’s campaign.

Subsection 4: Rules on Election Board-Sponsored Campaigns
Section 8: Rules on Oversight

Subsection 1: Election Commissioner Rulings

A. Any candidate or Referendum Party in an SGA election wishing for clarification may request a ruling on any part of the Election Code by submitting a request in writing to the Election Commissioner.

B. The Election Commissioner shall honor all requests within one business day and post rulings on the SGA web page and distribute them to all candidates by e-mail.

C. The Election Commissioner’s ruling shall be considered binding until overturned by the SGA Supreme Court.

D. The Election Commissioner shall not make any ruling beyond interpretation of the Election Code.

Subsection 2: Election Code Violations

A. Failure to comply with the regulations of the Election Code may result in punitive action being taken by the Election Board. Any alleged Election Code violation is subject to a hearing by the Election Board. Furthermore, if the Election Code violation is also a University policy violation, this may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Dean of Students office.

B. All complaints regarding violations of election regulations shall be submitted in writing to the Election Board within 24 hours of the close of polling. Complaints shall include details of the presumed violation, such as date, time, and name(s) of involved individuals. Evidence shall be provided when appropriate.

C. Upon receiving a complaint, the Election Board shall have 72 hours to conduct a hearing; unless otherwise stated by University Policy. Each involved party will be given a reasonable amount of time to state their case, during which period any Election Board Member may ask questions.

D. After hearing all applicable evidence, the Election Board will deliberate on a ruling of candidacy. A majority vote of Election Board Members present, assuming quorum is met, is required to render any decision. The Election Commissioner may vote only in the event of a tie. Any decision of the Election Board shall be made public immediately.

E. Should a hearing be unable to be scheduled before the release of the final election report, the election results affected by the complaint will be withheld until after the Election Board ruling. All other election results shall be published according to the approved Election Calendar.

Respectfully Submitted,
Muhammad Kara
President

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